



# Highlands School District

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Dear Parents or Guardians,

In our continued efforts to maintain a safe and secure learning environment for our students and staff, we'd like to announce Highlands School District's participation in the Safe2Say Something, youth violence prevention program and anonymous reporting system, run by the Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General.

As outlined in Pennsylvania Act 44 of 2018, Highlands School District is participating in the Safe2Say Something Anonymous Reporting System, which began on Monday, January 14, 2019. Safe2Say Something is a school safety tool for students, staff, and communities to anonymously report unsafe, potentially harmful, dangerous, violent or criminal activities in a school environment or the threat of activities in a school environment. Reports can be made via a mobile app, website, or 24/7 phone line.

Beginning January 14, 2019, students, staff, parents and community members will be able to submit an anonymous tip through the Safe2Say Something system in one of three ways:

- A mobile app, which is available for download on Apple and Android devices.
- The Safe2Say Something website: <https://www.safe2saypa.org/>
- A 24/7 phone line: 1-844-SAF2SAY (1-844-723-2729)

Safe2Say works through five easy steps:

1. A tip is submitted via mobile app, website, or by calling the state-based 24/7 Crisis Center.
2. The tip is then triaged by the Crisis Center to gather enough information to act on it.
3. The tip is delivered to the impacted school and, as needed, local law enforcement via 911 County Dispatch.
4. The school and, as needed, local law enforcement, assess and intervene with the at-risk individual.
5. The school then closes out the tip and reports actions taken as a record for their school.

Safe2Say is a national program that was developed by the Sandy Hook Promise. It is designed to teach youth and adults how to recognize warning signs and signals, especially within social media, from individuals who may be a threat to themselves and to others and to "say something" before it is too late. In the coming months, all Highlands Middle School and High School students and staff members will be trained on the program to recognize warning signs/signals and to submit tips.

You can learn more about the Safe2Say program online at <https://www.safe2saypa.org/>.

The safety and security of our Highlands students is always our number one priority, and the Safe2Say Something program adds another layer of protection for those who want to report a concern anonymously.

Respectfully,

Dr. Monique Mawhinney