Safety in Center Line Public Schools

We believe safety is the number one priority when it comes to our students and staff. Our district wants to use the most up-to-date methods and current research to keep our students and staff safe in all situations. In addition to the state mandated drills, our staff was fully trained in several additional safety measures this year including Stop the Bleed, the ALICE method to prevent active shooter fatalities, and PrePlanLive, a critical incident management platform.

At the beginning of the school year, each staff member attended Stop the Bleed training using the Tac Pac bleeding control kit. If there is a need for immediate care due to bleeding before the professionals arrive, our staff can use the Tac Pacs that are housed in every building. The Tac Pac kit is specifically assembled for simplicity in the event of an emergency and has everything needed to control bleeding including pressure and packing dressings and even a tourniquet for extreme cases.

Throughout this school year our district staff was trained in ALICE (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate). Several administrators followed the “train the trainer” model to become certified ALICE instructors so we could train all of our staff in house. Each staff member was required to take the 45-minute online component prior to the face-to-face training. Now that our staff is fully trained, we will roll the procedures out to our students this fall. Staff will continue to participate in an abbreviated and ongoing ALICE training each year.

Our district was fortunate to have our Michigan Safety Grant funded. With this funding from the Michigan State Police, we have purchased the services of PrePlanLive, an emergency planning and critical incident management solution that allows staff to report/be notified of safety incidents and access digital emergency plans. The notification tool communicates to both district staff and first responders, providing emergency personnel instant accessibility to live security cameras, emergency action plans, critical life safety item locations, floorplans, and 3D interior mapping. Law enforcement and first responders will gain immediate tactical advantage, leading to efficient responses and enhanced ability to keep our children safe.

Teachers and administrators must anticipate potential dangers and take precautions to protect their students from those dangers. Every school has an Emergency Operating Procedure (EOP) that includes responses to different crisis situations, and we perform drills to teach and train on these practices. No single response fits all situations; however, making sure each individual knows options for response and can react decisively will save valuable time. While it is sad that we must prepare ourselves for dangerous situations, we are pleased to use the most current precautionary measures to ensure safety for everyone.