

# PERU CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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It has come to our attention that there has been some miscommunication in the community about what is and has been happening in the Peru Central School District. We pride ourselves on providing a caring nurturing environment that is conducive for teaching and learning in our classrooms.

All doors in the Peru Central School District are locked from the hallway into the classroom as a safety measure in our district. If an administrator needs to enter a room, they can either knock on the door to be let in by the teacher (potentially disrupting the flow of the instruction) or let themselves into the room by key. To minimize disruption in the classrooms, the common practice in all school buildings is for administrators to enter using their keys.

**AT NO TIME ARE STUDENTS AND STAFF LOCKED IN A ROOM WHERE THEY CANNOT EXIT. THE ROOMS ARE NEVER LOCKED FROM THE INSIDE. IT WOULD BE A DIRECT VIOLATION OF FIRE CODE. WE WANT A SAFE ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL STUDENTS.**

Many staff members who provide services to our students in Special Education are trained in the Therapeutic Crisis Intervention (TCI) model, which is used in schools across the nation. The purpose of the TCI system is to provide a crisis prevention and intervention model for the district that will assist in:

1. Preventing a crisis from occurring
2. De-escalating potential crises
3. Effectively managing acute crises
4. Reducing potential and actual injury to students and staff
5. Learning constructive ways to handle stressful situations

It is the mission of the Peru Central School District to empower students to be lifelong learners by providing a nurturing educational environment in which students are inspired to pursue their dreams and become active members of the global community.