



LOWER MORELAND TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

*An exemplary learning community...
committed to preparing and empowering all learners*

September 13, 2019

Dear Lower Moreland Families:

As a school district, 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.

In January of 2019, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania instituted 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 the 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 or use its anonymous reporting system. Specifically, the program educates participants to:

- Recognize the signs and signals of at-risk behaviors – especially within social media
- Report bullying/cyberbullying
- Take every sign and signal seriously; act quickly to get help by talking to a trusted adult or
- Report it anonymously through the S2SS Office of the Attorney General 24/7 Crisis Center, mobile app, or website

The week of September 23-27 has been established as "Safe2Say Something" Week and will provide an opportunity for our students to be trained (or retrained) in using the various reporting platforms and identifying signs and signals of at-risk behaviors and bullying/cyberbullying. 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, some 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. S2SS teaches them what to look for in text, video and photos while empowering them to act quickly to help a fellow student.

We anticipate that S2SS will continue to assist us in our efforts to maintain a safe and secure environment for our school community.

Sincerely,

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