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Dear Lumberton Parents and Guardians,

I am writing in response to Facebook chatter regarding yesterday's lockdown drills. These regularly scheduled drills are required by New Jersey code. Our communication strategy is simple: if it is a drill, we don't communicate about it; if it is a needed shelter-in-place, fire or lockdown, we will explain the need for the event in a timely manner. We ask for your cooperation in the posting of misinformation as it does not assist with the safety of our schools, students and staff.

In addition, today I was informed of "Momo," a scary character being circulated on social media that "challenges" the viewer to complete tasks ranging from simple to dangerous. The "Momo Challenge" has been reported to pop up on various social media sites like YouTube as well as via Whatsapp, text and gaming programs. The image is scary and may say awful things that can be quite frightening for children. For more information, visit our district website, which contains a [link](#) to an excellent article, "Don't Panic, What Parents Really Need to Know About 'Momo Challenge.'"

Your children's safety – both physical and emotional – are our top priority, and I encourage parents to talk with them and help them work through their feelings about this as well as remind them how to use the internet safely. As always, our school counselors are available to speak with your children if needed.

Sincerely,



Joseph Langowski,
Superintendent of Schools

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