



LINCOLN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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To: School Committee
From: Rebecca McFall
Re: School Security Update
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Over the course of the school year, I have attended several school security workshops to learn about current practices and protocols in schools. I have been in discussion with Police Chief Kevin Mooney, Lt. Kevin Kennedy, and School Liaison Officer David Regan regarding steps that need to be taken to ensure that our faculty and students know what to do in the case of a variety of emergencies. We have learned that the protocol for an active shooter lockdown is changing and most schools are shifting to a protocol termed ALICE. ALICE stands for Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate. The main difference is that faculty and older students are trained to make decisions based on information provided in order to evacuate if possible, be more active in creating barriers to entering rooms, and if necessary take action to slow, deter, distract an intruder. On May 30 and 31, Erich Ledebuhr and Officer David Regan are attending training on the ALICE program and will provide more information about the program at the June 6 School Committee meeting for discussion. If there is agreement to adopt this protocol, we will put plans in place to train administrators, faculty and staff, and as appropriate, students.

In addition, Chief Kevin Mooney and I will be establishing a Security Advisory Council that includes key Town Officials, Representatives of the school administration and faculty, a parent representative, and I would like to request a School Committee representative. This council will meet monthly and work to update our policies, practices, and procedures.

The Public Address system in the Lincoln School has been updated so that announcements can be heard in all locations of the building. Plans are being developed to install a Public Address system in the Hartwell building. In addition, plans are being developed to upgrade locks on doors within the Lincoln School. Funds for these projects will be accessed July 1, 2013 per the Capital Warrant. How to address upgrades on the Hanscom campus are under consideration given the expected building projects and current Base security.