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Springfield Public Schools

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Hello Mt. Vernon Families:

We thought you'd appreciate an update on the ALICE emergency training in our schools. Last year, we conducted training for both staff and students. This year, staff will receive refresher drills, and we will also be conducting practice drills for students.

Elementary students will receive three drills in the course of the school year. We will announce the times of these drills in advance and prepare students beforehand with tips from the "I'm Not Scared...I'm Prepared" handbooks. Students and staff will practice protocol for different scenarios.

At all times during the drills, staff will be on the lookout for any individuals who have a negative reaction to the drills, and counselors will be on hand.

While we know that these incidents, while highly covered by the media are actually quite rare, I think we can all agree that to be prepared is to be empowered. These drills are vitally important to ensuring that students and staff understand what is expected of them, and practice scenarios will also help the schools and emergency responders to continue to refine their procedures and practices.

For more information about ALICE training in our school district, visit <http://www.springfield.k12.or.us/ALICE>. Please contact your principal with any questions.

Sincerely,
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