

Dear Northern York County School District Families:

In 2018, the General Assembly passed Act 44 mandating the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) to establish a program that allows individuals to securely and anonymously report potential safety concerns related to schools. On January 14, 2019, this anonymous reporting system, “Safe2Say Something” (S2SS), was launched in Pennsylvania.

During the second semester of this school year, the Northern York County School District will be informing all administrators, staff, as well as students in grades 6-12, how to access and use this system. Additionally, directions for using S2SS will be posted in all school buildings.

This program not only focuses on how to report tips, but also reminds us:

- In the majority of school violence acts, warning signs and signals given ahead of time,
- To take every sign and signal seriously, and
- To act quickly by talking to a trusted adult, calling 911, and/or reporting it through S2SS

Three Ways to Utilize S2SS to Report a School-Safety Concern

1. Phone:

Call 1-844-SAF2SAY

- a. Communicate the name of the school associated with your concern
- b. Communicate your concern

2. Website:

Go to <https://www.safe2saypa.org/>

- a. Click “Submit an anonymous tip online”
- b. Scroll to bottom and fill in the information requested
- c. Click “Submit” and follow the prompts

3. Mobile App:



Search for and install the “safe2say something pa” app on your phone or mobile device

- a. Open the app and create a 4-digit password
- b. Click “Sign In”
- c. Click “Submit a Tip” and follow the prompts

Please Note: This reporting platform is not intended to be, or serve as, an emergency hotline or email for situations of imminent danger. If you need immediate assistance and/or are reporting an emergency or event that could immediately affect the safety of a student or the school community, please dial 911.

What happens once a report is received through S2SS?

Once a report is received by the OAG, it is reviewed by a crisis center analyst, triaged, and categorized as either life safety or non-life safety. “Life Safety” reports will be sent to 911 and school officials via text, email, and/or phone call 24/7.

The S2SS system should be viewed as one more tool for students, parents, and the community of the Northern York County School District to use to ensure the safety and security of our schools and the children we serve. S2SS does not replace, but instead joins existing measures Northern has put in place for that purpose. These include armed security personnel, security equipment, increased support and staffing to deal with mental health issues, and the individualized care we provide each student.

Our students often are aware of the problems their peers are facing, and S2SS provides a tool to help keep each other safe. If you have questions related to the S2SS program, please do not hesitate to call or email me directly.

Sincerely,

Matt LaBuda

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