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ATTN: USD SCHOOLS

Our office has been in contact with the Governor’s office, the Board of Education, and the Kansas Department of Education on the crisis drill issue. The crisis drills are set in statute which precludes our office from issuing a variance on them.

The tornado drills are required in September and March. If you have no in-person classes in process during those months you will not need to do the tornado drills. If you have students and staff in your buildings during those two months, conducting the tornado drills one class at a time would be acceptable.

The fire alarm drills will need to be accomplished when and if you have staff and students in your buildings.

The three crisis drills are very flexible and can be accomplished with just staff, or even with an online presentation of some type. The legislature left it up to the individual districts to determine what their crisis drills looked like.

If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact our office.

Thank you,

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