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Dear East Lynne School Parents/Guardians:

The National Weather Service and the State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) has declared the week of March 3-9 as Severe Weather Awareness Week for Missouri. The National Weather Service will hold a statewide tornado drill at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 5, 2019. Many schools, as well as East Lynne, will participate in the drill. Tornado drills are one of the regularly scheduled drills our students participate in as part of our safety procedures.

This is also a good time to remind you about our communications procedures during severe weather.

During a tornado warning, the East Lynne School will be locked down. No students or staff members will be allowed to leave the shelter area until the warning has expired. All shelter areas are evaluated regularly to ensure that they are the safest locations for students, employees and guests during an emergency. For this reason, parents will not be allowed to pick up their children from school while a warning is underway. In addition, if students are released to parents during tornado warnings, staff members would be required to leave the shelter to release the students, putting both the students and school employees at risk.

We will post red signs on the front doors of the building during a lockdown to notify visitors of the lockdown status.

If conditions permit, all parents will receive a text message through the district's text message system when students and staff members take cover in shelter areas during tornado warnings. This text will notify parents that their children have been moved to the shelter. A second text will go to parents to notify them that the warning has expired and that students and school staff are returning to classrooms. The text will also inform parents that students will not be released from school during the warning. In addition, school staff members will not be answering the office telephones since they are all required to report to the shelter areas.

If you have questions regarding our district's emergency procedures or communication, please contact us at 816-626-3511.

Sincerely,
John Brinkley
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