January 10, 2019

Dear Families:

As a school system, we are committed to creating and sustaining a comprehensive, coordinated effort to improve the overall safety and well-being of our students, educators and administrators. Recently, the Pennsylvania Office of the Attorney General launched the Safe2Say Something (S2SS) youth violence prevention program. Safe2Say Something teaches youth how to recognize warning signs and signals, especially within social media, from individuals who may be a threat to themselves or others and to “say something” before it is too late.

To do this, we believe this must involve community-wide programs and initiatives involving parents, teachers, administrators, local law enforcement, mental health & wellness professionals and elected officials to take meaningful action to protect our students. This program is required by all K-12 schools in Pennsylvania, per recently enacted state law, and it will require our schools to discuss with and train our students in grades 5 through 12 on how to utilize a 24/7 tip line, app, and website to anonymously submit a tip regarding a student or student safety. The Office of the Attorney General has created a Crisis Center to accept, triage, and relay all tip information to local Emergency Response Centers, School Districts, and Law Enforcement.

The program is scheduled to go live on January 14, 2019 and we will also, under the direction of the Office of the Attorney General, begin a campaign to share information throughout the school via posters and displays so students are aware of the tool and how to access it. Our local team is preparing to train our students within the coming weeks so they are aware of this tool, its purpose, and the power of saying something. Additionally, we will be posting information on our website, as provided by the Safe2Say Something state campaign and the Sandy Hook Promise, and you may visit www.safe2saypa.org to learn more about the statewide program.

Thank you for your support in this launch, as we all work to ensure our students, schools, and community remain a safe place for all who attend and visit.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent