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Licking Valley Local's school safety initiative featured in statewide magazine

COLUMBUS — A Licking Valley Local School District safety and security initiative was highlighted in a recent issue of the Ohio School Boards Association (OSBA) Journal magazine, a statewide publication.

The magazine featured the district's extensive efforts to secure its buildings and train students and staff how to respond to an active shooter situation. Licking Valley Superintendent Dr. David Hile wrote an article detailing the measures the district has taken over the past seven years to protect its students, staff and schools. Another article in the magazine reported on an active shooter lockdown drill at Licking Valley High School.

In addition to security measures, the district's initiative also places a strong emphasis on developing positive relationships and trust among students, staff and families as a foundation for the school community. In a message sent to parents shortly after the 2018 Parkland, Fla., school shooting, Hile wrote: "Those relationships build trust. Our kids have to trust us. They have to be willing to walk up to an adult in the school and tell them when they know something, saw something, heard something, fear something, sense something."

For more information on Licking Valley Local's efforts, please see the PDF of the articles attached to the email accompanying this release. You also may contact Hile at (740) 763-3525 or hiled@lickingvalley.k12.oh.us.

The Journal is a bimonthly publication featuring OSBA activities and articles of interest to Ohio's public education leaders. The nearly 6,500 Journal subscribers include school board members, superintendents, treasurers, business officials, legislators, universities and libraries.

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