

Dear Southern Family,

We are committed to sustaining a comprehensive, coordinated effort to improve the overall safety and well-being of our students and staff.

Today, January 14, 2019, Pennsylvania is launching the “Safe2Say Something” (S2SS) anonymous reporting system for schools. This program, which is mandated under PA state law, teaches middle school and high school 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 report this concern to a trusted adult OR use its anonymous reporting system.

Our District will continue using *SafeSchools Alert* as our tip reporting service until students and staff are trained on the S2SS system. *SafeSchools Alert* (existing system) may be accessed via the quick link on the District website (www.sycsd.org).

Required training for middle and high school students will begin on January 29, 2019. This training is important because students often are aware of the problems their peers are facing, so we want to empower them to know warning signs of a potential threat and give them the tools to help each other with the assistance of trained and caring adults.

We thank you for your support and partnership as we work collaboratively to keep our students and staff safe.

Sincerely,
Southern York County School District