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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Parkland School District will conduct the annual *Safe2Say Something* training for 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students on Monday, September 20, 2021. The purpose of this annual training is to create basic awareness of the program.

In 2018, the Pennsylvania General Assembly passed Act 44 mandating the establishment and use of the "*Safe2Say Something*", an anonymous reporting system starting in every Pennsylvania school on January 14, 2019. The Office of the Attorney General (OAG) has established *Safe2Say Something* and will manage and maintain the program. The OAG, in partnership with Sandy Hook Promise hosts the *Safe2Say Something* App, website and PA-based 24/7 Crisis Center Hotline at 1-844-SAF2SAY.

*Safe2Say Something* is a school safety program that teaches students, educators, and administrators how: to recognize the signs and signals of individuals who may be at risk of hurting themselves or others; and to anonymously report this information through the *Safe2Say Something* App, website, or 24/7 Crisis Center Hotline.

The following provides an overview of how the program works in schools through 5 easy steps:

- 1. A tip can be submitted via mobile app, website, or by calling the PA based 24/7 Crisis Center.
- 2. The tip is then triaged by the Crisis Center to gather enough information to act on it.
- 3. The tip is delivered to the impacted school and as needed, local law enforcement via 911 County Dispatch.
- 4. The school will assess any at-risk individuals, and if needed, law enforcement will be included.
- 5. The school then closes out the tip and reports actions taken as a record for their school.

The Parkland School District Safety and Security Department webpage will host this information as well as the links to make a *Safe2Say Something* Student Report. Feel free to contact your building principal or myself with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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