

CARVER MIDDLE HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents & Guardians:

Carver Middle High School is committed to providing the safest possible environment for its students. In October we hosted a demonstration of the newly enhanced lockdown procedures Carver Public Schools has in place at this time. The enhancements our staff has been trained in are known as **ALICE**.

What does ALICE mean?

<u>A</u>lert: We will get the word out using clear concise language and describe the location of the event. <u>L</u>ockdown: Still a good starting point. We will continue to lock down students in secure areas by using methods such as barricading.

Inform: Keeping the staff and students informed continually allows for good decision making.

Counter: If necessary distract, confuse, and gain control.

Evacuate: Reduce the number of potential targets for the shooter.

To be clear, in **NO WAY** are we asking our students or staff to make any attempt to subdue an armed gunman outside of their secured area. However, we will provide them with options that if faced with a life or death situation, can be applied to greatly enhance their chance of survival. These options include escaping, barricading the door, and protecting oneself by any means necessary should an armed intruder enter the room.

On Tuesday, December 13, 2016 before 8:30am, and Thursday, December 15, 2016 before 8:30am with a follow-up in the afternoon, all students will participate in an ALICE drill. During this drill, students will practice barricading. We strongly urge all students to be present on both days to take full advantage of these practice drills. If you have any questions about the ALICE program, please contact myself or the main office staff at 508-866-6130.

Sincerely,

Mark Souza Assistant Principal