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Dear Parents or Guardians,

Bandon School District is committed to providing the safest possible environment for its students. Over the years, we have taken great steps towards securing our schools such as locking exterior doors, installing monitored entry systems and enhancing the lockdown procedures. This will increase the chance of survival during an active threat incident. Each building will have age appropriate instruction and practice. Furthermore, each building will have specific components unique to each situation.

The training we are implementing and teaching our staff and students is known as ALICE.

What does ALICE mean?

**Alert:** We will get the word out using clear concise language and describe the location of the event.

**Lockdown:** This is still a good starting point. We will continue to lockdown students in secure areas.

**Inform:** Keeping the staff and students informed continually allows for good decision making.

**Counter:** Apply skills to barricade, and if necessary, distract, confuse and gain control.

**Evacuate:** Reduce the number of potential targets for the shooter, and reduce chances of injuries resulting from friendly fire when help arrives.

In **NO WAY** are we asking or teaching our students or staff to make any attempt to subdue an armed gunman outside of their secure area. However, we will provide them with options that if faced with a life or death situation, can be applied to greatly enhance their chance of survival. These options for students include escaping, barricading the door, and protecting oneself by any means necessary.

Training will emphasize that the best way to survive an active shooter is to escape. When that is not possible, being mentally prepared and having been given the authority and ability to act will save lives.

Please contact the school directly if you have any questions about the ALICE program. We look forward to working with your students to provide them with skills they might need at school and in the community if confronted with a violent intruder.

Sincerely,

Doug Ardiana, Superintendent

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