

Dear Parents & Guardians,

I would like to offer you the opportunity to familiarize yourself with the *ALICE Training* procedures that are in place in our schools. On Tuesday, April 30th you will be able to learn about the reasons why our district has adopted the *ALICE* safety program and to participate in an actual *ALICE* drill. The presentation will take place in the Agawam Junior High School auditorium from 6 to 8 p.m. where members of the Agawam Police Department, District Safety Supervisor John Nettis, and the district's *ALICE* instructors will be available to answer any questions that you may have about the program and its implementation. We currently have 50 slots available for participants; therefore, if you would like to attend this informative presentation, please email Mr. Nettis at jnettis@agawamed.org by Friday, April 26th.

In addition, on Thursday, May 2nd, the second *Parent/Community Forum* will take place in the junior high school auditorium from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Sponsored by the Shane Foundation and the school district, the presentation will feature Dr. Ruth Potee, who will discuss "The Teen Brain and Risk Taking." We are very fortunate to have Dr. Potee, who is a Board Certified Family and Addiction Medicine Physician and Chair of the Healthcare Solutions Opioid Task Force of Franklin County, as our guest speaker. Students are welcome to attend this presentation.

Finally, on April 26th, there will be a rebroadcast on Cable Channel 12 of the March 7th *Parent/Community Forum*, which discussed "How to Manage Your Child's Social Media and Technology," as presented by the Hampden District Attorney's office. The rebroadcast will be shown on Wednesdays, Fridays, and Sundays at 10 a.m. and again at 7 p.m. We encourage you to view this program, which provides important information about how to navigate social media and technology with your child. Sponsored by the Shane Foundation, Agawam Public Schools, and the Agawam Health Department, this program will be aired through the month of June.