



We Build Futures

Neshaminy School District

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Dear Neshaminy School District Community,

As a school system, our constant priority is the safety and security of our Neshaminy School District students. Within the district, various internal processes are in place to allow us to effectively and confidently address and resolve safety concerns. The District, Middletown Township Police, and Lower Southampton Police Departments also benefit from a strong, collaborative and communicative relationship. Now, as a result of the Pennsylvania General Assembly passing Act 44 2018, we will soon have another way for the police and district staff members to learn about and respond to potentially critical situations.

Among other safety measures, already in place here at Neshaminy, Act 44 has mandated the establishment and use of the "Safe2Say Something" (S2SS) Anonymous Reporting Program by every Pennsylvania school entity. "S2SS is a youth violence prevention program run by the Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General's Office. The program teaches youth and adults how to recognize warning signs and signals from individuals who may be a threat to themselves or others and to 'say something' before it is too late." S2SS provides a way for individuals to anonymously report concerning information through a dedicated app, website, and 24/7 Crisis Center Hotline.

[You can learn more about S2SS on the program's website here.](#)

Our students often are 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. Therefore, it is critical that we teach our students to look out for one another as these digital conversations are taking place. S2SS teaches students what to look for in text, video and photos while empowering them to act quickly to help a fellow student.

During the week of April 8th, all NSD students in grades 5 through 12 will learn more about the S2SS program and how they can report at-risk student behaviors. The importance of using this system to communicate real student concerns for others will be stressed.

As a district we are confident in the effectiveness of the current processes in place, both within the district and our working relationship with Middletown and Lower Southampton Police Departments. We will continue to employ these procedures to address and resolve student safety and security concerns. We value the relationship the district and the police have built and we will continue to work closely together as we have in the past. S2SS is simply another layer of security added to our existing protocols. To that end, we must stress that a person's first step in the case of any potentially life-threatening or emergency situation should always be calling 911.

If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call my office directly at 215-809-6510.

Sincerely,

Paul F. Meehan
Assistant to the Superintendent/

Director of Administration