### **Heightened Awareness**

(Get your Attention)

This means a potential MAY exist for an unusual situation and all parties should have heightened awareness to react as needed.

- Follow school's communication plan for information.
- Limit movement to and from your classroom.
- Be accountable for all students.
- Be on the lookout for unusual behavior both in and outside of the school.
- Check exterior doors to make sure they are secure.

### Secure Your Area of Responsibility

(Classroom, hallway, etc.)

Specific incident within your area of responsibility. (Medical, threat to self or others)

- Execute Alert methods.
- Secure all people within your immediate area. (May require you to move to a more secure area.)
- Lock or Secure doors.
- Monitor/use communication devices.
- May release by intercom or other personal contact.

### **Secure Perimeter**

(On Alert)

A potential threat or danger does exist within the community/neighborhood and all parties should be aware to react as needed.

- Execute Alert methods.
- Secure all people within the building.
- · Lock external doors.
- Cover windows.
- Stay in secure area within the building until further notice from administration or law enforcement.
- Monitor/use communication devices.
- Requires leaving unsecure areas such as fields, gym, playground, or library to a secure area.
- Continue with instruction.
- May release via intercom.

### Lockdown

(Immediate threat)

Recognition of Danger. Take immediate action using the safest and best option for survival.

- · Execute Alert methods.
- Secure yourself and others by assessing and using available information to decide if you should; HIDE (Secure and/or Barricade), RUN (Intelligent Escape) or FIGHT (Defend and Protect).

### **HIDE**: (Secure and/or Barricade)

Lock doors, Lights off, Barricade entry, Quiet, Stay in place.

### **RUN**: (Informed Escape)

Evacuate to safer location, Remain with your group, Call 911 when safe, Follow HIDE protocol.

### FIGHT: (Defend and Protect)

As a matter of survival engage the intruder with any means necessary.

- Monitor/use communication devices.
- Release only by administration or law enforcement.

# STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT TO SCHOOL SAFETY

- The Pike County System will provide safe, orderly, and secure learning environments.
- The Pike County School System will work collaboratively with the Alabama State Department of Education to establish programs and strategies to ensure compliance with federal, state and local school safety laws.
- The Pike County School System will involve parents, pupils, teachers, administrators, counselors, and community agencies, including law enforcement, in the development of a safety plan with the goal of providing safe and orderly schools and neighborhoods.
- The Pike County School System expects all students to experience success and to exhibit proper behavior.
- The Pike County School System will solicit the participation, views, and advice of teachers, parents, school administrators, and community members and use this information to promote the safety of our pupils, staff and community.

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See Something...
Say something