

To Whom it may concern,

My name is Lindsay Elias and my daughter attends ASFMS of Coventry. She participated in a lockdown drill earlier this school year. I am 100% for Representative Boylan's bill. The current drills are insufficient, traumatizing & dangerous. Coventry police denied involvement in the planning and execution of the lockdown drills at the ASFMS when I asked them. They immediately went to the Superintendent's office after speaking with me, and stressed that students & teachers should not be informed that the drill is in fact a drill, but should instead believe that the lockdown is real. Don Cowart informed me of this in a meeting regarding lockdown drills. I was told that the superintendents office did not realize how poorly run the lockdown drills were, and how ill-equipped the middle school was for handling an active shooter.

The drills need to be announced as drills and all exercises need to be practiced repeatedly. This way students will be calm and able to retain all expectations and safety measures.

Thank you,  
Lindsay Elias