

# RED LION AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

The Red Lion Area School District continues to drill and train as part of the requirements of being an ALICE certified school district. ALICE (**A**lert, **L**ockdown, **I**nforn, **C**ounter, **E**vacuate) is an active attacker response program that is proactive and options-based. It enhances the traditional lockdown and gives individuals the ability to make choices that will increase their chances of survival. During the fall of this school year, and in conjunction with National School Safety Week, the staff and students of the District participated in several ALICE activities throughout the week to review the letters of the ALICE acronym. The District received many positive comments from students, staff, and the community regarding the activities and time spent on this content.

The focus for the spring of this school year will be on the *Counter* component of ALICE and how it can be used to distract/disrupt the focus of the attacker in an effort to maximize the chance of survival. It is yet another component of the proactive and options-based program and is considered a “last resort option” when no other options are available. It is in no way to be confused with fighting and will look different at each grade level grouping. Starting the second week of April through the end of May, ALICE instructors in each of our buildings will directly teach the appropriate *Counter* content to each grade level grouping. A combination of instruction and practical application in a low-stress environment will be used. The ALICE instructors will be assisted by classroom teachers to support students where appropriate and as needed.

Please talk with your child about the above information. Continual dialogue regarding a sensitive topic will greatly improve your child's overall preparedness should an emergency situation occur. We appreciate your support as we work to make the school environment even safer. Your child's safety is our biggest concern.

To learn more about ALICE training please visit [www.alicetraining.com](http://www.alicetraining.com)

Sincerely,

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