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*A Good Place to Grow*

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Salcha Elementary and A.L.I.C.E.

Greetings Salcha Elementary families! I wanted to write to you about ALICE because at Salcha Elementary we believe knowledge is power and we want to make our families feel very secure and comfortable about the new and upcoming "enhanced lockdowns" our students will be learning about. We as a staff and school community will all be learning and implementing an enhanced lockdown procedure in addition to our regular "Secure the Building" and "Sit Tight" procedures.

I hope you were able to attend one of the four community outreach evenings to hear more about the initiative and to be able to ask questions.

A.L.I.C.E. stands for:

A=alert.

L=lockdown

I=inform

C=counter

E=evacuate

This enhanced lockdown looks different in a few key ways because ALICE is meant as a response for when there is a threat **INSIDE** the building, be it from a loose dog, unfamiliar noises or people, or a dangerous person in our school. Our traditional lockdowns were designed to keep us safe in the building if there was a threat **OUTSIDE** the building.

The main objective of this program is to provide students and staff with options to increase their chance of survival during an active threat emergency. The ALICE initiative is recognized across the country as an additional component to the traditional "lockdown" response.

All school staff in all schools have been trained in ALICE. It is time to educate and train our students with age-appropriate lessons. The first lesson will be delivered in December to all grade levels. Additional lessons will be delivered next semester. We will let you know when dates are confirmed. In addition, all schools will practice an enhanced lockdown drill next spring. Please be assured that you will be notified well before the drill happens. We stress to our students that the procedure is similar to a fire drill, earthquake drill, or an evacuation drill. Even though fires and earthquakes are rare, we do like to be prepared so we know what to do.

Please feel free to call with any questions or to come in and view some of the materials I will use in my lessons with students.

Sincerely,

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