

Plainfield Community Consolidated School District 202

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Dear District 202 High School Parents and Guardians,

This has been an extremely stressful time for everyone involved with or concerned about schools nationwide, following yet another school shooting.

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 of 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.

In collaboration with local authorities, we continuously update and review our safety protocols. To that end, we have been working for many years with the Plainfield Police Department to enhance our lockdown procedures by implementing the new, "best practice" protocol called "A.L.I.C.E." We are in the process of re-training students and staff on A.L.I.C.E., this September 2022.

"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.

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 re-training schedule:

- **September – October 2022** – High School students and staff will receive age-appropriate A.L.I.C.E. presentation.

Please watch these video links to see the A.L.I.C.E. technique implemented in a school setting. These are the same video presented to the staff, and it will be the same video presented to the high school students, this year.

<https://youtu.be/QsKW0DVRiEk> (high school students/staff)

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. Glenn Wood, Superintendent of Schools