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**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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# NEWS RELEASE

## *Keeping KPBSD schools safe with ALICE*

**Soldotna, August 25, 2014—KPBSD is making changes to the way schools will respond to armed intruders through ALICE (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate) training, an update to the emergency action plan, and implementation in schools. Training and collaboration with law enforcement and school principals will occur in Kenai, Alaska, for three days, August 27 - 29, 2014.**

“The district’s on-going journey of continuous improvement includes reviewing how we respond to critical incidents at our schools,” said Dr. Steve Atwater, superintendent. “The ALICE training is an important next step in this journey to help us to do all that we can to ensure the safety and welfare of our students and staff.”

School principals will receive a one-day training August 27, 2014. The following two days KPBSD will participate in collaborative, advanced *Train the Trainer* education with nearly thirty active law enforcement representatives from Kenai, Homer, Seward, and Soldotna police departments, Homer and Nikiski fire departments, and several Alaska State Troopers, among others. “It is important for the school district to place the safety of students and staff as a priority,” said Dave Jones, assistant superintendent of instructional support. “The ALICE training is an investment into safety in our schools.”

ALICE offers a list of options that can be used to stay safe in the highly unlikely event of a violent intruder. “The ALICE Training Institute is changing how schools respond to armed intruders. ALICE is a set of proactive strategies that increase chances of survival during an armed intruder event,” reports the ALICE Training Institute website. “While no one can guarantee no casualties or injuries, we can guarantee that passing on knowledge will empower people with options of survival.” The ALICE training program is designed to supplement current *Lock-Down* or *Secure-in-Place* procedures used frequently in public schools.

**Link:**

[ALICE Training Institute](http://www.alicetraininginstitute.com)

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