



LOWER MORELAND TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

An exemplary learning community...
committed to preparing and empowering all learners

December 2, 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians, Staff and Students,

As a school district, 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.

In light of the recent and deadly school shooting incident that occurred in Michigan this week, along with our continued approach to preventing such incidents from ever occurring, I am writing to provide all of our families, students and staff with two resources that can be helpful in empowering all individuals to be involved in creating safe schools.

In January of 2019, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania instituted the “Safe2Say Something” (S2SS) anonymous reporting system. This program, which is mandated under PA state law / Act 44, teaches students, teachers, and administrators how to recognize the warning signs and signals, especially within social media, of individuals who may be a threat to themselves or others and *Say Something* to a trusted adult or use its anonymous reporting system. Please click [here](#) to review age-appropriate videos and other resources related to S2SS.

Additionally, in June of 2019, legislation was enacted to assist schools in creating safer environments. Among the legislation's provisions, Article XIII-E requires the establishment of threat assessment teams for all school entities in PA. In LMTSD, the goal of our building threat assessment teams, which are made up of administrators, counselors, nurses, educators and local authorities, is to prevent acts of violence and keep everyone safe. Please click [here](#) to review a brief presentation outlining school-based threat assessment teams.

Not only are our schools places to learn, they are also places of safety and security for the students, staff and community members who walk through the doors. Our school community's awareness and participation in any and all processes will help to ensure the safety of everyone.

Sincerely,

Scott Davidheiser, Ed.D.
Superintendent