

# GLENBARD EMERGENCY BULLETIN

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**To:** The Glenbard School Community

**From:** Timothy F. Hyland, Superintendent of Schools

**In these troubling times, I would like to assure you that student safety is Glenbard's top priority.**

Each of the four Glenbard high schools has an individualized Crisis Management Plan which was developed in conjunction with law enforcement agencies, fire departments, health professionals and municipalities. These plans reflect each school's layout, location and size. In addition, each school has a Crisis Management Team which is trained and well-prepared to respond to a variety of emergency situations.

The district monitors Homeland Security Office and other emergency preparedness resource information, and precautionary measures will be implemented as warranted. **Significant attention has been given to communication and the district will disseminate emergency information via its WEB site ([glenbard.net](http://glenbard.net)), the Expedite Voice Mail system, Information Hotline (630-942-7696), and the media.**

According to the nature of a potentially traumatic event, a number of actions may be taken. These include additional restrictions on building access, enhanced security, and various interior and exterior precautionary measures.

The district's response will depend largely on the type of the incident, and may include evacuation, lock down, or use of a "shelter-in place" within the school. For evacuation purposes, each Glenbard high school has one, or more, off-campus site(s) where students can be housed in an emergency situation. If the threat is chemical or biological in nature, to avoid contamination, it is possible that no one will be permitted to enter, or leave, the building until it is safe to do so.

In addition to physical safety, the district is concerned with students' emotional well-being and will do everything possible to help them cope with an emergency situation and its aftermath.

**Although the district respects an individual's right to freedom of speech and dissent, any slogans, language or actions that are defamatory, disruptive or disparage an individual's race, creed, or national origin, will not be permitted.** School rules relating to attendance, tardiness, use of campus facilities, and campus access, will remain in effect.

**The district's response to a crisis will depend upon its nature and extent. Be assured that the safety of our students continues to be our top priority.** If you have any questions, please feel free to contact my office, or your school's principal. In the meantime, thank you for your cooperation and support.