

Message from the Superintendent – March 2019

School safety is the focus of many of our school and district initiatives. This year we are introducing two additional security features, PA's Safe2Say program and a Visitor Identification system.

This year, the state of Pennsylvania launched Safe2Say, an anonymous tip line to allow threats to be reported so that threats can be reviewed, acted upon, and interventions can be put into place. Anyone can provide information using this system; it is monitored by the state attorney general's office to assure it is being used for proper purposes. Students and staff are being provided information about Safe2Say. To utilize this anonymous tip system, log on to www.saysomething.net.

In order to help continue to provide a safe learning environment in our schools, Shippensburg Area School District will begin using a visitor identification screening system this spring. Beginning in mid-March, all visitors, including volunteers, will be asked to present a valid state issued ID to the school when visiting during normal school hours.

By screening identification, we will be able to verify visitors are not on identifiable registered sex offenders watch lists. No information will be transferred to local, state or federal law enforcement agencies. Additionally, we will print visitor identification badges and be able to accurately monitor all visitors and volunteers in the school. A visitor's badge will not be necessary for those who visit our schools simply to drop off or pick up an item in the office.

We appreciate everyone's support and help as we take one additional step to ensure the safety of our staff and students!

Yours in education,

Jerry Wilson, PhD
Superintendent