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Dear Parents and Staff:

As a school system, we are committed to improving the overall safety and well-being of our students, staff and administrators.

Today, I am happy to announce the launch of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's "Safe2Say Something" (S2SS) anonymous reporting system. The program, which is mandated under PA State Law Act 44, teaches students in grades 6-12, teachers and administrators how to recognize warning signs and signals, especially within social media, of individuals who may be a threat to themselves, or others.

Why was the Safe2Say Something program developed?

The S2SS program is being provided through Sandy Hook Promise (SHP), a nation-wide non-profit organization. SHP's programs are in 50 states- with 10,000+ schools and over 5.5 million students and adults trained. They have a track record, reputation, and knowledge of how to work effectively with kids, parents, and teachers to improve school safety and culture. The program is age-appropriate for secondary students and is research-based. They also have funding to provide and sustain the program at NO COST to our school (and all schools statewide).

Key elements of the Safe2Say Something program:

- Take every sign and signal seriously; act quickly to get help by talking to a trusted adult OR report it anonymously through the S2SS mobile app, website, or hot line.
- The Attorney General's Office Crisis Center will take tips 24/7.
- The Crisis Center will respond, manage, and communicate with district teams made up of law enforcement officers and school administrators.

What happens once a report is received through Safe2Say Something?

According to materials provided by the state, once a report is received, it is reviewed by a crisis center analyst, triaged and categorized as either life safety or non-life safety. Life safety concerns will be sent to 911 dispatch centers and the district's S2SS response team. Non-life safety events will be sent to the district's S2SS response team. School officials and law enforcement (when appropriated) will intervene and provide the appropriate response.

How will students learn about Safe2Say Something?

During class presentations, students will learn how to recognize the signs and signals of at-risk behaviors – especially within social media. The training will include how to take every sign and signal seriously and to act quickly to get help by talking to a trusted adult, calling 911 OR by reporting it anonymously through the Safe2Say Something System.

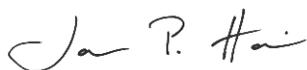
How will parents learn more about Safe2Say Something?

Information regarding the Safe2Say Something program can be found on their website, www.safe2saypa.org.

What can we, parents/guardians, do to support the program?

The Woodland Hills School District is committed to creating and sustaining a comprehensive, coordinated approach to improve the overall safety and well-being of our students and staff. We must continue to develop partnerships with parents, local law enforcement, community leaders and providers, including mental health and wellness professionals. We ask for your partnership with this program by talking to your children about appropriate utilization of the reporting system. While we are empowering and encouraging students to act, it is also critical that we remind them there are consequences when submitting false tips to the hotline. Please remind your child that at any time they have a concern, they can always speak to a trusted adult in the school and to immediately contact 911 in a life safety event.

Sincerely,



James P. Harris
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