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Dear District 70 Families:

District 70 will initiate an Illinois school safety helpline aimed at providing students a place to report information that might prevent bullying, suicide, and campus violence for the 2022-23 school year.

The program, Safe2Help, was launched statewide (Oct. 2021) and is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and allows students to confidentially share school safety issues. The service is free to schools. While District 70 encourages students who feel unsafe to confide in a trusted adult, Safe2Help allows students who cannot reach out in person to instead reach out for help via a mobile app, a text or phone call, or seek aid through Safe2Help.com.

Information gleaned from Safe2Help is vetted and shared immediately with local school officials, mental health professionals, and/or local law enforcement and 911 if calls reference immediate threats. The program offers District 70 support by connecting students with tools and mental health resources to help students before they harm themselves or others.

District 70 continues to offer students online bullying and harassment forms for each school that can be found on the website at d70schools.org under Student Supports - Bullying. The section offers a google form to provide details for either K-5 or 6-8 grades. Students in K-8 also can seek help at the schools in filling out a bullying form in the school.

In Partnership,

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