

NORTHVIEW HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Fellow Titans:

Recent media reports indicate the nation is increasing its security level. We want to assure you that the Fulton County School System has always placed a high priority on school safety. With the heightened awareness, we are being even more cautious.

Our main priority is the safety and well-being of each student. Schools remain one of the safest places a child can be. We plan to continue our normal school operations, yet be prepared for any situation that might arise.

Each school has a comprehensive crisis plan that is updated and practiced annually. These plans address emergency medical needs; evacuation procedures that list where and how our students will go in the event of an emergency, ways we will communicate with parents and community; and steps we will take to resume normal school operations. Each staff member is familiar with these procedures and we continually review them and adjust as needed.

You can help us in our safety efforts by:

- talking with your child about obeying school rules, teachers, and emergency personnel;
- encouraging your child to report any threats or dangerous situations, on or off campus, to a teacher or administrator;
- asking your child to refrain from the use of cell phones, pagers, and other electronic devices as they could interfere with emergency procedures.

For the latest information, please stay tuned to local radio and television news stations or the Fulton County web site, www.fulton.k12.ga.us for up-to-date information. Additional safety information is posted on the web site.

We understand that some children may feel stressed during this time. Counselors and school psychologists are prepared to offer assistance if needed. Please encourage your child to seek help if he or she feels anxious or overwhelmed. Also, please remember that parents can help in these situations by joining the *Titan Parent Patrol*. Please visit www.northviewhigh.com for more information about the parent patrol program.

Thank you for your continued support and concern. If you have any questions, please contact the school.

Sincerely,



Principal

For Your Information

If a situation requires us to leave the building, our *evacuation* site will be Kroger Shopping Center at the intersection of Abbots Bridge and Medlock Bridge. Students will be released to parents from this site.