

# AUSTIN MEEHAN MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents / Guardians:

The School District of Philadelphia is committed to creating and sustaining a comprehensive, coordinated effort to improve the overall safety and well-being of our students, staff, visitors and families. Maintaining safe, secure and productive educational environments for our school communities remains our highest priority.

To this end, and under the direction and support of the Pennsylvania Office of the Attorney General, the District will begin implementing "Safe2Say Something" (S2SS) anonymous reporting system for grades 6-12. S2SS is a statewide 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 warning sign and signal seriously; 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
  - Website: [www.safe2saypa.org](http://www.safe2saypa.org)
  - Tip-line: 1-844-SAF2SAY

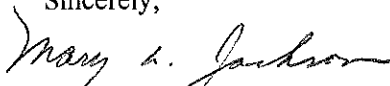
Our students are often aware of the problems their peers are facing, so we must empower them to know the danger signs and give them the tools to help each other with the assistance of trained and caring adults. As you know, most conversations are taking place on social media, so it is critical that we teach our students to look out for one another as these digital conversations are taking place. S2SS teaches them what to look for in text, video and photos while empowering them to act quickly to help a fellow student.

We anticipate and hope that S2SS may help prevent suicides, reduce bullying and cyberbullying and intervene in situations involving various forms of self harm, drug use, racial conflicts, and other violent and victimization acts.

Training will be held February 22, 2019 for all students. Parents can find additional detailed information on the Safe2Say Something program by visiting, <https://www.safe2saypa.org/parents-educators/>

If you have any questions or would like additional information regarding this program, please contact the school.

Sincerely,



Mary A. Jackson  
Principal