Message from the Deputy Superintendent

Oct. 17, 2019 - Parents encouraged to attend safety meetings!

Dear WLCSD Parents,

Ensuring a safe physical environment in our schools is paramount. With your support through bond approvals, over the last six years we have significantly upgraded our safety and security measures at all District schools and facilities. From swipe card entry technology to entry buzzer systems, secure vestibules, and thousands of surveillance cameras, we do everything we can to keep our students, staff, and visitors safe.

In addition to physical upgrades, our staff members train students, annually, on a variety of safety drills, including fire, tornado, lock-down, shelter-in-place, and evacuations. New for the 2019-2020 school year will be the introduction of ALICE safety protocols, which prepare for a violent-intruder event. ALICE is an acronym for Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, and Evacuate. This nationally endorsed law enforcement best practice is a proactive, options-based strategy for encountering a violent intruder.

We are proud to have strong partnerships with the Oakland County Sheriff’s Department as well as the following Police Departments: Novi, Walled Lake, West Bloomfield, White Lake, Wixom, Wolverine Lake, Orchard Lake, and Farmington. All nine of these law enforcement agencies have ALICE trained officers who will be assisting individual schools with educational sessions, staff and student training, and safety drill implementation.

We will be offering two parent sessions to learn more about ALICE:

- Elementary Schools -- Tuesday, October 29, 2019 at Oakley Park Elementary – 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
- Middle & High Schools – Wednesday, October 30, 2019 at Clifford Smart Middle School – 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

We encourage you to ask questions and share your thoughts by either attending one of our upcoming Parent Information Sessions or by providing feedback at our designated email: safety@wlcsd.org.

We recognize the sensitivity and deep emotions associated with this topic. Therefore, throughout the school year, both the District and individual schools will continue to communicate with the entire school community as we move forward together on this journey toward maximizing safety and preparedness at every facility in the District.

Sincerely,

Kenneth Gutman          Chris Delgado
Superintendent of Schools      Deputy Superintendent of Schools