



PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Special Education Department

2233 Route 115, Suite 100
Brodheads ville, PA 18322



(570) 402-1000, Extension 1310
Fax (570) 992-1902

AJ Kise
Director of Pupil Services

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Monday February 25th, 2019

In 2018, the Pennsylvania General Assembly passed Act 44 mandating the establishment and use of the “Safe2Say Something” (S2SS) anonymous reporting system by every Pennsylvania school entity starting January 14, 2019.

The Pleasant Valley School District administrators have actively been participating in trainings provided by the Office of Attorney General since the establishment of the Safe2Say Something” (S2SS).

As a district we feel that it is important to provide our students the most accurate information and will be scheduling in-person certified trainers to train our students and staff on Friday March 1st, 2019. Sandy Hook Promise (SHP) will provide an in-person trainer to deliver the information assembly-style for student’s grades 5-12. These trainers specialize in teen delivery and engagement and bring expertise of the program to further knowledge delivery and credibility of the potential impact of the program.

This program, which is mandated under PA state law / Act 44, 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. Specifically, the program educates participants to:

- Recognize the signs and signals of at-risk behaviors – especially within social media
- Take every sign and signal seriously; act quickly to get help by talking to a trusted adult OR
- Report it anonymously through the Safe2Say Something 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
- Sustain the curriculum and awareness via student clubs, in-school activities and call-to-action weeks

Safe2Say Something is based on a three-step system:

- An anonymous tip is submitted via one of the following options:
 1. Website: <https://www.safe2saypa.org/>
 2. Tipline: 1-844-SAF2SAY
 3. Mobile App for Apple and Android Devices

The 24/7 S2SS Crisis Center receives all calls and tips.

1. A S2SS Crisis Center analyst receives and reviews tip information.
2. The tip is triaged and categorized as either life safety or non-life safety.
3. The tip is then sent to school officials and law enforcement (as needed) via text, email, and/or phone call.



PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Special Education Department

**2233 Route 115, Suite 100
Brodheads ville, PA 18322**

**(570) 402-1000, Extension 1310
Fax (570) 992-1902**

**AJ Kise
Director of Pupil Services**

School officials and law enforcement intervene and/or offer assistance

1. School officials and law enforcement (as needed) investigate, assess, and intervene with reported at-risk individuals.
2. School officials report their outcomes into the Safe2Say Something platform and close out the tip, ensuring accountability for every tip submitted.

The Safe2Say Something program is being provided through Sandy Hook Promise (SHP), a nation-wide non-profit organization. SHP's programs are in 50 states – with 10,000+ schools and over 5.5 million students and adults trained. They have a track record, reputation, and knowledge of how to work effectively with kids, parents, and teachers to improve school safety and culture. The program is age appropriate and research-based. They also have funding to provide and sustain the program at NO COS to our school (and all schools statewide).

We ask our families and students to continue to be our eyes and ears in our community. We need you to continue to report to us any safety concerns or possible threats against our schools that you may hear about or see posted on social media. I hope you and your children will continue to trust us to act immediately to investigate and resolve any concern you report to us, whether it is a possible threat to our schools or a concern about the safety and health of another student.

Thank you.