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Dear Parents,

I am writing to let you know that we will be holding ALICE active shooter/intruder drills in the District at the Senior, Middle and Nicely elementary schools the week of March 18-22. Additional drills will be planned later this spring at Amos. K. Hutchinson and James H. Metzgar Elementary schools. These drills are being planned and implemented with the cooperation and leadership of the City of Greensburg Police Department. As part of these drills, guns that fire blanks will be used in the Middle and Senior High School. No guns will be used in the drills that take place in the elementary schools.

By working closely with the City of Greensburg Police Department in planning and executing these drills, it is the intent of the District to best prepare students and staff to respond in the event of an actual intruder or evacuation incident. Knowing how to respond in such an incident can save lives.

We understand that some students may be upset by hearing the firing of blanks in the halls during the drill. If you would prefer to have your child opt out of the drills at the middle or high schools on March 19, please let your child's building principal know so that the student can be excused for that time.

We appreciate the patience and cooperation of parents, students, and staff as we work to put practices in place that will help ensure the safety and security of our students. We believe that such drills are needed in today's society to help prepare students to act should an emergency arise.

If you have any questions about the upcoming drills, please contact my office or the offices of any of the building principals.

Sincerely,

Dr. Gary Peiffer

Superintendent

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