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Dear District 202 Middle and Elementary School Parents and Guardians,

Please know that the safety of our students and staff will always be our top priority in District 202.

District administration works very closely with all the law enforcement agencies that serve our community to provide safe, supportive working and learning environments. We seek, trust and rely heavily on their expertise, guidance, insight and direction.

To that end, we have been working for about two years with the Plainfield Police Department to enhance our lockdown procedures by implementing the new, "best practice" protocol called "A.L.I.C.E."

"A.L.I.C.E." essentially lets students and staff decide how to most effectively respond to an Active Shooter situation. History has shown there is no single response that fits all active shooter situations. Therefore, making sure everyone knows his or her options for an emergency response is important.

We are training students and staff on A.L.I.C.E., one level at a time. We started in spring 2018 with our high schools and continue this year with our middle school and elementary students.

**A.L.I.C.E. stands for:**

- **Alert = Initial alert of an emergency; tell people what is going on (call 911)**
- **Lockdown = If evacuation is not a safe option, lock and barricade the door.**
- **Inform = Communicate real time information on the intruder's location. Use clear and direct language using any communication means as possible.**
- **Counter = As a last resort, if the intruder invades your "safe area", distract the shooter's ability to shoot accurately. Prepare to throw items at the shooter, if necessary.**
- **Evacuate = When given real time information and it is safe to do so, run from the danger**

**Here is the implementation schedule and progress made:**

- **September-October 2018** – Middle School students and staff will receive age-appropriate A.L.I.C.E. presentation.
  - **MIDDLE SCHOOL FAMILIES:** Please [watch this video](#) to see the A.L.I.C.E. technique implemented in a school setting. This is the same video presented to the staff, and it will be the same video presented to middle school students, this year.
  - We will also use [this Power Point](#) with our middle school students.

- **November 2018 to May 2019** – Elementary School students and staff will receive age-appropriate A.L.I.C.E. presentation. (*NOTE: this will not include the above video which contains scenes that may be too strong for younger students.*)

### **Already Completed**

- ✓ **2016-2017** -- all staff, (Pre-K – 12) have been given information regarding the A.L.I.C.E. technique, including the video link.
- ✓ **2016-2017** – Seven administrators went to a two-day “ALICE” certification training. We will continue to provide opportunities for staff to receive the “ALICE” certification training.
- ✓ **2017-2018** – all high school staff received a second A.L.I.C.E. presentation.

Again, everyone must understand their options in a time of emergency. The A.L.I.C.E. system allows and encourages just that kind of “in the moment” assessment and response.

We hope this information provides some additional reassurance and comfort as we continue to work together to keep our District 202 students, staff and community safe.

Sincerely,



Dr. Lane Abrell  
Superintendent of Schools