



## ALL ABOUT THE PROGRAM:

### INTRODUCTION

In 2018, the General Assembly passed Act 44 mandating the establishment and use of the “Safe2Say Something” (S2SS) anonymous reporting system by every Pennsylvania school entity.

S2SS is a life-saving and life-changing school safety program that teaches students, educators and administrators how: (1) to recognize the signs and signals of individuals who may be at risk of hurting themselves or others, and (2) to anonymously report this information through the S2SS app, website, or 24/7 Crisis Center Hotline. The subsequent “How It Works” section will provide an overview of how the program works in schools.

### PROGRAM BACKGROUND

The Office of Attorney General (OAG) has established S2SS, and manages and maintains the program, in partnership with Sandy Hook Promise (a national non-profit committed to creating safe schools and communities through evidenced-based intervention programs, in 10,000+ schools), *helping to prevent issues such as suicide, school shootings, firearm threats, bullying, drug use and other acts of violence.*

### TIP PROCESSING

The Crisis Center analysts are trained to vet and triage tips by: (1) conducting 2-way anonymous dialog with tipsters to gather missing information and ensure enough information is provided for schools and local law enforcement to act upon, (2) categorizing each tip as either “Life Safety” or “Non-Life Safety”, for ease of prioritization by tip recipients, and (3) delivering the tip to the impacted school and, when needed, it’s local law enforcement via 911

### HOW IT WORKS

1. **A Tip is submitted** (via mobile app, website, or phone call) – arriving first at the S2SS Center
2. **Crisis Center analysts vet and triage the Tip** by engaging the tipster in two-way chat; collaborating with schools (when needed) to gather additional information on the student in question in order to provide detailed notes to the school and/or 911 dispatch
3. **Crisis Center analysts then send Tips to the impacted Districts** and as needed local law enforcement
4. **The Tip is then routed to the appropriate Building Level Follow-up Team** (of Administrators, School Officers, etc)
5. **The School and/or local Law Enforcement, then assess and intervene** with the at-risk individual
6. **The school then closes out the Tip and reports actions taken** (to the State S2SS Office)

| *Safe 2 Say Something TIP (examples)  |   |  |
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| “Life Safety” issues  | “Non-Life Safety” (Criminal) issues   | “Non-Life Safety” issues   |
| Active Shooter<br>Child Predator<br>Domestic Violence<br>Gang Violence<br>Overdose<br>Missing Person<br>Abuse<br>Assaults | Hate Crimes<br>Child Pornography<br>Sexting<br>Dissemination of Child Porn<br>Theft<br>Vandalism<br>Forgery | Bullying<br>Cyber-Bullying<br>Discrimination<br>Sexual Harassment<br>School Violations |

## TIP RESPONSE AND MANAGEMENT

The S2SS platform allows users (Crisis Center analysts, schools, and 911 County Dispatch) to access / manage tips and coordinate interventions on both their PC and mobile device. Additionally, the platform allows for real-time 2-way dialog with tipsters and the viewing /sharing of attachments (such as screenshots or videos) uploaded by the tipster. The platform permits communication between school / dispatch users on each tip, allowing for up-to-the-second information-sharing – as one of the MOST critical pieces of the information needed for a Life Safety issue is a child’s address. Ultimately, this exchange can take seconds, helping everyone to ACT QUICKER and SAVE LIVES.

## CONCLUSION

At the conclusion of school and police investigations and intervention (as needed), all tips will be closed out by school personnel. Districts, charter schools, cyber charters, private schools, non-public schools, intermediate units, and/or area vocational-technical schools can then run reports and view trends to demonstrate where change is taking place or where help is needed.

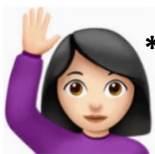
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**SEE IT. REPORT IT.**



**\*REMEMBER-** S2SS serves as an “additional resource”. As always, **Students & Families** are encouraged to **continue reporting and addressing ALL issues and concerns through their:**

- ✓ **Teachers & Staff**
- ✓ **School Administrators**
- ✓ **District Leadership and Police**

