January 22, 2019

Dear Parents and Guardians:

On June 22, 2018, the Pennsylvania Legislator enacted Act 44 of 2018 to strengthen school safety. As part of this legislation, Pennsylvania Office of the Attorney General has collaborated with Sandy Hook Promise to roll out the Safe2Say Something reporting system statewide. This system allows for an individual to submit anonymous safety concerns to help identify and intervene when unsafe or harmful behaviors take place.

The Safe2Say Something program 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 the Crisis Center Hotline. The following provides an overview of how the program works:

- **Safe2Say Something** works through five easy steps:
  - A tip is submitted via mobile app, website or by calling the PA-based Crisis Center.
  - The tip is then triaged by the crisis center to gather enough information to act on it.
  - The tip is then delivered to the impacted school and, as needed, local law enforcement.
  - The school and/or local law enforcement assess and intervene with the at-risk individual as needed.
  - The school then closes out the tip and reports actions taken.
- The Office of the Attorney General (OAG) has established **Safe2Say Something** and will manage and maintain the program.
- **Safe2Say Something** platform allows the official users (Crisis Center analysts, school entities and local law enforcement) to view and act against tips using their PC or mobile device.
- **Safe2Say Something** was mandated to be launched on January 14, 2019.

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. The Safe2Say Something program teaches them what to look for in text, video and photos while empowering them to act quickly to help a fellow student. In the near future, DCIU will have information on our website (www.dciu.org) for parents and guardians to learn more about the program. In the coming weeks, students will be trained on how to use the Safe to Say Something program.

Please be aware that administration and staff are always available to discuss and support our students through these very same issues. Your child can reach out to a staff member, counselor, or me if he/she needs to talk or is in need of support. If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call your school principal.

Sincerely,

Delaware County Intermediate Unit