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Good afternoon Kevin

When a gas worker dialed 9-1-1 to report a massive natural gas leak whose source was a neighboring business, officials had to act quickly to protect hundreds of children who occupied the school next door. As the gas worker was reporting the incident, the call was disconnected, and he could not be reached when 9-1-1 tried to call him back.

In response, the 9-1-1 call taker initiated a Panic Button Incident using the Rave Panic Button system. Immediately, a text message and email was sent to all faculty and staff notifying them of the leak, and instructing them to follow evacuation procedures in accordance with the district's emergency operations plan.

Principal Brad Abels on the process. "For us at school, yesterday once we pulled the fire alarm, teachers evacuated the building. At the same time, 911 was contacted. At that time, teachers would not know why the alarm was sounding. Most of my staff have the Panic Button app on their phones. This app let's my staff know there was a gas leak and was the cause for the alarm being sounded quickly."

Emergencies can strike at any time, and even when they occur off site, they can threaten the safety and security of our school children. Through a coordinated public safety communications platform, we can protect schools from emergencies of all kinds.

As I continue to speak with many of you on these important topics headed into session, I encourage you to reach out to me to see how award winning public policy can protect our children.

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