

## Washington School District

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Washington School District Families:

Act 44, which was signed into law by Governor Tom Wolf in June 2018, mandates the use of the **"Safe2Say Something**" 24/7 anonymous tip line by every Pennsylvania school entity. This program teaches students, teachers, and administrators how to recognize the warning signs and signals, especially on social media, of individuals who may be a threat to themselves or to others and to say something to a trusted adult or use the anonymous reporting system.

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Jeffrey Fine, President Marsha Pleta, Vice President Tara Sparks-Gatling, Treasurer William Braun, Jr. Troy Breese Karen Ruby Rhonda Barnes Patricia Cherry Michael Miller The Washington School District is committed to creating and sustaining a comprehensive, coordinated effort to improve the overall safety and well-being of our students, educators and administrators. To do this, we believe that there should be collaboration between community-wide programs and initiatives involving parents, teachers, administrators, local law enforcement, and mental health & wellness professionals to take meaningful action to protect our students.

The Safe2Say Something program educates participants to:

- Recognize the signs and signals of at-risk behaviors especially within social media
- Take every sign and signal seriously; act quickly to get help by talking to a trusted adult OR
- Report it anonymously through the Safe2Say Something Office of the Attorney General 24/7 Crisis Center, mobile app, or website
- Respond to and manage the submitted tip via school-based, multi-disciplinary educator and administrator teams

When an anonymous tip is submitted through the Safe2Say Something system, it is received and reviewed by the Office of the Attorney General's Crisis Center. The anonymous tip is then forwarded to school administrators and law enforcement as necessary. Washington School District students in grades 7 - 12 will be trained on how to use the Safe2Say Something system in the next few days.

An overview of the Safe2Say Something program is currently available on our district website : <u>www.prexie.org</u> under "District Information".

If you have any questions, please contact your building principal or me.

Very Truly Yours,

James R. Konrad

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