Dear Parents,

While schools are known to be one of the safest places for our students, at Conewago Valley the administration takes proactive steps to be prepared for a variety of emergencies including intruders in school. As in the past, each school will be conducting a drill that equips staff and students with certain protocol to follow in the event an intruder enters their school.

The Conewago Valley School District will now be training all students and staff in the ALICE (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evade) model, a nationally recognized researched reaction to intruders. ALICE is a set of proactive strategies that can be used to increase survival rates during a violent intruder event. In the past our philosophy centered around waiting for police and first responders to rescue us from a violent intruder. This is a change in philosophy that "empowers" the teachers and students to make informed choices to better ensure their safety.

ALICE will give our staff and students options to increase their chances of survival prior to the emergency personnel arriving. Our goal is to change the mindset of our students that hiding in a corner is not the best option if they can run and escape safely. All teachers were inserviced on the ALICE procedures and the options it gives them in how they can proactively respond during an intruder alert.

If you have any questions regarding ALICE, check the many online resources available.

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