



Annual Report
2021 – 2022 School Year



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I. Safe2Say Something Overview

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.

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 July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020, related to the following:

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

III. Findings for the 2021-2022 School Year, July 1, 2021 –June 30, 2022

1. Number of reports received, and total number of report received since the launch of the program (January 14, 2019).

Since the launch of the program, the tip line has received **82,995 tips**. This number excludes any false reports received, as well as any test tips to the system.

For the 2021-2022 school year, the Safe2Say Something program received **26,174** tips. This number also excludes false report received, and any test tips.

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, Smoking (Tobacco, E-Cig, Vape) in School, and Suicide / Suicide Ideation. The Safe2Say Something Program has 52 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 07/01/2021 - 06/30/2022	
Event Type	Count
Bullying / Cyber Bullying	4062
Smoking (Tobacco, E-Cig, Vape) in School	2100
Suicide / Suicide Ideation	2071
Cutting / Self-Harm	1839
Drug Distribution / Possession	1638
Threat Against School	1633
Inappropriate Language/Behavior/Gesture	1235
Harassment / Intimidation	1145
Depression / Anxiety	870
General Student Concern	785

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 the Safe2Say 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. The website submissions are further broken down between tips that are submitted via a PC and tips submitted using a mobile browser (i.e. cell phone or tablet).

TIP SOURCE	TOTAL
Phone Call	438
Mobile App	8,209
Mobile Web Browser	11,170
PC Web Browser	7,424



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	619
Pittsburgh - Mt. Oliver IU 2 / Allegheny IU 3	2638
Midwestern IU 4	1094
Northwest Tri-County IU 5	474
Riverview IU 6	245
Westmoreland IU 7	1372
Appalachia IU 8	1486
Seneca Highlands IU 9	247
Central IU 10	675
Tuscarora IU 11	235
Lincoln IU 12	1236
Lancaster - Lebanon IU 13	1402
Berks County IU 14	504
Capital Area IU 15	1608
Central Susquehanna IU 16	509
Blast IU 17	497
Luzerne IU 18	765
Northeastern Educational IU 19	717
Colonial IU 20	1700
Carbon - Lehigh IU 21	2055
Bucks County IU 22	1680
Montgomery County IU 23	1973
Chester County IU 24	1470
Delaware County IU 25	938
Philadelphia IU 26	268
Beaver Valley IU 27	295
ARIN IU 28	543
Schuylkill IU 29	383

*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 **fiscal year** cost for operation of the crisis center, continuing education, and outreach for the program: **\$1.66 Million.**

6. The total number of false reports received

The Office of Attorney General classifies false reports into 2 categories: tips immediately identified as being false, and those determined to be false based off of an investigation conducted by the school team or police. The number of false reports made to the system this year is at 4%.

During the 2021 – 2022 school year, the Safe2Say Something Program has received a total of 1,053 tips that were designated as false reports or prank tips.

There were a total of 669 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 384 tips containing the disposition of "Deliberate Abuse of System" which are tips that contain seemingly credible information yet proven untrue upon investigation; or the information was provided with the intention to harm or disrupt.

False tips submitted to Safe2Say present safety risks to students and drain program and law enforcement resources. While false tips are rare, it is critical to the success of the program to keep false tips rare. The Office of Attorney General (OAG) encourages District Attorneys to investigate and file charges in the event of a false tip as a deterrent, and the OAG is prepared to assist local District Attorneys in these investigations.

7. Total number of schools and students trained

Student training was offered this year through either self-led trainings, an in person trainer, or using an interactive video. A training model was created in the previous year for students who were home schooling as well. The number of students that received Safe2Say Something training during the 2021 – 2022 school year, totaled approximately 650,000.



IV. Comparison from Previous Reports

In the previous school year (July 1, 2020 – June 2021), the Safe2Say Something Program received **10,495 tips**. During the 2021-2022 school year, (July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022), the Safe2Say Something Program received **26,174 tips**, which was an **increase of 15,679 tips**. The Safe2Say Something Program has received more tips this school year, than any year prior. Life Safety Tips this year were at **15%** of all tips received, which was a decrease from the previous year which was at 21%.

V. Conclusion and Recommendation

The Safe2Say Something Program, saw a significant increase in tips this school year. The Safe2Say Something Program has also seen a rise in reports received related to threats against schools, one of the initial purposes of the program. This school year alone, 25 weapons were recovered as a result of tips received to the Safe2Say Something Program. This is significantly more than the previous school year, where 3 weapons were recovered as a result of Safe2Say Tips.

In addition to the threat of violence, our children continue to face an increased pressure on their mental health that previous generations have not experienced, from youth gun violence to bullying and isolation on social media. Parents need help to guide their children through these challenges, and our teachers are not able to meet these demands themselves.

The numbers in this report show the reality of what our children are facing day to day, and the Attorney General urges the General Assembly to analyze this data and address the need for increased counseling and mental health resources for students across our Commonwealth.

Expanding support for mental health in our schools will ultimately keep more students safe and help our youngest generation respond to many of the challenges they face today in a safe and healthy way.



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	74
Smoking (Tobacco, E-Cig, Vape) in School	70
Drug Distribution/Possession	59
Cutting/Self Harm	44
Suicide/Suicide Ideation	39
Threat Against School	38
Inappropriate Language/Behavior/Gesture	35
Sharing Inappropriate Photos / Sexting	19
Threat Against Person	18
Harassment / Intimidation	15

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

Event Type	Totals
Bullying / Cyber Bullying	432
Threat Against School	211
Smoking (Tobacco, E-Cig, Vape) in School	192
Suicide / Suicide Ideation	161
Drug Distribution / Possession	141
Inappropriate Language/Behavior/Gesture	128
Cutting/Self Harm	128
Harassment/Intimidation	118
Planned Attack / Fight / Assault	94
General Student Concern	73



Midwestern Intermediate Unit 4

Event Type	Totals
Bullying / Cyber Bullying	165
Smoking (Tobacco, E-Cig, Vape) in School	130
Cutting / Self-Harm	95
Drug Distribution/ Possession	82
Suicide / Suicide Ideation	64
Inappropriate Language/ Behavior/ Gesture	57
General Student Concern	35
Depression / Anxiety	29
Harassment/ Intimidation	29
Substance Abuse (Alcohol, Drugs)	19

Northwest Tri-County Intermediate Unit 5

Event Type	Totals
Bullying/ Cyber Bullying	85
Suicide / Suicide Ideation	44
Cutting/ Self Harm	39
Smoking (Tobacco, E-Cig, Vape) in School	35
Drug Distribution/ Possession	33
Threat Against School	25
Harassment / Intimidation	20
Inappropriate Language/Behavior/Gesture	17
Depression/ Anxiety	15
Planned Attack / Fight / Assault	9



Riverview Intermediate Unit 6

Event Type	Totals
Cutting / Self-Harm	38
Bullying / Cyber Bullying	33
Smoking (Tobacco, E-Cig, Vape) in School	33
Suicide / Suicide Ideation	27
Drug Distribution / Possession	13
Depression / Anxiety	12
Harassment / Intimidation	10
General Student Concern	9
Hate Crime / Hate Speech / Discrimination	8
Sharing Inappropriate Photos / Sexting	7

Westmoreland Intermediate Unit 7

Event Type	Totals
Bullying/ Cyber Bullying	189
Smoking (Tobacco, E-Cig, Vape) in School	182
Drug Distribution / Possession	123
Cutting/ Self-Harm	91
Inappropriate Language/Behavior/Gesture	68
Threat Against School	66
Suicide / Suicide Ideation	55
Harassment/ Intimidation	47
Sharing Inappropriate Photos / Sexting	42
Substance Abuse (Alcohol, Drugs)	39

Appalachia Intermediate Unit 8

Event Type	Totals
Bullying/ Cyber Bullying	237
Smoking (Tobacco, E-Cig, Vape) in School	142
Cutting / Self-Harm	126
Suicide / Suicide Ideation	101
Drug Distribution / Possession	98
Threat Against School	59
Inappropriate Language/Behavior/Gesture	59
General Student Concern	55
Harassment / Intimidation	43
Planned Attack / Fight / Assault	24

Seneca Highlands Intermediate Unit 9

Event Type	Totals
Bullying / Cyber Bullying	41
Suicide / Suicide Ideation	29
Cutting / Self-Harm	26
Smoking (Tobacco, E-Cig, Vape) in School	25
Drug Distribution / Possession	17
Inappropriate Language/Behavior/Gesture	11
Inappropriate Relationship	8
Substance Abuse (Alcohol, Drugs)	7
Vandalism	4
Harassment / Intimidation	4

Central Intermediate Unit 10

Event Type	Totals
Bullying / Cyber Bullying	98
Suicide / Suicide Ideation	93
Cutting / Self-Harm	68
Threat Against School	40
Depression / Anxiety	38
Harassment / Intimidation	34
Smoking (Tobacco, E-Cig, Vape) in School	29
Inappropriate Language/Behavior/Gesture	25
Threat Against Person	16
General Student Concern	15

Tuscarora Intermediate Unit 11

Event Type	Totals
Bullying / Cyber Bullying	49
Smoking (Tobacco, E-Cig, Vape) in School	23
Cutting/ Self-Harm	21
Suicide / Suicide Ideation	18
Harassment / Intimidation	12
Depression/ Anxiety	11
Inappropriate Language/Behavior/Gesture	10
Drug Distribution / Possession	10
Hate Crime / Hate Speech / Discrimination	7
General Student Concern	7

Lincoln Intermediate Unit 12

Event Type	Totals
Bullying / Cyber Bullying	172
Suicide / Suicide Ideation	119
Cutting/ Self-Harm	96
Threat Against School	84
Smoking (Tobacco, E-Cig, Vape) in School	78
Drug Distribution / Possession	68
Harassment / Intimidation	66
Inappropriate Language/ Behavior/ Gesture	59
Anger Issues	24
Planned Attack / Fight / Assault	23

Lancaster-Lebanon Intermediate Unit 13

Event Type	Totals
Bullying/ Cyber Bullying	187
Suicide/ Suicide Ideation	118
Threat Against School	113
Cutting / Self-Harm	96
Inappropriate Language/Behavior/Gesture	92
Drug Distribution / Possession	81
Smoking (Tobacco, E-Cig, Vape) in School	76
Harassment / Intimidation	60
Hate Crime / Hate Speech / Discrimination	41
Depression / Anxiety	26



Berks County Intermediate Unit 14

Event Type	Totals
Suicide / Suicide Ideation	60
Bullying/ Cyber Bullying	56
Drug Distribution / Possession	38
Cutting / Self-Harm	36
Depression / Anxiety	34
Threat Against School	30
Smoking (Tobacco, E-Cig, Vape) in School	23
Harassment / Intimidation	20
Inappropriate Language/Behavior/Gesture	18
General Student Concern	16

Capital Area Intermediate Unit 15

Event Type	Totals
Bullying / Cyber Bullying	207
Suicide / Suicide Ideation	122
Cutting / Self-Harm	115
Smoking (Tobacco, E-Cig, Vape) in School	89
Threat Against School	70
Drug Distribution / Possession	66
Substance Abuse (Alcohol, Drugs)	53
Depression / Anxiety	53
Harassment / Intimidation	39
Hate Crime / Hate Speech / Discrimination	30

Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit 16

Event Type	Totals
Bullying / Cyber Bullying	74
Drug Distribution / Possession	44
Cutting / Self-Harm	39
Smoking (Tobacco, E-Cig, Vape) in School	37
Suicide / Suicide Ideation	36
Threat Against School	24
Harassment/ Intimidation	19
Threat Against Person	18
Inappropriate Language/Behavior/Gesture	17
General Student Concern	15

BLaST Intermediate Unit 17

Event Type	Totals
Bullying/ Cyber Bullying	74
Cutting / Self-Harm	46
Suicide / Suicide Ideation	45
Smoking (Tobacco, E-Cig, Vape) in School	37
Drug Distribution / Possession	34
Inappropriate Language/Behavior/Gesture	27
Harassment / Intimidation	23
Substance Abuse (Alcohol, Drugs)	16
Domestic Violence / Child abuse	15
Threat Against School	14

Luzerne Intermediate Unit 18

Event Type	Totals
Bullying / Cyber Bullying	100
Smoking (Tobacco, E-Cig, Vape) in School	87
Threat Against School	69
Cutting / Self-Harm	60
Suicide / Suicide Ideation	52
Drug Distribution / Possession	42
General Student Concern	26
Harassment / Intimidation	25
Planned Attack / Fight / Assault	22
Inappropriate Language/Behavior/Gesture	22

Northeastern Educational Intermediate Unit 19

Event Type	Totals
Bullying / Cyber Bullying	111
Smoking (Tobacco, E-Cig, Vape) in School	109
Drug Distribution / Possession	56
Suicide / Suicide Ideation	41
Cutting/ Self-Harm	36
Threat Against School	30
Inappropriate Language/Behavior/Gesture	26
Hate Crime / Hate Speech / Discrimination	25
General Student Concern	22
Depression / Anxiety	17

Colonial Intermediate Unit 20

Event Type	Totals
Smoking (Tobacco, E-Cig, Vape) in School	175
Bullying / Cyber Bullying	173
Suicide / Suicide Ideation	135
Threat Against School	116
Drug Distribution / Possession	107
Cutting / Self-Harm	89
Inappropriate Language/ Behavior/ Gesture	65
Depression / Anxiety	58
Harassment / Intimidation	42
Planned Attack / Fight / Assault	32

Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit 21

Event Type	Totals
Bullying / Cyber Bullying	281
Suicide / Suicide Ideation	161
Cutting/ Self-Harm	125
Smoking (Tobacco, E-Cig, Vape) in School	106
Drug Distribution / Possession	102
Threat Against School	89
Harassment/ Intimidation	85
Inappropriate Language/Behavior/Gesture	72
Depression / Anxiety	65
Hate Crime / Hate Speech / Discrimination	41



Bucks County Intermediate Unit 22

Event Type	Totals
Bullying/ Cyber Bullying	265
Suicide / Suicide Ideation	120
Cutting / Self-Harm	107
Smoking (Tobacco, E-Cig, Vape) in School	99
Drug Distribution / Possession	94
Threat Against School	91
Inappropriate Language/Behavior/Gesture	86
Harassment / Intimidation	80
Depression/ Anxiety	73
General Student Concern	59

Montgomery County Intermediate Unit 23

Event Type	Totals
Bullying / Cyber Bullying	341
Suicide / Suicide Ideation	163
Threat Against School	155
Inappropriate Language/Behavior/Gesture	117
Cutting / Self-Harm	116
Harassment / Intimidation	109
Drug Distribution/ Possession	99
Smoking (Tobacco, E-Cig, Vape) in School	76
Hate Crime / Hate Speech / Discrimination	69
General Student Concern	62



Chester County Intermediate Unit 24

Event Type	Totals
Bullying / Cyber Bullying	214
Suicide / Suicide Ideation	136
Cutting / Self-Harm	91
Drug Distribution / Possession	89
Threat Against School	85
Harassment / Intimidation	79
Smoking (Tobacco, E-Cig, Vape) in School	69
Inappropriate Language/Behavior/Gesture	65
Depression / Anxiety	64
Substance Abuse (Alcohol, Drugs)	52

Delaware County Intermediate Unit 25

Event Type	Totals
Bullying / Cyber Bullying	151
Smoking (Tobacco, E-Cig, Vape) in School	83
Suicide / Suicide Ideation	68
Drug Distribution / Possession	62
Threat Against School	61
Cutting / Self-Harm	49
Hate Crime / Hate Speech / Discrimination	44
Harassment / Intimidation	39
Inappropriate Language/Behavior/Gesture	38
Depression / Anxiety	34

Philadelphia Intermediate Unit 26

Event Type	Totals
Bullying / Cyber Bullying	53
Suicide / Suicide Ideation	37
Depression / Anxiety	21
Threat Against School	20
Cutting / Self-Harm	16
Smoking (Tobacco, E-Cig, Vape) in School	9
Harassment / Intimidation	9
Anger Issues	9
Concern About an Adult	8
Sexual Assault / Rape	7

Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit 27

Event Type	Totals
Bullying / Cyber Bullying	41
Cutting / Self-Harm	28
Suicide / Suicide Ideation	27
Threat Against School	23
Harassment / Intimidation	18
Smoking (Tobacco, E-Cig, Vape) in School	17
Drug Distribution / Possession	13
Sharing Inappropriate Photos / Sexting	11
General Student Concern	11
Inappropriate Language/Behavior/Gesture	9

ARIN Intermediate Unit 28

Event Type	Totals
Bullying / Cyber Bullying	90
Cutting / Self-Harm	47
Threat Against School	42
Suicide / Suicide Ideation	35
Smoking (Tobacco, E-Cig, Vape) in School	29
Harassment / Intimidation	25
General Student Concern	24
Inappropriate Language/Behavior/Gesture	19
Domestic Violence / Child abuse	15
Substance Abuse (Alcohol, Drugs)	13

Schuylkill Intermediate Unit 29

Event Type	Totals
Bullying/ Cyber Bullying	71
Suicide / Suicide Ideation	49
Smoking (Tobacco, E-Cig, Vape) in School	33
Cutting / Self-Harm	27
Drug Distribution / Possession	25
Inappropriate Language/Behavior/Gesture	21
General Student Concern	15
Threat Against Person	11
Harassment / Intimidation	11
Threat Against School	10