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Dear Oak Grove Families,

The safety of the students at Oak Grove School is of the utmost importance. Currently, Oak Grove school utilizes [ALICE](#), which is a nationally recognized program recommended by the U.S. Department of Education, International Association of Chiefs of Police, FEMA, and the FBI. ALICE is a proactive set of responses to an active school intruder that empowers individuals to utilize human action. In addition, state law mandates that every school in the state of Illinois participates in an active shooter drill within the first 90 days of school starting. ALICE stands for:

**A** - Alert: Use clear and concise language to convey the type of threat and location of the event

**L** - Lockdown: Lockdown and barricade in a secure area

**I** - Inform: Communication keeps a potential intruder off balance and allows for good decision making

**C** - Counter: Apply skills to distract, confuse, and gain control

**E** - Evacuate: Evacuate the premises

Oak Grove has been utilizing ALICE for several years with the cooperation and support of the Lake County Sheriff's department. Our staff has been trained and have a solid understanding of the ALICE protocols. However, we can never be satisfied with our level of training and will continue to prepare for a school intruder incident. *Per updated legislation, these types of drills do **not** include simulations that mimic an actual school shooting incident or active shooter event.*

### **Tentative Active Intruder Drill**

**September 20th, 2023**

The purpose of the drill is to best prepare the staff and students to respond effectively and efficiently if a school intruder were present. Following the drill, the students will have a classroom debrief facilitated by their teachers. School Social Workers and Psychologists will be available for additional support if needed. Oak Grove staff has met with the Lake County Sheriff's Department to prepare for this year's drill.

If you have questions or concerns about your child(s) participation, please contact Joe O'Malley at [omalley@ogschool.org](mailto:omalley@ogschool.org) or Ryan Murray at [murray@ogschool.org](mailto:murray@ogschool.org).