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Dear Upper Adams School District Community:

As part of Act 44 of 2018, the Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General (OAG) is establishing the "Safe2Say Something" (S2SS) school safety anonymous tip program. This letter is to inform you that the Safe2Say program was released by Pennsylvania legislators and the Attorney General's office on January 14, 2019. The Upper Adams School District currently utilizes a number of resources and protocols to improve safety and the S2SS program is an additional resource for the community.

I encourage all community members to continue to report unsafe concerns to the police, administrators, and other school staff members during the school day and use the state Safe2Say system after school hours. School Community members may certainly use both systems to notify school personnel about concerns, but we hope school community members would directly contact school district personnel in order to intervene in a more efficient manner during school hours.

When using the Safe2Say Something process you will follow these steps:

1. A tip is 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 and, as needed, local law enforcement assess and intervene with the at-risk individual
5. The school then closes out the tip and reports actions taken as a record for their school

When a tip is entered online or via phone, all information will go to the Office of Attorney General (OAG) first. The OAG office will triage the information and then communicate out to the appropriate district teams and/or law enforcement.

We will most likely see an initial spike of reports in the first two months of the S2SS Program going "live". It is typical to see a spike in the number of reports when the process is started. The categories for high-frequency reporting have been bullying, suicide, and drugs based on the research collected during an implementation in Colorado. Upper Adams Middle School and Biglerville High School Students in grades 7 through 12 will see some information come to them via email on how to use the system after the program is released.

Thank you in advance for helping to enhance our students and school district safety. There have been many occasions when a teacher, a counselor, and/or an administrator have intervened to avert a crisis. The Safe2Say Something program is another resource for the Upper Adams School District Community to utilize in an effort to increase the safety of our school community and everyone who attends our schools. To learn more about the S2SS initiative, please visit www.upperadams.org and then click "About Us". Additional Safe2Say Something (S2SS) information is located in the "About Us" section.

Sincerely,

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