

Dear Parent/Guardian:

The safety of our students and staff is of highest importance, and the Abington Public School Department is committed to providing the safest possible environment. Therefore, during the 2018-19 school year we are continuing with our work with ALICE. ALICE is a nationally recognized training that provides a universal set of options to an armed intruder.

ALICE stands for:

- A - Alert - Get the word out in clear, concise language (who, what, where in plain language)
- L - Lockdown - a good starting point (lock doors, lights out, barricade, silent phones)
- I - Inform (internal and external communication to keep everyone informed)
- C - Counter (distract, gain control and take down if necessary)
- E - Evacuate - as soon as it is safe to do so (how and where to exit; CRP - Community Rally Point)

We will be reviewing ALICE strategies and drilling ALICE this school year cooperatively with the Abington Police Department and the School Resource Officers (SROs).

The following schedule is in place for this year's initial student review and practice:

Abington Early Education Program/PreK:

Sept. 19 and 20, AM and PM session review listening to directions. Sept. 26 and 27, modified evacuation drill.

Beaver Brook Elementary School (BBES):

Sept. 12, Excerpts from "I'm not Scared I'm Prepared" by Julia Cook with students. Sept. 13, PowerPoint presentation and modified evacuation drill.

Woodsdale:

Sept. 13, Excerpts from "I'm not Scared I'm prepared" by Julia Cook with students by grade. Sept. 14, modified evacuation drill.

Middle School:

Sept. 13, PowerPoint presentation and discussion. Sept. 28 drill/practice.

High School:

Sept. 13, PowerPoint presentation, discussion and barricade practice.
Sept. 28 drill/practice.

Sincerely,

Peter Schafer
Superintendent of Schools