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Dear Barnstable High School Parents/Guardians,

Earlier this school year a letter was sent home informing our families that Barnstable Public Schools has adopted the ALICE protocol within our emergency management cycle of Prevent, Prepare, Respond and Recover. Barnstable High School staff began to learn about the ALICE protocol this past summer through online training, and continued to learn about the ALICE protocol during our professional development time during our October 10th early release day. During our November 6th professional development day, educators and staff participated in scenarios and drills to review their response to various situations presented by the Barnstable Police Department. We have received positive feedback from our educators and staff, as well as our School Resource Officers, about the November 6th scenario training.

At this time, we are preparing to present information to our *students* about the ALICE protocol. In order to prepare our students to be active participants in the ALICE protocol we must educate them on the principles of ALICE (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate). We will begin to introduce ALICE in developmentally appropriate ways for our students. At Barnstable High School, we will facilitate classroom presentations, discussions and site specific drills. Testimonials from high school students indicate a strong sense of empowerment develops when actively training in options-based school intruder response.

Our first ALICE drill to include students will occur on January 14, 2019. Similar to our educator and staff scenario drills, our School Resource Officers will work with me to develop a drill in consideration of our students' developmental needs. Our primary goal on January 14th is to ensure our students understand the evacuation goal of ALICE, combined with knowledge of our rallying points for Barnstable High School. In order to prepare for the drill on January 14, our educators and staff will work together for a period of time on January 9, during our half day professional development, to review action steps for the upcoming drill.

Please contact me if you have questions or feedback about our emergency management cycle of Prevent, Prepare, Respond and Recover, or about the ALICE protocol. I may be reached at 508-790-6445. In closing, thank you for your continued partnership as we continue to enhance school safety protocols within Barnstable Public Schools.

Sincerely,

Patrick Clark
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