



November 20, 2015

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Due to new recommended federal guidelines and lessons learned from previous school attacks, Christian County Public Schools would like to inform you that it has adopted a new strategy for lockdown procedures known as A.L.I.C.E. A.L.I.C.E. is an acronym for **Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, and Evacuate**. Prior to the A.L.I.C.E. plan, lockdown procedures in our schools involved the staff locking their doors, moving the students to a part of the room where they could not be seen, and quietly remaining there until an "all clear" announcement was given.

The A.L.I.C.E. plan uses technology and information in such a way that staff and students can make informed decisions in a crisis, remove as many people as possible from the potential danger zone, and provide realistic training so that those involved in a crisis have a better chance of being prepared and evacuating as safely as possible.

All CCPS staff members have been trained on the new A.L.I.C.E. procedures and will soon begin talking to students (in an age-appropriate manner) about the new procedures. It is not our intent to scare students, but rather prepare them for crisis-like situation(s). Using the A.L.I.C.E. plan will teach our students that if an armed intruder invades their school, they must:

1. Listen carefully to the location and type of event.
2. Get to and/or remain in a secure area until it is safe to evacuate.
3. Be prepared to apply skills to distract, confuse, and gain control if an intruder comes into their secure area.
4. As soon as it is safe to do so, evacuate.

We ensure you that in NO WAY are we asking or teaching our students to make any attempt to subdue an armed gunman outside of their secure area. However, it is our goal to provide students with the knowledge that if faced with a dangerous situation, there are methods that can be applied to greatly enhance their preparedness.

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

Safety of our students and staff is our top priority. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the Christian County Board of Education at (270) 887-7000.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brad Hawkins".

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