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Dear Susquehanna Community Families:

As a school system, we are 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 this must involve community-wide programs and initiatives involving parents, teachers, administrators, local law enforcement, mental health & wellness professionals and elected officials to take meaningful action to protect our students.

I am happy to announce the launch of the "Safe2Say Something" (S2SS) anonymous reporting system. This program, which is mandated under PA state law / Act 44, teaches students, 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 and *Say Something* to a trusted adult <u>OR</u> use its anonymous reporting system. In a truly life-threatening situation, 911 should be called immediately. The anonymous Safe2Say Something reporting system can be accessed by any of the following three options:

- Go to the Safe2Say PA website at <a href="www.safe2saypa.org">www.safe2saypa.org</a>;
- Call 1-844-SAF2SAY; or
- Download the Say Something phone app from Google Play Store or the Apple App Store.

Our students often are aware of the problems their peers are facing, so we must empower them to know the danger signs and give them the tools to help each other with the assistance of trained and caring adults. As you know, most conversations are taking place on social media, therefore it is critical that we teach our students to be looking out for one another as these digital conversations are taking place.

Please review the S2SS information on the district website at <a href="www.scschools.org">www.scschools.org</a> and do not hesitate to call your child's school principal should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Bronson Stone, Superintendent