



Dear Parents and Guardians:

Keeping our students and staff safe is a top priority in Naperville 203. Over the years, our safety measures have evolved as we learn from best practices and collaboration with local law enforcement, state and federal organizations.

During the 2018-19 school year, Naperville 203 schools are transitioning to a new safety response plan known as ALICE (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate). The ALICE approach is an alternative to the more passive lockdown method by empowering individuals to make critical decisions during a crisis. In partnership with law enforcement officials, our staff is completing scenario-based training to compliment mandatory online training. Staff training at all Naperville 203 schools will be completed by the end of January.

In conjunction with ALICE and school safety best practices, Naperville 203 has initiated other safety initiatives including building modifications with updated front entrances with guest screening software; School Resource Officers serving as onsite coordination with local law enforcement; physical environment enhancements including camera systems; IT threat management systems to protect our digital environment, and continuous weather related drills to prepare our students in the event of an emergency, just to name a few.

All safety measures are discussed and practiced in a age-appropriate manner with our students. We recognize that discussions around school safety are difficult as parents and guardians, but preparation is a critical component of any safety plan.

For more information, please visit our safety section of our [website](#).

Sincerely,

Dan Bridges