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Dear Families:

As mandated under PA state law/Act 44, the district is required to participate in the "Safe2Say Something" (S2SS) program beginning on January 14, 2019. This program teaches 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 *Say Something* to a trusted adult OR use its anonymous reporting system. The S2SS program will teach students what to look for in text, video and photos while empowering them to act quickly to help a fellow student. Specifically, the program educates participants to:

- Recognize the signs and signals of at-risk behaviors – especially within social media
- 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
- Respond to and manage the submitted tip via a school-based multi-disciplinary educator and administrator teams

Students in grades 6-12 will be trained beginning January 14, 2019, to recognize the signs and signals of individuals who may be at risk of hurting themselves or others along with how to use the S2SS anonymous reporting system. Middle school students will participate in training sessions on Monday, January 14, 2019, and the high school students will be trained on Tuesday, January 22, 2019, after midterm exams.

For more information, please click on the following link for a one-page overview of the program:  
<http://www.wjhsd.net/Downloads/Safe2Safe%20pageOverview2.pdf>

If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us or your building principal.

Sincerely,

Scott Milburn  
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