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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are dedicated to ensuring the safety and well-being of our students, educators, and the entire community. To achieve this important goal, we are excited to announce the launch of the *Say Something* Anonymous Reporting System (ARS) hosted by Sandy Hook Promise across our schools. In the coming weeks, all PCRUFSD students in grades 4-12 will be trained on how to use the *Say Something* ARS during school hours.

What is *Say Something* ARS?
The *Say Something* ARS program empowers students, teachers, and administrators to recognize warning signs of potential threats—whether they occur in school, on social media, or within the community. This initiative encourages individuals to "say something" to a Trusted Adult or utilize the anonymous reporting system when they recognize concerning behavior.

Key Features of the Program:
- Recognize At-Risk Behaviors: Participants will learn how to identify signs of distress or harmful behaviors in their peers.
- Take Action: The program emphasizes the importance of acting immediately by either talking to a Trusted Adult or reporting concerns anonymously through the system.
- 24/7 Support: Students can access a Crisis Center at any time via a mobile app, website, or hotline for confidential reporting.
- Ongoing Awareness: We will promote safety through a variety of ways, which may include student clubs and special awareness activities designed to keep these conversations alive.

Empowering Our Students
Our students often have unique insights into the challenges their peers face. It's crucial that we empower them to recognize danger signs and equip them with the tools to support one another effectively. The *Say Something* ARS program teaches students how to support each other during digital conversations and in-person interactions. This initiative is provided by Sandy Hook Promise (SHP), a respected non-profit organization dedicated to improving school safety nationwide. With programs implemented in all 50 states and over 31 million individuals trained, SHP has a proven track record of success in preventing school shootings, suicides, and other violent incidents while reducing bullying and cyberbullying.

We're Here for You
Access to the *Say Something* Anonymous Reporting System and other related information will be permanently available on the district website under the *Parents/Community* tab. If you have any questions or concerns about the *Say Something* ARS program or any related initiatives, please feel free to reach out directly. Your support is invaluable as we work together to create a safe environment for our students. Thank you for your commitment to keeping our community safe.