February 6, 2019

Dear Harmony Families and Community,

Gwinnett County Public Schools has been taking a close look at the district’s emergency plans and seeking ways to enhance existing plans. This study has resulted in an initiative known as “Safe, Secure, Successful Schools”. This school year, we are participating in multiple opportunities to discuss prevention, mitigation, and look at scenarios to help us refine our own preparation. Harmony has been selected to participate in an off-site evacuation. This evacuation will be led by the Gwinnett County School Resource Officers and GCPS Transportation, as well as the Gwinnett County Police Department.

On March 4, 2019, between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., Harmony Elementary will be conducting an evacuation exercise. During the exercise, all students and staff will participate in a fire drill and subsequent off-site evacuation to Bogan Park. The purpose of this exercise is to create an opportunity for school personnel, as well as emergency agencies, to practice implementing an off-site evacuation.

During this time, please expect temporary road closures and stopping of traffic on East Maddox Road, South Bogan Road and Hamilton Mill Road. This will allow buses to travel uninterrupted to the off-site evacuation destination at Bogan Park and back to Harmony Elementary School. Students will not unload at the evacuation site. Safety and security is the top priority for school personnel. As staff members, we take our training and practice seriously. We thank you in advance for your support.

Sincerely,

Anne Marie Keskonis
Principal