Annual Report

2018 – 2019 School Year

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I. Safe2Say Something Background

In 2018, the General Assembly passed Act 44, which mandated the Office of Attorney General to establish the "Safe2Say Something" (S2SS) anonymous reporting system and required every Pennsylvania school entity to participate in the program by January 14, 2019.

S2SS is a life-saving and life-changing school safety program that teaches students, educators, and administrators how: (1) to recognize the signs and signals of individuals who may be at risk of hurting themselves or others, and (2) to anonymously report this information through the S2SS app, website, or 24/7 Crisis Center Hotline.

The OAG, in partnership with Sandy Hook Promise (SHP), a leader in anonymous reporting systems, has built out the app, website, and PA-based 24/7 Crisis Center. SHP is a national non-profit committed to creating safe schools and communities through their four evidenced-based Know the Signs intervention programs.

Students, educators and administrators have the opportunity to be trained 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 to submit tips of the signs and signals they observe. Since January 14, 2019, approximately 863,986 Pennsylvania students have been trained.

OAG Crisis Center analysts are trained to vet and triage tips by: (1) conducting 2-way anonymous dialog with tipsters to gather missing information and ensure enough information is provided for schools and local law enforcement to act upon, (2) categorizing each tip as either "Life Safety" or "Non-Life Safety," for ease of prioritization by tip recipients, and (3) delivering the tip to the impacted school and, when needed, its local law enforcement via 911 county dispatch.

II.   Reporting Requirements

In accordance with Act 44 of 2018, Section 1307-D (a), the Safe2Say Something Program Annual Report is respectfully submitted to the chairperson and minority chairperson of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees, and the chairperson and the minority chairperson of the House and Senate Education Committees.

As required by law, the data included covers the previous school year, starting January 14, 2019 through June 30, 2019, related to the following:

1.   The number of reports received for the previous school year.
2.   The total number of reports received since the program began.
3.   A breakdown of reports by type.
4.   A breakdown of the method by which the report was received.
5.   A breakdown of the reports by Intermediate Unit, utilizing only aggregate data
6.   The total cost to operate the program, including staffing costs, administrative costs, and support costs.
7.   The total number of false reports received.
8.   Any other information the Attorney General deems appropriate.

III.   Findings for the 2018-2019 School Year, January 14, 2019 –June 30, 2019

1. Number of reports received, and total number of report received since the launch of the program.

Since the launch of the program, the tip line has received **23,494 tips**. This number excludes any false reports received, as well as any test tips to the system.

2. Breakdown of reports by type.

The chart below represents a breakdown of reports by type and includes the top 10 categories of tips received by the Safe2Say Something Program since the launch. The top 3 categories are Bullying/Cyber Bullying, Cutting/Self-Harm, and Suicide/ Suicide Ideation. The Safe2Say Something Program has 49 different event types to choose from on the mobile application as well as additional event types that only the Safe2Say Something Investigative Analysts can designate during triage.

TIP TOTALS 01/14/19 - 06/30/19	
Event Types	**Total**
Bullying / Cyber Bullying	3558
Cutting / Self-Harm	2529
Suicide / Suicide Ideation	2184
Depression / Anxiety	2121
Drug Use / Distribution / Possession	1921
Smoking (Tobacco, E-Cig, Vape) in School	1448
Inappropriate Language/Behavior/Gesture	949
Threat Against School	607
General Harassment	574
Threat Against Person	523

The remaining event types and total tip numbers are available upon request.

3. Breakdown of the method by which the report was received.

Reports can be received by the Safe2Say Something Program in 3 ways. A report can be submitted via theSafe2Say Something mobile application, which is available for download. Reports can also be submitted through the Safe2Say Something website, as well as calling the hotline and speaking to an investigative analyst directly. The chart below represents the breakdown of the method by which tips were submitted.

TIP SOURCE	TOTAL
Web Site	3,585
Mobile App	19,392
Phone Call	517

4. Breakdown of the reports by Intermediate Unit, utilizing only aggregate data.

The following is a breakdown of reports, grouped by Intermediate Units. This breakdown contains the tip numbers for all school districts registered with the Safe2Say Program, within their assigned Intermediate Unit, as required in Act 44. Also, for the purpose of streamlining and simplifying the data, Intermediate Unit's 2 and 3 were combined.

PA Intermediate Units	TOTAL TIP NUMBERS
Intermediate Unit 1	500
Pittsburgh - Mt. Oliver IU 2 / Allegheny IU 3	1,940
Midwestern IU 4	1,306
Northwest Tri-County IU 5	523
Riverview IU 6	249
Westmoreland IU 7	1,304
Appalachia IU 8	809
Seneca Highlands IU 9	375
Central IU 10	374
Tuscarora IU 11	243
Lincoln IU 12	856
Lancaster - Lebanon IU 13	997
Berks County IU 14	529
Capital Area IU 15	1,611
Central Susquehanna IU 16	616
Blast IU 17	726
Luzerne IU 18	1,045
Northeastern Educational IU 19	647
Colonial IU 20	1,496
Carbon - Lehigh IU 21	1,282
Bucks County IU 22	1,403
Montgomery County IU 23	1,276
Chester County IU 24	1,590
Delaware County IU 25	565
Philadelphia IU 26	304
Beaver Valley IU 27	398
ARIN IU 28	387
Schuylkill IU 29	454

*It is important to note that some tips received involved multiple schools creating duplicate tip statistics.

5. The total cost to operate the program, including staffing costs, administrative costs and support cost.

The following figure represents the cost for launch and operation of the crisis center for the fiscal year of 2019**: $743,428.**

6. The total number of false reports received

The Safe2Say Something Program has received a total of 1,300 tips that were designated as prank tips. There were a total of 887 tips that were immediately identified as prank tips by the crisis center analysts. These tips were delivered to the school account without sending a notification to the school team.

There were a total of 413 tips containing the disposition of "False Alarm/Deliberate Abuse of System." From those we removed duplicate tips as well as tips that were labeled "insufficient evidence". Removal of the 89 tips containing multiple dispositions leaves us with 324 False Alarm/Deliberate Abuse of System Tips.

7. Total number of schools and students trained

All 500 of Pennsylvania's public school districts are registered with the Safe2Say Something Program. Since the launch of the Safe2Say Something Program on January 14, 2019, a total of 998 schools or school districts have registered to train their students, through either self-led trainings, an in person trainer from Sandy Hook Promise, or using an interactive video. The number of students that received Safe2Say Something training, from January to June, totaled 864,333.

IV. Conclusion and Recommendation

The majority of tips received by Safe2Say have not been about students making violent threats to their school or to their classmates--instead, they have been focused on students struggling with mental health issues. The numbers in this report show the reality of what our children are facing in school as they struggle with bullying, anxiety and thoughts of self-harm. The Attorney General urges Pennsylvania's Legislature to read this report, study the data and act to address the need for increased mental health resources for students across our Commonwealth.

Appendix A:

Breakdown of Top Ten Report Categories
By Intermediate Unit

This breakdown contains the tip numbers for all school districts registered with the Safe2Say Program, within their assigned Intermediate Unit, as required in Act 44.

Intermediate Unit 1

Event Type	Totals
Bullying / Cyber Bullying	91
Suicide / Suicide Ideation	65
Cutting / Self-Harm	61
Drug Use / Distribution / Possession	44
Smoking (Tobacco, E-Cig, Vape) in School	38
Depression / Anxiety	33
Inappropriate Language/Behavior/Gesture	21
General Harassment	14
Distributing Inappropriate Photos	11
Inappropriate Physical Contact	10

Pittsburgh-Mount Oliver Intermediate Unit 2 and Allegheny Intermediate Unit 3

Event Type	Totals
Bullying / Cyber Bullying	327
Drug Use / Distribution / Possession	170
Cutting / Self-Harm	158
Suicide / Suicide Ideation	154
Depression / Anxiety	136
Inappropriate Language/Behavior/Gesture	100
Smoking (Tobacco, E-Cig, Vape) in School	85
Threat Against School	66
Threat Against Person	55
General Harassment	54

Midwestern Intermediate Unit 4

Event Type	Totals
Bullying / Cyber Bullying	249
Cutting / Self-Harm	139
Depression / Anxiety	105
Smoking (Tobacco, E-Cig, Vape) in School	94
Suicide / Suicide Ideation	87
Drug Use / Distribution / Possession	85
Inappropriate Language/Behavior/Gesture	69
Non-Actionable Tip	28
Anger Issues	27
Sexting	27

Northwest Tri-County Intermediate Unit 5

Event Type	Totals
Bullying / Cyber Bullying	104
Suicide / Suicide Ideation	72
Cutting / Self-Harm	64
Depression / Anxiety	45
Smoking (Tobacco, E-Cig, Vape) in School	38
Drug Use / Distribution / Possession	30
Inappropriate Language/Behavior/Gesture	13
Anger Issues	12
Disorderly / Dangerous Conduct	11
Distributing Inappropriate Photos	10

Riverview Intermediate Unit 6

Event Type	Totals
Cutting / Self-Harm	34
Depression / Anxiety	33
Bullying / Cyber Bullying	32
Suicide / Suicide Ideation	31
Drug Use / Distribution / Possession	24
Smoking (Tobacco, E-Cig, Vape) in School	14
General Harassment	10
Alcohol Possession	8
Physical Abuse	5
Sexual Assault / Rape	5

Westmoreland Intermediate Unit 7

Event Type	Totals
Bullying / Cyber Bullying	162
Smoking (Tobacco, E-Cig, Vape) in School	151
Drug Use / Distribution / Possession	134
Cutting / Self-Harm	108
Suicide / Suicide Ideation	94
Depression / Anxiety	76
Inappropriate Language/Behavior/Gesture	52
Anger Issues	44
Threat Against School	39
Planned Attack / Fight / Assault	37

Appalachia Intermediate Unit 8

Event Type	Totals
Bullying / Cyber Bullying	103
Cutting / Self-Harm	99
Suicide / Suicide Ideation	87
Drug Use / Distribution / Possession	64
Depression / Anxiety	63
Smoking (Tobacco, E-Cig, Vape) in School	37
Inappropriate Language/Behavior/Gesture	30
General Harassment	24
Planned Attack / Fight / Assault	21
Threat Against Person	19

Seneca Highlands Intermediate Unit 9

Event Type	Totals
Bullying / Cyber Bullying	56
Depression / Anxiety	52
Suicide / Suicide Ideation	40
Cutting / Self-Harm	39
Drug Use / Distribution / Possession	26
Smoking (Tobacco, E-Cig, Vape) in School	25
Threat Against Person	13
Anger Issues	11
General Harassment	10
Inappropriate Language/Behavior/Gesture	9

Central Intermediate Unit 10

Event Type	Totals
Depression / Anxiety	48
Bullying / Cyber Bullying	42
Cutting / Self-Harm	36
Suicide / Suicide Ideation	34
Drug Use / Distribution / Possession	27
Smoking (Tobacco, E-Cig, Vape) in School	25
Inappropriate Language/Behavior/Gesture	12
General Harassment	10
Sexual Harassment	10
Threat Against School	10

Tuscarora Intermediate Unit 11

Event Type	Totals
Cutting / Self-Harm	40
Suicide / Suicide Ideation	38
Bullying / Cyber Bullying	30
Smoking (Tobacco, E-Cig, Vape) in School	22
Depression / Anxiety	19
Drug Use / Distribution / Possession	19
Anger Issues	6
General Harassment	5
Inappropriate Language/Behavior/Gesture	5
Sexual Harassment	5

Lincoln Intermediate Unit 12

Event Type	Totals
Suicide / Suicide Ideation	140
Cutting / Self-Harm	130
Bullying / Cyber Bullying	120
Depression / Anxiety	85
Drug Use / Distribution / Possession	55
Inappropriate Language/Behavior/Gesture	26
Smoking (Tobacco, E-Cig, Vape) in School	26
Threat Against School	21
Threat Against Person	20
Distributing Inappropriate Photos	19

Lancaster-Lebanon Intermediate Unit 13

Event Type	Totals
Cutting / Self-Harm	150
Bullying / Cyber Bullying	124
Depression / Anxiety	115
Suicide / Suicide Ideation	106
Drug Use / Distribution / Possession	65
Inappropriate Language/Behavior/Gesture	41
Smoking (Tobacco, E-Cig, Vape) in School	33
Threat Against School	30
General Harassment	25
Planned Attack / Fight / Assault	24

Berks County Intermediate Unit 14

Event Type	Totals
Cutting / Self-Harm	80
Suicide / Suicide Ideation	67
Bullying / Cyber Bullying	64
Drug Use / Distribution / Possession	49
Depression / Anxiety	39
Smoking (Tobacco, E-Cig, Vape) in School	28
Inappropriate Language/Behavior/Gesture	25
Weapons / Explosive Device	13
Anger Issues	11
Physical Abuse	11

Capital Area Intermediate Unit 15

Event Type	Totals
Bullying / Cyber Bullying	261
Cutting / Self-Harm	177
Suicide / Suicide Ideation	149
Depression / Anxiety	142
Drug Use / Distribution / Possession	115
Inappropriate Language/Behavior/Gesture	73
Smoking (Tobacco, E-Cig, Vape) in School	67
Non-Actionable Tip	54
General Harassment	53
Threat Against Person	39

Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit 16

Event Type	Totals
Bullying / Cyber Bullying	72
Cutting / Self-Harm	72
Suicide / Suicide Ideation	69
Drug Use / Distribution / Possession	52
Smoking (Tobacco, E-Cig, Vape) in School	49
Depression / Anxiety	47
Inappropriate Language/Behavior/Gesture	19
Planned Attack / Fight / Assault	18
Weapons / Explosive Device	14
General Harassment	11

BLaST Intermediate Unit 17

Event Type	Totals
Bullying / Cyber Bullying	134
Cutting / Self-Harm	89
Suicide / Suicide Ideation	73
Depression / Anxiety	69
Drug Use / Distribution / Possession	49
Smoking (Tobacco, E-Cig, Vape) in School	42
Inappropriate Language/Behavior/Gesture	39
General Harassment	18
Threat Against Person	13
Sexual Harassment	12

Luzerne Intermediate Unit 18

Event Type	Totals
Bullying / Cyber Bullying	152
Depression / Anxiety	107
Cutting / Self-Harm	105
Smoking (Tobacco, E-Cig, Vape) in School	94
Drug Use / Distribution / Possession	85
Suicide / Suicide Ideation	77
Inappropriate Language/Behavior/Gesture	39
Threat Against School	34
Planned Attack / Fight / Assault	28
Threat Against Person	24

Northeastern Educational Intermediate Unit 19

Event Type	Totals
Bullying / Cyber Bullying	131
Cutting / Self-Harm	78
Suicide / Suicide Ideation	65
Depression / Anxiety	62
Smoking (Tobacco, E-Cig, Vape) in School	37
Drug Use / Distribution / Possession	33
Inappropriate Language/Behavior/Gesture	23
Threat Against School	17
Planned Attack / Fight / Assault	15
General Harassment	13

Colonial Intermediate Unit 20

Event Type	Totals
Cutting / Self-Harm	197
Bullying / Cyber Bullying	186
Depression / Anxiety	150
Drug Use / Distribution / Possession	137
Suicide / Suicide Ideation	116
Smoking (Tobacco, E-Cig, Vape) in School	76
Threat Against School	56
Inappropriate Language/Behavior/Gesture	52
General Harassment	41
Threat Against Person	39

Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit 21

Event Type	Totals
Bullying / Cyber Bullying	186
Cutting / Self-Harm	121
Depression / Anxiety	116
Drug Use / Distribution / Possession	112
Suicide / Suicide Ideation	106
Smoking (Tobacco, E-Cig, Vape) in School	76
Threat Against Person	47
Inappropriate Language/Behavior/Gesture	46
General Harassment	40
Threat Against School	33

Bucks County Intermediate Unit 22

Event Type	Totals
Bullying / Cyber Bullying	202
Cutting / Self-Harm	144
Depression / Anxiety	143
Drug Use / Distribution / Possession	134
Suicide / Suicide Ideation	132
Smoking (Tobacco, E-Cig, Vape) in School	81
Inappropriate Language/Behavior/Gesture	51
General Harassment	35
Anger Issues	33
Threat Against School	33

Montgomery County Intermediate Unit 23

Event Type	Totals
Bullying / Cyber Bullying	217
Drug Use / Distribution / Possession	122
Cutting / Self-Harm	115
Depression / Anxiety	113
Suicide / Suicide Ideation	94
Smoking (Tobacco, E-Cig, Vape) in School	75
Threat Against School	52
Inappropriate Language/Behavior/Gesture	44
Planned Attack / Fight / Assault	31
General Harassment	25

Chester County Intermediate Unit 24

Event Type	Totals
Bullying / Cyber Bullying	228
Suicide / Suicide Ideation	167
Depression / Anxiety	158
Cutting / Self-Harm	133
Drug Use / Distribution / Possession	129
Inappropriate Language/Behavior/Gesture	88
Smoking (Tobacco, E-Cig, Vape) in School	72
Anger Issues	42
General Harassment	40
Disorderly / Dangerous Conduct	35

Delaware County Intermediate Unit 25

Event Type	Totals
Bullying / Cyber Bullying	91
Suicide / Suicide Ideation	63
Depression / Anxiety	60
Cutting / Self-Harm	45
Drug Use / Distribution / Possession	33
Threat Against School	32
Planned Attack / Fight / Assault	25
Inappropriate Language/Behavior/Gesture	22
Smoking (Tobacco, E-Cig, Vape) in School	20
Threat Against Person	15

Philadelphia Intermediate Unit 26

Event Type	Totals
Bullying / Cyber Bullying	47
Depression / Anxiety	41
Suicide / Suicide Ideation	35
Cutting / Self-Harm	28
Drug Use / Distribution / Possession	26
Smoking (Tobacco, E-Cig, Vape) in School	13
General Harassment	10
Threat Against School	9
Planned Attack / Fight / Assault	9
Anger Issues	8

Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit 27

Event Type	Totals
Bullying / Cyber Bullying	62
Cutting / Self-Harm	42
Suicide / Suicide Ideation	37
Depression / Anxiety	32
Smoking (Tobacco, E-Cig, Vape) in School	26
Drug Use / Distribution / Possession	19
Inappropriate Language/Behavior/Gesture	18
Threat Against Person	16
Threat Against School	14
Inappropriate Physical Contact	12

ARIN Intermediate Unit 28

Event Type	Totals
Smoking (Tobacco, E-Cig, Vape) in School	61
Cutting / Self-Harm	41
Bullying / Cyber Bullying	37
Drug Use / Distribution / Possession	36
Suicide / Suicide Ideation	30
Depression / Anxiety	18
Inappropriate Language/Behavior/Gesture	13
Threat Against Person	11
General Harassment	10
Disorderly / Dangerous Conduct	9

Schuylkill Intermediate Unit 29

Event Type	Totals
Bullying / Cyber Bullying	62
Drug Use / Distribution / Possession	58
Cutting / Self-Harm	54
Smoking (Tobacco, E-Cig, Vape) in School	43
Suicide / Suicide Ideation	37
Depression / Anxiety	30
Inappropriate Language/Behavior/Gesture	17
Threat Against Person	17
Planned Attack / Fight / Assault	12
Non-Actionable Tip	8