

ALICE To Be Implemented In Our Schools

Dear Parents/Guardians,

On Monday, October 22nd, our staffs will begin the discussion of what to do in the event of an emergency in our schools, and how we will implement ALICE procedures to help deal with the emergency.

We'll start with a few words about ALICE, in the event you did not attend our ALICE Parent Night meeting, held Monday, October 8th. ALICE is an acronym for Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate. What ALICE does is give our staff and our students more options to choose from in the event of a building emergency.

All district staff have been trained in ALICE procedures. ALICE is used in hundreds of districts across the country, as well as our neighboring districts of Nazareth, Bangor, and Wilson.

We are taking the process slowly and systematically, and all ALICE procedures will be age appropriate, and tailored to meet the needs and abilities of our Pre-K to 12 students.

We are required by law to have an ALICE drill within the first ninety days of our school year, and you will be informed of when that drill will be taking place. Know that we will be practicing parts of that drill, so we can be fully prepared and experience success on the day of the drill.

It is our strong belief that by having a School Resource Officer, from the Slate Belt Regional Police Force in our buildings daily, along with our ALICE training, and other resources and student programs we have in place, will greatly minimize the possibility of an event happening in our district.

We will continue to keep you fully informed of our ongoing ALICE trainings with the students, as we strive to keep our district as safe and secure as possible.

Please contact us with any questions or concerns.

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