



# Ossining Union Free School District

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

The Ossining Union Free School District would like to assure you that at all times our primary concern is the safety of the students of our school district. To that end the District and the individual schools have devised safety plans for foreseeable contingencies that will affect the schools.

One of the contingencies that we have been planning for is the case of an evacuation due to a General Emergency at the Indian Point Power Facility. Please note that evacuation would occur *only* in the case of a General Emergency. Sounding of alert sirens *does not* indicate evacuation. Sirens do indicate that everyone should tune to a television or radio for emergency information. The Westchester County Office of Emergency Management has previously sent out plan booklets to all homeowners within the planning radius; they have additional copies available. Should you wish to contact them, they are located at 4 Dana Road in Valhalla, and their phone number is (914) 231-1850. In the event of an evacuation, the Office of Emergency Management would provide adequate transportation to transport all students from the individual schools to a School Reception Center that is outside of the evacuation area. The school reception centers for the various schools are as follows:

- Students from Ossining High School will be transported to Dobbs Ferry Middle School, 404 Broadway, Dobbs Ferry. Directions are as follows:
  - ❖ Drive south on Route 9 through Tarrytown, Irvington, and Ardsley into Dobbs Ferry.
  - ❖ Soon after passing Mercy College on the right, you will see Dobbs Ferry Middle School.
- Students from Claremont School, Park Early Childhood Center and Roosevelt Education Center will be transported to Ardsley High School, 300 Farm Road, Ardsley, NY. Directions are as follows:
  - ❖ Saw Mill Parkway south to Ashford Avenue exit.
  - ❖ Turn right at exit then two sharp left turns up onto a bridge crossing over Saw Mill Parkway and Thruway, down into Village of Ardsley and an overhead traffic light.
  - ❖ Turn left at the light onto Saw Mill River Road (Route 9A) heading north.
  - ❖ Go to end of village – Heatherdell Road – make a right and continue approximately 1/2 mile.
  - ❖ Make left on to Farm Road. Ardsley High School is on the right.
- Students from Brookside School and the Anne M. Dorner Middle School will be transported to Mercy College, 555 Broadway, Dobbs Ferry. Directions are as follows:
  - ❖ From Ossining, head south on Route 9 through Tarrytown and Irvington into Ardsley. Mercy College will be on the right side of Route 9.

Our County planning, training and emergency exercises have demonstrated that the decision makers are extremely sensitive about the safety of our school children. Should an evacuation be necessary, it would be implemented early in an event and conducted in a safe, efficient and timely fashion.

Once again, I would like to stress the District's commitment to the safety of our students. If you have any questions, please contact me at 914-941-7700, Ext. 338.

Sincerely yours,

Linda Carpenter  
Executive Director of Finance and Operations