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Parents,

In the previous letter, I outlined when each school and grade would be conducting certain aspects of our plan to help students in an active shooter situation. Again, while this is leading to a more direct approach to helping our students understand what to do in a stressful situation concerning an active shooter, due to the nature of the drills and scenarios, the action parts this year beyond lockdown **are not required. Students will be excused** if their parents do not OPT-IN to participate, **no questions asked.**

If you do not want your child participating in active drills and scenarios, you do not have to do anything. During the drills and scenarios, your son or daughter will be moved to a different area of the facility or moved to a different facility or you may pick them up at school before the training.

The training is geared to help students understand what to do if a shooter steps foot in the school; however, this will also work anywhere for this application – at the mall, the pool, movie theater, etc. Students will be empowered to assess the situation, get away from danger, and learn where to go to remain safe. The philosophy of *ALiCE* is to use information in a way that staff and students can make informed decisions in a crisis, remove as many people as possible from the danger zone, and provides realistic but age-appropriate training so that those involved in a crisis have a better chance of surviving. The middle school and high school students and staff will use nerf guns to practice scenarios, the elementary student will NOT be using any guns at all, but they will have an air-horn blown to simulate a threat.

Younger students need constant reminders of safe practices in order for them to make good decisions related to their personal safety. Parents can prepare their child(ren) by helping them understand the following objectives at home.

- There are people, of all ages, and types that can be mean and may wish them harm.
- Self-confidence comes from trying things that are hard and getting better each time.
- There are many solutions and options when faced with a problem.
- When your child is prepared for difficult situations, they can make informed decisions and will have more self-control.
- Your child is smart and capable if they have the knowledge.
- Help your child identify and assess possible crisis situations.
- Have your child demonstrate the ability to get away from someone who has their hands on them.
- Have your child explain the different safety drills and what they mean.
- Help your child name where they need to go in case of evacuation around the school and at home.
- Discuss stranger danger.
- Discuss the importance of following the teacher's directions without hesitation.

On the back of this letter is the permission form. It is an OPT-IN form – meaning a signature is required for any amount of participation. If not signed to OPT-IN and receive the training, it will be assumed that the parents wish is to OPT-OUT of the training.



Robert Davies
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Mission Statement

With the fundamental belief that every student can learn, the primary purpose of Holton School District #336 is to provide each student with learning opportunities in order to establish a foundation for success both now and in the future.

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