



UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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UNITED ISD NEWS RELEASE

To: All News Media Contacts
From: Robert Niño, United ISD Communications Specialist / ITV
Subject: **All UISD schools will hold a Tornado Drill on Wednesday, February 27th**
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Texas Governor Rick Perry, the Texas Department of Emergency Management and the National Weather Service have declared February 24 through March 1, 2008, as Severe Weather Awareness Week. As part of Severe Weather Awareness Week, a tornado drill will be held at all United ISD campuses on Wednesday, February 27, 2008, at 10:00 a.m.

At 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, an email will be sent to all campuses advising them of a Tornado DRILL. All children and staff will be evacuated to the main building hallways. Everyone will face the interior walls of the hallways; they will also stay away from windows and doors. A notice will be placed at the front door of the campus advising visitors about the Drill. The amount of time it takes to get everyone into the main building hallways will be monitored. After about 10 minutes an ALL CLEAR email will be sent to announce the end of the DRILL.

Local media wanting to observe this drill may visit Borchers Elementary, 9551 Backwoods Trail.

The purpose of the drill is to test communication links and public warning systems and to give schools the opportunity to determine what action to take if a real tornado threat existed. Parents with any questions may contact their child's school.

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