

# Media Alert

## Harford County Public Schools

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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### HARFORD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO HOLD EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS DRILL

***\*\*PUBLIC ADVISORY - Emergency responders will be on scene as part of drill\*\****

Harford County Public Schools (HCPS) will hold an Emergency Preparedness Drill on Tuesday, July 6, 2010, at Deerfield Elementary School from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. HCPS will partner with the Harford County Sheriff's Office, Harford County Emergency Services, Joppatowne High School Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness students and other student and parent volunteers to carry out the drill. The drill will include two active shooter scenarios with moulage and emergency medical responses, and it will provide a realistic training environment for school staff that will enable them to implement their emergency management training.

HCPS was recently awarded a federal Readiness and Emergency Management for School Safety (REMS) grant. The grant, offered by the U.S. Department of Education, provides the opportunity for HCPS to expand emergency preparedness in the areas of revising procedures, additional training, crisis awareness, as well as putting the plans into practice. This drill is just one aspect of the 18-month REMS grant.

Lunch will immediately follow the drill at 1:00 p.m. Media is invited to attend the drill and lunch, but must RSVP to the HCPS Communications Office by calling 410-588-5203.

**WHAT:** Harford County Public Schools Emergency Preparedness Drill 2010

**WHEN:** Tuesday, July 6, 2010  
7:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** Deerfield Elementary School  
2307 Willoughby Beach Road  
Edgewood, MD 21040

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