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Dear Rochester Parents and Guardians,

Safe2Say Something is a youth violence prevention program run by the Pennsylvania Office of the Attorney General. Safe2Say Something (S2SS) teaches youth how to recognize warning signs and signals, especially within social media, from individuals who may be a threat to themselves or others and to “say something” BEFORE it is too late.

All K-12 schools in Pennsylvania are required by state law to participate the Safe2Say Something program. The program requires our school district to train students in our middle and senior high schools how to utilize a 24/7 tip line, app, and website to submit anonymous tips regarding student and school safety. These tools went live on January 14, 2019. Tips are triaged by Analysts in the Office of the Attorney General Crisis Center. The analysts triage each tip to ensure there is enough information to act upon, determine if the tip is life safety or non-life safety, as well as conduct on-going 2-way dialog with the tipster when needed. The crisis center sends all submissions to school administration and/or law enforcement for intervention. If needed, the crisis center may contact the tipster anonymously through the app.

Trained administrators will serve on Rochester Area School District’s Safe2Say Team. Training and information will be provided to middle school and high school students February 7. Students in our elementary schools will not be trained, but any student, parent, or community member is able to submit a tip using the Safe2Say Something reporting system. If you would like to review the training and information that will be shared with the students, we will be providing a community training on Monday, February 4, 2019, at 6:30 p.m., in the High School Cafeteria. Please RSVP by clicking on the link on our website or Facebook page, or by calling the Superintendent’s Office.

You will find the parent information provided by Safe2Say Something on our website. In the coming weeks, we will also post our student training presentation. For additional information, you may also visit <https://www.safe2saypa.org/>.

Thank you for your cooperation as we work to ensure the safety of our students, families, schools, and community.

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