

## **The WeTip Hotline**

The WeTip hotline, sponsored by the Bozeman Police Department and the Bozeman Public Schools, may be used by anyone who has information about theft, vandalism, or other crimes that have been committed at one of our schools or in our community. The WeTip hotline is a way for people to get involved in establishing a safer community. While students are always encouraged to talk with an adult at the school, students are sometimes reluctant to report crime information because they fear reprisal from the person they are reporting. WeTip provides an alternative for students and families who wish to give information. WeTip hotlines are answered by tip operators 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Calls are taken on all crimes affecting schools and the surrounding communities. The operator taking the call will ask series of questions, designed by law enforcement, to obtain the maximum amount of information about the reported crime. After the information is taken, a code name and number are assigned to the informant. Information is then passed on to Bozeman's school resource officers. Anyone who has information about illegal activity at a school can call WeTip 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at 1-800-78-CRIME, or submit a tip on the Internet at <http://www.wetip.com/>.

For all emergencies and crimes that are in progress, immediately call 911.