The Paola School District has multiple ways of notifying you of school emergencies. Parents can find links to these resources on the USD368 website: www.usd368.org

- Panther Alerts is a service parents voluntarily sign up for through our web page. Parents will be sent text messages or emails from identified schools for activity changes and school reminders.

- Infinite Campus—Parent Access. Infinite Campus is our district student management system. Parents can log on and find out information about student grades, lunch info as well as many other things. All parents should contact their schools to gain access to Infinite Campus. Once there, make sure current emails are in the program. Informational emails are sent from school on a regular basis.

USD 368 has emergency procedures in place. These are shared with law enforcement agencies for student safety. Due to security, not all components can be publicly shared. During any critical incident, the district collaborates with law enforcement.

At any time, parents and students are encouraged to share with school officials or law enforcement officers relevant security information that can benefit student safety.
If an emergency or disaster situation ever arises while your student is in school, we want you to be aware that our schools have made preparations to respond effectively.

Paola School District has an emergency plan that has been formulated to respond to large or small emergencies such as threats or inclement weather. This plan has been developed to ensure the safety and protection of all students.

No one likes to dwell on emergency situations. However, we believe that planning ahead helps alleviate additional stress and concern. Please be assured that our entire staff is trained to respond to emergencies in a calm, and professional manner.

During an emergency, your access to the school may be limited due to emergency vehicles. In addition, the phone lines may be busy due to the volume of incoming calls from parents and telephone lines needed for emergency communication with police, fire, and other emergency personnel. Please be patient as we try to help you in as timely a manner as possible.

Please be assured that parents and guardians will be kept informed with accurate communication through IC messenger as information is available. This will help alleviate conflicting and unconfirmed information.

Impress upon your student(s) the need for them to follow the directions of any school personnel in times of an emergency.

In the event our students are evacuated to an off-site location you will receive immediate information regarding that location. Please be patient at the release location as security will be tightened and release procedures will require proper identification before the release of any student.

In the event a building is in Lock-Down, no one will be allowed to enter or leave the building until law enforcement resolves the situation. A Lock-Down may occur due to an off-campus community threat or an on-campus threat.

In the event students are Sheltered-In-Place, guests entering the building will be detained in the office area and students will be kept within the building until the situation is resolved. Shelter-In-Place may occur due to inclement weather or a threat.