



February 4, 2016

Dear Parent and Guardian:

Rockwood has always been committed to providing a safe learning environment for our students and staff. It is our first priority and something we take seriously. While no plan can completely prevent an act of senseless violence, we have school safety plans in place that are reviewed by law enforcement authorities and practiced by all our staff. Our school has locked external doors and one-point-of-entry visitor entrances that must be accessed through an intercom/video management system to verify guests. We also utilize alarms, evacuation areas, parent notification systems, and maintain positive partnerships with our first responders.

We are committed to ensuring that our school continues to be a safe place for students to learn and staff members to work. It is important that we are prepared for any situation that might compromise the safety of our school community. As you are aware, we currently conduct intruder drills, in addition to fire, earthquake, and tornado drills.

During the next two weeks our students and staff will collaborate with Officer Jacey Putnam (the CES SRO) in learning about the "Options" approach and take part in an intruder drill as required by Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. During this drill the message of "All Possible Options" will be reiterated in the event that a potentially dangerous or unauthorized individual enters our school, including barricading a room or evacuating if possible.

As you may recall, all school staff members have participated in the "Options Based" intruder training conducted by St. Louis County Police Department. Our faculty and staff have done an outstanding job of embracing the need for additional training. We will always seek to improve our preparedness in an effort to keep our students safe. If you have any questions or comments please call or email me.

In addition, you'll find [Emergency Preparedness](#) information on our Rockwood website.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dr. Meg Brooks". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**Dr. Meg Brooks**  
**Principal**