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Parents,

Over the past several years, we have seen an increase in school violence and school shootings. As the experts analyze these horrific events it is apparent that we need to do more, not only taking steps in an attempt to prevent the event from occurring, but training of students and staff on procedures that we all need to survive an active shooter in our schools.

If you look at what has occurred in our schools and colleges throughout the country it is evident that if an armed intruder wants to get into any school building, there is a good chance that they probably will succeed. The fact is, even though the Holton School District is taking steps in securing our school buildings, we owe it to our students and staff to be prepared to take action and develop skills to have a better chance to survive. In Kansas, we have been doing fire, tornado, and bus evaluation safety drills for the last 30 plus years with students and staff and this has led to being better prepared in knowing what to do when these catastrophic events happen. We now need to take our students skills to the next level and practice so student know how to **Run, Hide, or Fight** should the need arise. Depending on the students age, they will be shown and allowed to practice different levels of each skill. For students in 6th grade -12th grade, the district will utilize the ALiCE curriculum as its active shooter training.

We want parents to feel comfortable and have information about why we are doing this and how we will do this so the schools will be hosting an elementary parent meeting and a middle school/high school parent meeting, both with a presentation by the Kansas Highway Patrol. These meeting will be held on:

- Tuesday, January 17, 2023 at 5:30 to 6:30 – Elementary parent meeting at HES commons
- Wednesday, January 18, 2023 at 5:30 to 6:30 – MS/HS parent meeting at HHS Auditorium

Then Holton students will have a presentation with the Kansas Highway Patrol on Tuesday, January 24, 2023

- MS and HS students - 9:20 a.m. to 10:20 a.m.
- HES Preschool-2nd grade – 10:30 to 11:00
- HES 3rd - 5th grade – 11:00 to Noon

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Student active drills, with the help of our Local Jackson County Sheriff's Department and Holton Police Department will take place on the following schedule:

- February 6, 2023 at Holton High School – Grades 9-12 – 1:45 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- February 8, 2023 at Holton Middle School – Grades 6-8 – 1:45 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- February 9, 2023 at Holton Elementary School – Grades 3-5 - time to be determined
- February 9, 2023 at Holton Elementary School – Grades K-2 - time to be determined
- February 15, 2023 at Holton Elementary School – PreK - time to be determined

Elementary drills will be age appropriate and will not involve the “fight” aspect of a Run-Hide-Fight process. Elementary students will be taught to barricade, hide, and when appropriate, to run from the threat when safe (in a controlled environment).

Middle school and High school students are able to do what the elementary students can and much more. In an effort to help students understand what they are capable of and what to do when in these situations, the drills are designed to be as real as we can make them, while making them as safe as possible. We will not compromise safety while we train, and we will have our staff, Jackson County Sheriff Deputies, and Holton Police officers on site; however, we can not guarantee students involved in the training will not have some bruise or scrapes, during the training. The training is designed to see how students will react and help them see what they are capable of and what they might do in a real-life situation. These skills can be used beyond school settings and are helpful when at a store, restaurant, church, movie, etc. Scenarios for middle school students and high school students will involve Nerf guns and district provided protective gear. Parents may also attend the training if they wish.

For students to participate in the active drills this year, their parents must opt-in their children on a form that will be sent out after the initial parent meetings.

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