

Press Release --- February 20th, 2018 --- Statement for School Safety

Dr. Ben Yocom, Superintendent-Milan C-2 School District

Due to the recent events in various areas of the country, I feel compelled to share the practices and protocols regarding School Safety in the Milan C-2 School District.

1. If/when individuals desire entry to the school district, they are first identified via video and then allowed entrance after identification is complete – the doors in the Modular building are always locked and entry is not allowed unless permitted by the office;
2. All district employees engage in Active Intruder training for four (4) hours once per year. IN the past few years, the district has received this training from a School Resource officer and will again have this training in early April of 2018.
 - a. Students are engaged in the protocols various times throughout the school year:
 - i. Elementary students review the protocols during their respective Positive Behavior Support (PBS) lessons;
 - ii. High school students engage in simulations and review the process during their homeroom periods;
 - b. The specific process used in training is the ALICE Process – standing for:
 - i. A-Alert
 - ii. L-Lock down
 - iii. I-Inform
 - iv. C-Counter
 - v. E-Evacuate

Each step in the process has various tasks to be completed and each classroom has specific protocols to be enacted if/when necessary. Further, each classroom has emergency response supplies ('Go-Bags') present.
 - c. The district has a Safety Team – this team has representatives throughout the school that have specific roles to complete when a situation occurs.
3. A vital part of the ALICE Response is to barricade or deter entrance into rooms. Several of the classrooms have bolt mechanisms that block entry and are to be engaged if/when the situation is needed.

Each drill or practice, members of the Milan City Police Department and the Sullivan County Sheriff's Department participate in the training. Further, both entities have copies of the district's Emergency Response plan – including blue-prints and specific protocols. We have an outstanding rapport with local law enforcement and their response time has been tracked at less than 30 seconds.

Mr. Mike Hostetter, High School Principal, is the school's Safety Coordinator; he or anyone else within the school can assist with safety questions/concerns.

If anyone feels that something is suspicious or concerning, please contact the school district. The school's number is 660-265-4414; from that you can choose various extensions. You can also contact the Sheriff's department or Police department.