

Safety & Facilities Update 12/5/18

The secure entryway is complete at the Middle School Front office and is working smoothly as designed. The secure entry doors in the Middle School gym foyer are also complete and were used for the first for the last voting session. We had positive feedback from many voters.

The RFP for the Elementary School secure front entrance went out to bid and we had our mandatory pre bid meeting. Six contractors showed up and all showed great interest in the project. We plan to complete that project next summer.

We are continuing to train on our ALICE program. Students in the Elementary School were all read the book I'm Not Scared I'm Prepared, which teaches them the concepts of ALICE. The students were read the book in a smaller setting of one or two classroom groups. They were also given time to ask questions and discuss the topic. At the Middle School all the students were trained by grade level. I presented a slideshow explaining ALICE concepts, history, actions etc. As part of the presentation two of the counter techniques were demonstrated. The students were given time to ask questions and discuss the topic. The High School students were trained in a similar way to the Middle School. I also presented a slideshow with a couple additional slides more appropriate for the High School Students. We did the same counter demonstrations and gave them time to ask questions and discuss the topic.

Each grade level at the Elementary School took a walking field trip their rally point to ensure they were all aware of how to get there and knew what to expect for a distance. The Middle School and High School students were all notified of their rally point during the presentation.

We have started our ALICE drills as well. We have completed two drills at each school. The drills at the Elementary School were both conducted with students staying on site and using the parking lot as a rally point. The first Middle School Drill was also onsite, but for the second drill everyone reported to the town common near the rally points. The High School drills were also onsite and will continue to be based on the distance to the rally point. We were able to gain valuable knowledge from the drills and were provided great feedback from staff and students. We will continue to do these drills as weather permits. We will continue to make the training available as new staff and students come onboard.

We held a parent night for ALICE and the parent student reunification process. We had very low attendance that night but for the one parent I feel it was very helpful.

We are all set for winter and were ready for the early storms that hit us. We will continue the same process as we have in the past with the town subcontractor clearing the main parking lots and our in house staff doing the cleanup, as well as entryways and smaller areas around the buildings. We are in full heating mode with the larger boilers turned on and the smaller

domestic water boilers turned off. We will continue utilizing our night setbacks when possible as well as monitoring the systems to ensure they are running at the highest efficiency.

We recently had our three year follow up assessment from the NH Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management. These assessments include a self assessment, a detailed tour of each building and a report that will come out to us in about 30 days with the findings. These assessments are provided by the state and provide great feedback our safety/security measures as well as possible upgrades we can do.