



# Kutztown Area School District

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*~ Maximize potential, embrace change, create the future~*

Dear Parents and Guardians:

As a school community, the safety and well-being of our students and educators continues to be a top priority. We believe this commitment includes the implementation of programs that educate students and empower our entire school community to take meaningful action to protect our students, staff, and community.

With direction and support from the Pennsylvania Office of the Attorney General, our district is implementing the Safe2Say Something (S2SS) program. The S2SS program is fully funded and managed by the Pennsylvania Attorney General's office through a partnership with Sandy Hook Promise, a national non-profit organization working to improve school safety.

S2SS is an anonymous reporting system recently mandated by state law designed to help students and staff to recognize the warning signs and signals (especially on social media) of individuals who may be a threat to themselves or others. The S2SS program trains students and school staff members to treat every warning sign seriously and to act quickly to get help. Student-focused training sessions for grades 6-12 will take place during the week of January 21st. Anyone, including parents, with information is encouraged to submit tips using one of the three options below.

S2SS is based on a three-step system:

- 1) An anonymous tip is submitted via one of the following options:
  - a. Website: [www.safe2saypa.org](http://www.safe2saypa.org)
  - b. Tip Line: 1-844-SAF2SAY
  - c. Mobile App
- 2) All calls and tips are received by the 24/7 S2SS Crisis Center.
  - a. A S2SS Crisis Center analyst receives and reviews tip information.
  - b. The tip is triaged and categorized as either life safety or non-life safety.
  - c. The tip is then sent to school officials and law enforcement / 911 call center (as needed) via text, email, and/or phone call.
- 3) School officials and law enforcement intervene and/or offer assistance.
  - a. School officials and law enforcement (as needed) investigate, assess, and intervene with reported at-risk individuals.
  - b. School officials report their outcomes into the Safe2Say Something platform and close out the tip, ensuring accountability for every tip submitted.

S2SS resources and materials can be found on the KASD website under the Community tab.

Regardless of our role or position, protecting our children is a community commitment. Thank you for your support of this program to ensure the safety and security of our students in the Kutztown Area School District.

If you have questions or concerns about S2SS, please do not hesitate to contact me at (610) 683-7361 or [ctemchatin@kasd.org](mailto:ctemchatin@kasd.org).

Sincerely,

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