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2024 – 2025 School Year



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**Safe2Say Something
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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 nonprofit 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, 2024, through June 30, 2025, 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 2024-2025 School Year, July 1, 2024 –June 30, 2025

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

Since the launch of the program, the tip line has received **178,599 tips**. This number excludes any false reports received, as well as any test tips to the system.

For the 2024-2025 school year, the Safe2Say Something program received **32,012 tips**. This number excludes false reports 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 Program in the 2024-2025 school year. The Safe2Say Something Program has 34 different event types to choose from as well as additional event types that only the Safe2Say Something Investigative Analysts can designate during triage.



TOP 10 EVENT TYPES 7/1/2024 – 6/30/2025	
Event Type	Count
Bullying / Cyber Bullying	5498
Suicide / Suicide Ideation	2607
Drug Distribution / Possession	2496
Smoking (Tobacco, E-Cig, Vape) in School	2407
Inappropriate Language/Behavior/Gesture	2054
Threat Against School	2020
Cutting / Self-Harm	1980
Threat Against Person	1518
Substance Abuse (Alcohol, Drugs)	1164
General Student Concern	1029

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

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

Reports can be received by the Safe2Say Something Program in 4 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, texting, and calling the hotline. 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	628
Mobile App	6099
Mobile Web Browser	15965
PC Web Browser	10366



VIII. 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	906
Pittsburgh - Mt. Oliver IU 2 / Allegheny IU 3	2240
Midwestern IU 4	1035
Northwest Tri-County IU 5	977
Riverview IU 6	318
Westmoreland IU 7	1784
Appalachia IU 8	1620
Seneca Highlands IU 9	314
Central IU 10	622
Tuscarora IU 11	400
Lincoln IU 12	2308
Lancaster - Lebanon IU 13	1804
Berks County IU 14	805
Capital Area IU 15	1966
Central Susquehanna IU 16	628
Blast IU 17	709
Luzerne IU 18	806
Northeastern Educational IU 19	845
Colonial IU 20	2299
Carbon - Lehigh IU 21	1830
Bucks County IU 22	1719
Montgomery County IU 23	2405
Chester County IU 24	1390
Delaware County IU 25	1026
Philadelphia IU 26	473
Beaver Valley IU 27	372
ARIN IU 28	552
Schuylkill IU 29	529

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



IX. 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: **\$2.0 Million.**

X. 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 an investigation conducted by the school team or police. The number of false reports made to the system this year is at 3.1%.

During the 2024 – 2025 school year, the Safe2Say Something Program has received a total of 1,025 tips that were designated as false reports or prank tips.

There was a total of 562 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 was a total of 463 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 will investigate any referrals from school districts or local law enforcement regarding allegations of false reporting or misuse of the system. The Office of Attorney General (OAG) also encourages District Attorneys to pursue and file charges in cases of a false tip, as a deterrent. Additionally, the OAG will assist local law enforcement in these investigations as well.

XI. Total number of schools and students trained.

Student training was offered this year through either self-led training, an in-person trainer, or using an interactive video. A training model was created in the 2020-2021 school year for students who were home schooling as well. The number of students that received Safe2Say Something training during the 2024 – 2025 school year, totaled **523,997**.



IV. Comparison from Previous Reports

In the previous school year (July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024), the Safe2Say Something Program received **32,873 tips**. During the 2024-2025 school year, (July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025), the Safe2Say Something Program received **32,012 tips**, which was a **2.6% decrease**. This year, Life Safety Tips accounted for 12.5% of all tips received, a slight increase from the previous school year.

Event Type	2023-2024	2024-2025	% Change
Bullying / Cyber Bullying	6392	5498	-14%
Suicide / Suicide Ideation	2424	2607	+8%
Drug Distribution / Possession	2537	2496	-2%
Smoking (Tobacco, E-Cig, Vape) in School	2712	2407	-11%
Inappropriate Language/Behavior/Gesture	2191	2054	-6%
Threat Against School	1111	2020	+82%
Cutting / Self-Harm	2038	1980	-3%
Threat Against Person	1373	1518	+11%
Substance Abuse (Alcohol, Drugs)	1208	1164	-4%
General Student Concern	911	1029	+13%

2024-2025 Top 10 Event Types shown. Percentages have been rounded to the nearest whole number.

V. Conclusion

This year, we saw an 8% increase in tips related to *Suicide/Suicidal Ideation*, highlighting the ongoing mental health struggles many students continue to face. This trend reinforces the importance of ensuring access to meaningful support and resources.

Reports of *Threats Against Schools* stood out as a notable exception among reporting categories, increasing by 82%. This rise may reflect heightened caution and awareness following nationally publicized school violence incidents over the past year. It also underscores the continued need to focus on school-related safety threats and the importance of proactive reporting. Increased reporting can be a positive sign, as it allows school personnel to intervene early and prevent potential harm.

Despite these specific increases, the overall number of tips received this year declined by 2.6%, with most reporting categories experiencing decreases.

A total of 28 weapons were recovered this school year as a result of tips submitted to the Safe2Say Something Program, bringing the total number of weapons recovered to 151 since the Program's launch.



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

IU 1 Top 10

Event Type	Totals
Bullying / Cyber Bullying	138
Smoking (Tobacco, E-Cig, Vape) in School	137
Drug Distribution / Possession	87
Suicide / Suicide Ideation	72
Inappropriate Language/Behavior/Gesture	56
Threat Against School	50
Threat Against Person	37
Cutting / Self-Harm	34
Substance Abuse (Alcohol, Drugs)	32
General Student Concern	23



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

Allegheny County

Event Type	Totals
Bullying / Cyber Bullying	420
Threat Against School	169
Suicide / Suicide Ideation	159
Drug Distribution / Possession	152
Inappropriate Language/Behavior/Gesture	144
Threat Against Person	136
Smoking (Tobacco, E-Cig, Vape) in School	136
Cutting / Self-Harm	110
Substance Abuse (Alcohol, Drugs)	71
Weapons / Explosive Device	70

Midwestern Intermediate Unit 4

IU 4 Totals

Event Type	Totals
Bullying / Cyber Bullying	177
Smoking (Tobacco, E-Cig, Vape) in School	130
Drug Distribution / Possession	102
Suicide / Suicide Ideation	70
Inappropriate Language/Behavior/Gesture	66
Cutting / Self-Harm	62
Threat Against Person	52
Substance Abuse (Alcohol, Drugs)	44
General Student Concern	35
Threat Against School	30



Northwest Tri-County Intermediate Unit 5

IU 5 Totals

Event Type	Totals
Bullying / Cyber Bullying	140
Smoking (Tobacco, E-Cig, Vape) in School	120
Suicide / Suicide Ideation	109
Drug Distribution / Possession	84
Inappropriate Language/Behavior/Gesture	62
Cutting / Self-Harm	61
Substance Abuse (Alcohol, Drugs)	46
Threat Against Person	37
General Student Concern	25
Concern About Adult	24

Riverview Intermediate Unit 6

IU 6 TOTALS

Event Type	Totals
Bullying / Cyber Bullying	48
Smoking (Tobacco, E-Cig, Vape) in School	36
Suicide / Suicide Ideation	34
Drug Distribution / Possession	31
Inappropriate Language/Behavior/Gesture	27
Cutting / Self-Harm	19
General Student Concern	15
Substance Abuse (Alcohol, Drugs)	15
Threat Against Person	13
Threat Against School	12



Westmoreland Intermediate Unit 7

Westmoreland

Event Type	Totals
Bullying / Cyber Bullying	295
Smoking (Tobacco, E-Cig, Vape) in School	286
Drug Distribution / Possession	225
Threat Against School	140
Inappropriate Language/Behavior/Gesture	104
Suicide / Suicide Ideation	101
Cutting / Self-Harm	74
Threat Against Person	63
Substance Abuse (Alcohol, Drugs)	57
General Student Concern	53

Appalachia Intermediate Unit 8

IU 8 TOTALS

Event Type	Totals
Bullying / Cyber Bullying	303
Drug Distribution / Possession	129
Cutting / Self-Harm	128
Suicide / Suicide Ideation	126
Inappropriate Language/Behavior/Gesture	107
Threat Against School	107
Smoking (Tobacco, E-Cig, Vape) in School	103
Threat Against Person	69
Substance Abuse (Alcohol, Drugs)	68
General Student Concern	66



Seneca Highlands Intermediate Unit 9

IU 9 TOTALS

Event Type	Totals
Bullying / Cyber Bullying	46
Drug Distribution / Possession	45
Smoking (Tobacco, E-Cig, Vape) in School	44
Suicide / Suicide Ideation	41
Threat Against School	22
Cutting / Self-Harm	21
Threat Against Person	16
Substance Abuse (Alcohol, Drugs)	14
Inappropriate Language/Behavior/Gesture	10
Depression / Anxiety	8

Central Intermediate Unit 10

IU 10 TOTALS

Event Type	Totals
Bullying / Cyber Bullying	90
Suicide / Suicide Ideation	74
Cutting / Self-Harm	65
Drug Distribution / Possession	47
Smoking (Tobacco, E-Cig, Vape) in School	44
Inappropriate Language/Behavior/Gesture	41
Threat Against Person	32
General Student Concern	27
Threat Against School	20
Substance Abuse (Alcohol, Drugs)	17



Tuscarora Intermediate Unit 11

IU 11 TOTALS

Event Type	Totals
Bullying / Cyber Bullying	45
Suicide / Suicide Ideation	38
Cutting / Self-Harm	35
Drug Distribution / Possession	27
Smoking (Tobacco, E-Cig, Vape) in School	24
Threat Against Person	21
Inappropriate Language/Behavior/Gesture	20
Planned Attack / Fight / Assault	8
Threat Against School	6
Substance Abuse (Alcohol, Drugs)	6

Lincoln Intermediate Unit 12

IU 12 TOTALS

Event Type	Totals
Bullying / Cyber Bullying	332
Threat Against School	241
Suicide / Suicide Ideation	202
Cutting / Self-Harm	179
Smoking (Tobacco, E-Cig, Vape) in School	172
Drug Distribution / Possession	163
Inappropriate Language/Behavior/Gesture	117
Threat Against Person	116
General Student Concern	77
Substance Abuse (Alcohol, Drugs)	71



Lancaster-Lebanon Intermediate Unit 13

Lancaster - Lebanon IU 13

Event Type	Total
Bullying / Cyber Bullying	270
Threat Against School	170
Suicide / Suicide Ideation	163
Inappropriate Language/Behavior/Gesture	126
Drug Distribution / Possession	124
Smoking (Tobacco, E-Cig, Vape) in School	112
Cutting / Self-Harm	99
Threat Against Person	82
Substance Abuse (Alcohol, Drugs)	75
Planned Attack / Fight / Assault	74

Berks County Intermediate Unit 14

Berks

Event Type	Total
Bullying / Cyber Bullying	133
Drug Distribution / Possession	94
Suicide / Suicide Ideation	85
Smoking (Tobacco, E-Cig, Vape) in School	59
Substance Abuse (Alcohol, Drugs)	44
Threat Against Person	43
Inappropriate Language/Behavior/Gesture	40
Cutting / Self-Harm	38
Threat Against School	36
Planned Attack / Fight / Assault	28



Capital Area Intermediate Unit 15

IU 15 TOTAL

Event Type	Total
Bullying / Cyber Bullying	385
Suicide / Suicide Ideation	169
Cutting / Self-Harm	136
Inappropriate Language/Behavior/Gesture	128
Threat Against Person	113
Threat Against School	111
Drug Distribution / Possession	107
Smoking (Tobacco, E-Cig, Vape) in School	67
General Student Concern	60
Substance Abuse (Alcohol, Drugs)	55

Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit 16

IU 16 TOTAL

Event Type	Total
Bullying / Cyber Bullying	106
Suicide / Suicide Ideation	52
Cutting / Self-Harm	47
Drug Distribution / Possession	36
Inappropriate Language/Behavior/Gesture	32
Domestic Violence / Child abuse (Verbal or Physical)	25
Smoking (Tobacco, E-Cig, Vape) in School	22
Threat Against School	22
Threat Against Person	21
Substance Abuse (Alcohol, Drugs)	19



BLaST Intermediate Unit 17

Top 10 BLAST IU 17

Event Type	Total
Bullying / Cyber Bullying	116
Suicide / Suicide Ideation	86
Cutting / Self-Harm	68
Smoking (Tobacco, E-Cig, Vape) in School	67
Drug Distribution / Possession	49
Threat Against Person	33
Depression / Anxiety	31
Substance Abuse (Alcohol, Drugs)	28
Threat Against School	28
Inappropriate Language/Behavior/Gesture	26

Luzerne Intermediate Unit 18

Top 10 Luzerne IU 18

Event Type	Total
Bullying / Cyber Bullying	179
Inappropriate Language/Behavior/Gesture	66
Cutting / Self-Harm	57
Suicide / Suicide Ideation	48
Threat Against Person	48
Smoking (Tobacco, E-Cig, Vape) in School	43
Threat Against School	32
Planned Attack / Fight / Assault	29
General Student Concern	28
Drug Distribution / Possession	26



Northeastern Educational Intermediate Unit 19

Top 10 Northeastern Educational IU 19

Event Type	Total
Bullying / Cyber Bullying	182
Suicide / Suicide Ideation	69
Drug Distribution / Possession	64
Inappropriate Language/Behavior/Gesture	63
Threat Against School	63
Smoking (Tobacco, E-Cig, Vape) in School	59
Cutting / Self-Harm	52
Threat Against Person	44
General Student Concern	32
Substance Abuse (Alcohol, Drugs)	23

Colonial Intermediate Unit 20

Top 10 Colonial IU 20

Event Type	Total
HandleWithCare	363
Bullying / Cyber Bullying	261
Threat Against School	213
Drug Distribution / Possession	181
Smoking (Tobacco, E-Cig, Vape) in School	165
Suicide / Suicide Ideation	148
Inappropriate Language/Behavior/Gesture	121
Cutting / Self-Harm	111
Threat Against Person	81
Planned Attack / Fight / Assault	72



Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit 21

Top 10 Carbon-Lehigh IU 21

Event Type	Total
HandleWithCare	370
Bullying / Cyber Bullying	225
Suicide / Suicide Ideation	136
Cutting / Self-Harm	124
Threat Against School	113
Drug Distribution / Possession	104
Inappropriate Language/Behavior/Gesture	91
Threat Against Person	72
Smoking (Tobacco, E-Cig, Vape) in School	71
Planned Attack / Fight / Assault	50

Bucks County Intermediate Unit 22

Bucks

Event Type	Total
Bullying / Cyber Bullying	342
Drug Distribution / Possession	143
Suicide / Suicide Ideation	135
Smoking (Tobacco, E-Cig, Vape) in School	115
Inappropriate Language/Behavior/Gesture	106
Cutting / Self-Harm	95
Substance Abuse (Alcohol, Drugs)	82
Threat Against Person	81
General Student Concern	59
Threat Against School	57



Montgomery County Intermediate Unit 23

Montgomery

Event Type	Total
Bullying / Cyber Bullying	437
Inappropriate Language/Behavior/Gesture	215
Suicide / Suicide Ideation	203
Drug Distribution / Possession	185
Cutting / Self-Harm	128
Threat Against Person	116
Smoking (Tobacco, E-Cig, Vape) in School	111
Threat Against School	108
Substance Abuse (Alcohol, Drugs)	106
General Student Concern	83

Chester County Intermediate Unit 24

Chester

Event Type	Total
Bullying / Cyber Bullying	285
Suicide / Suicide Ideation	141
Inappropriate Language/Behavior/Gesture	99
Drug Distribution / Possession	76
Threat Against Person	70
Threat Against School	69
Cutting / Self-Harm	69
Smoking (Tobacco, E-Cig, Vape) in School	59
General Student Concern	51
Depression / Anxiety	46



Delaware County Intermediate Unit 25

Delaware

Event Type	Total
Bullying / Cyber Bullying	222
Suicide / Suicide Ideation	81
Smoking (Tobacco, E-Cig, Vape) in School	77
Inappropriate Language/Behavior/Gesture	75
Drug Distribution / Possession	70
Cutting / Self-Harm	52
Substance Abuse (Alcohol, Drugs)	49
Threat Against Person	47
General Student Concern	38
Threat Against School	33

Philadelphia Intermediate Unit 26

Philadelphia

Event Type	Total
Bullying / Cyber Bullying	100
Threat Against School	37
Inappropriate Language/Behavior/Gesture	32
Threat Against Person	30
Concern About an Adult	26
Planned Attack / Fight / Assault	25
General School Complaint	23
Hate Crime / Hate Speech / Discrimination	22
Cutting / Self-Harm	20
Drug Distribution / Possession	19



Beaver Valley Intermediate Unit 27

Beaver

Event Type	Total
Suicide / Suicide Ideation	61
Drug Distribution / Possession	38
Bullying / Cyber Bullying	38
Cutting / Self-Harm	35
Threat Against School	24
Substance Abuse (Alcohol, Drugs)	21
Smoking (Tobacco, E-Cig, Vape) in School	19
Inappropriate Language/Behavior/Gesture	19
General Student Concern	13
Threat Against Person	12

ARIN Intermediate Unit 28

Top 10 ARIN IU 28

Event Type	Total
Bullying / Cyber Bullying	90
Suicide / Suicide Ideation	62
Cutting / Self-Harm	49
Drug Distribution / Possession	38
Threat Against School	37
Substance Abuse (Alcohol, Drugs)	30
Smoking (Tobacco, E-Cig, Vape) in School	29
Threat Against Person	27
Inappropriate Language/Behavior/Gesture	26
General Student Concern	19



Schuylkill Intermediate Unit 29

Schuylkill

Event Type	Total
Threat Against School	77
Smoking (Tobacco, E-Cig, Vape) in School	66
Bullying / Cyber Bullying	65
Drug Distribution / Possession	46
Cutting / Self-Harm	46
Suicide / Suicide Ideation	36
Threat Against Person	31
Substance Abuse (Alcohol, Drugs)	22
Inappropriate Language/Behavior/Gesture	22
Planned Attack / Fight / Assault	19