

May 15, 2025

Dear Williamsville Central School District Students, Families, and Staff,

As you know, safety and security are a top priority in our District. This is why we continue to invest in enhancements to all of our buildings through the School Security Improvement Project, Raptor Visitor Management System, and ZeroEyes.

Our proactive approach to school safety has now led us to partnering with the Sandy Hook Promise (SHP) and Say Something Anonymous Reporting System (SS-ARS). While we take every warning sign and threat seriously, the Say Something Anonymous Reporting System trains and educates students, faculty, and staff how to:

- Recognize warning signs and threats (verbal, non-verbal, or on social media) of individuals who may be at-risk
- Act immediately to get help by talking to a trusted adult OR
- Report through the SS-ARS 24/7/365 telephone hotline, mobile app, or website

Over the next few days and weeks, students (grades 4-12), faculty and staff, will have the opportunity to learn about the SHP and SS-ARS. Available online is a webpage dedicated to the [Say Something Anonymous Reporting System](#). It is also available on each school's website. While we are nearing the end of the school year, this information will also be reshared during the first few days when classes resume in September.

The Say Something Anonymous Reporting System (SS-ARS) program is provided at no cost by Sandy Hook Promise, a national nonprofit organization. More than 31 million people have participated in their research-based "Know the Signs" programs that includes Say Something. This program is age-appropriate and evidence-informed. To date, the Say Something Anonymous Reporting System and other SHP prevention programs have stopped multiple school incidents (i.e. shootings), gun threats, and suicides. SS-ARS and SHP have also helped reduced bullying and cyberbullying, and provided intervention for self-harm, drug use, and more.

With the passing of the Distraction-Free School Zones portion of Governor Hochul's budget, we also know that being able to report via the web or app, takes on additional importance as we begin preparing for the 2025-2026 school year. We are going to be working with our Technology Department to make sure reporting methods are available using District-issued devices and technology during the course of a school day.

If you have any questions, please review the Say Something Anonymous Reporting System web page, the [SS-ARS Parent/Guardian and Caregiver Guide](#), or contact your building administrator.

Sincerely,



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Superintendent of Schools

