October 16, 2018

Dear Parent or Guardian,

Per the Illinois Compiled Statutes, every school in Illinois must participate in a law enforcement drill and an evacuation drill that shall “prepare students and school personnel for situations that occur when conditions outside of a school building are safer than inside a school building.”

The type of situation cited above refers to a situation in which a suspicious person (including an armed intruder) gains access to the school building. To prepare students and school personnel for this type of situation, high school students, faculty, and staff attended an assembly put on jointly by the Pike County Sheriff’s Department (PCSD) and Pleasant Hill CUSD #3 concerning the district’s new safety procedures for situations involving violent intruders as established in the ALiCE protocol.

As stated in the beginning of the school year packet sent home via the United States Postal Service, ALiCE is an active shooter civilian response training for all types of organizations from schools to churches to hospitals and has been implemented nation-wide as a proactive response to aggressive intruders or active shooters.

The assembly did NOT mimic an active shooter situation. The assembly included the school’s safety team presenting a PowerPoint informing students, faculty, and staff of what to do in the event that an armed intruder gained access to the high school. After viewing the PowerPoint, students visited each classroom in the high school to discuss with classroom teachers how they would lockdown, counter, or evacuate that classroom in the event that an armed intruder entered the building.

The PowerPoint is available to view on the school website, [www.phwolves.com](http://www.phwolves.com). If you have questions or concerns regarding the district’s safety procedures, please contact district ALiCE coordinator, Kylee Orr at (217) 734-2311 or kylee.orr@phwolves.com.

Thank you for your ongoing support and cooperation with Pleasant Hill CUSD #3.

Sincerely,

Ron Edwards

Superintendent