Dear RJMS Parents/Guardians:

The Broken Bow Public School District, working closely with the Security Resource Officer, Richard Luper, has adopted a new strategy for “lockdown” procedures in our school buildings that is known as the ALICE Plan. ALICE is an acronym for Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, and Evacuate.

Prior to introducing the ALICE Plan, Broken Bow Schools, as well as the rest of the nation, used a traditional “lockdown” procedure whereby staff would lock their classroom doors, move students out of sight, and quietly wait for an “all clear” message. Unfortunately, these traditional lockdown procedures have proven insufficient in recent incidents of school violence.

The ALICE plan offers different options for staff and students to respond to a school intruder intent on doing harm. Under certain circumstances, the “lock the door and hide” strategy might be appropriate. In some cases, the teacher and student might barricade the door of their classroom. Under certain conditions, it might be wiser for the teacher and the children to flee the building.

And, if heaven forbid, an intruder intending to do harm should enter a classroom, ALICE offers strategies that increase the chances the teacher and the students might survive such an occurrence.

Over the summer, a group of Broken Bow administrators attended a two-day ALICE training session sponsored by the Broken Bow Public School District. Other administrators, including superintendents, from neighboring schools also attended this training. In August during a Professional Day, all staff members participated in a four-hour ALICE training session at the high school. Our principals and teachers have begun introducing the ALICE strategies to students through drills and practices that will be conducted throughout the school year.

Our goal with ALICE training, and with all of our new security measures, is to assure, as much as possible, the safety of every child and every adult in our school buildings. In the case of an actual threat where evacuation is necessary, RJMS will use the Broken Bow First Assembly Church of God Church located at: 1501 S Park Dr. This site provides easy access for cars to pickup their children as well as enough space for our students.

Please feel free to contact Ms. Rebecca Meyer, Assistant Principal if you have any questions regarding the ALICE.

Sincerely,

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