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Parents,

I hope you have had a great summer break. As you are aware, there have been a number of active shooter events in schools throughout the United States over the past several years. As a result, there continues to be discussion regarding the safety and security of students and staff within in our schools. Western Boone County Community School Corporation has always kept the safety and security of our students at the forefront of all we do. However, I am not always confident that all parents know the safeguards that we have in place. As a result, I would like to share the following with you:

- A.L.I.C.E. (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate) - Drills are conducted multiple times a year at all 3 schools with this strategy on how to react in the event of an active shooter or aggressive intruder.
- School Resource Officers - For the 2018-19 school year, we will have a Boone County Sheriff's Deputy in each of our schools on a full-time basis.
- Social Workers/Skills Coach - In a joint partnership with InWell, we will now have two social workers and one skills coach available to those students with emotional needs that go beyond what our guidance counselors may be able to provide.
- Secured Entry - Each of our schools have secured entryways that require the receptionist at each building to grant visitors access to the building during the school day.
- SafeVisitor - This web-based service requires individuals that wish to enter our schools and interact with any child to have an immediate background check completed.
- SafeStop - An application that allows for parents of students riding our school buses to track the location of the bus their child is riding.
- QuickTip - A web-based anonymous reporting system where parents and students will be able to go to the web site of each school and submit tips and/or concerns that involve the health and well-being of our students.
- Security Cameras - Each of our schools have cameras strategically placed on the interior and exterior that allow administration to monitor at all times.
- Bi-Directional Amplifier - Allows school resource officer and first responders 100% radio coverage within Western Boone Junior-Senior High School.

I look forward to a great 2018-19 school year.

Rob Ramey, Superintendent