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Dear Wildcat Students, Families, and Staff,

Ensuring that all of our students, teachers, and staff feel safe and supported at school is a top priority for our district. Keeping our schools safe requires a proactive approach that empowers our entire school community – students, educators, and other caring adults – to take meaningful action to protect our schools. Our proactive approach to school safety has now led us to partnering with the Sandy Hook Promise (SHP) and *Say Something* Anonymous Reporting System (SS-ARS). The *Say Something* Anonymous Reporting System is supported by the *Say Something* program, which trains youth and adults how to recognize warning signs of individuals who may be in crisis, and to tell a trusted adult either directly or via the anonymous reporting system.

The program is designed to train and educate students how to:

- **Recognize Warning Signs and Threats:** Recognize the warning signs and threats of individuals who may be at-risk of harming themselves or others
- **Act Immediately; Take it Seriously:** Learn why it's important to take action immediately when warning signs and threats are observed
- **Say Something:** Get help by talking to a trusted adult, as well as how to submit a tip using the Say Something Anonymous Reporting System (SS-ARS) through the telephone hotline, mobile app, or website that is available 24/7/365

We will launch the *Say Something* Anonymous Reporting System in our Wildcat community, with students in grades 4 through 12 training during the week of October 5th (training: on the warning signs and threats (risk of harming self or others), acting immediately, and how to say something).

- **Please click here to view a helpful parent/caregiver guide about the program.**

The *Say Something* Anonymous Reporting System program is provided at no cost by Sandy Hook Promise (SHP), a national nonprofit organization. Millions of youth and adults nationwide have participated in their evidence-informed "*Know the Signs*" programs, which includes *Say Something*. They have a proven track record of working effectively with kids, parents, and teachers to improve school safety and strengthen an inclusive school culture (For more information, visit SandyHookPromise.org.)

Thank you for your partnership in creating a safe and supportive community.
Sincerely,

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Sandy Hook PROMISE

SAY SOMETHING ANONYMOUS REPORTING SYSTEM

Students in grades 4 through 12 will be training our schools in the *Say Something*-Anonymous Report System on week of October 5th . Please read this flyer to learn about the program.



Program Overview

The *Say Something*-Anonymous Reporting System (ARS) program empowers students to be Upstanders and say something to a Trusted Adult when they recognize warning signs and threats as well as offers ways students can grow a community of Upstanders.

The program is designed around three goals that are accomplished using the program's framework and reinforced through the program cycle.

Goals

The three **goals** of the *Say Something*-ARS program are to teach students how to:

- Recognize warning signs and threats of someone who may be at-risk of hurting themselves or others.
- Say something to a Trusted Adult to get help and how to submit a tip to the Anonymous Reporting System.
- Grow a community of Upstanders who look out for one another.

Program Framework

The **goals** are accomplished using our three-step **program framework**:

1. **Recognize Warning Signs and Threats:** Learn what warning signs and threats are and where they are likely to be found.
2. **Act Immediately; Take it Seriously:** Learn why it's important to take action immediately when warning signs and threats are observed.
3. **Say Something:** Learn when to tell a trusted adult when warning signs and threats are observed as well as how to submit a tip using the *Say Something*- Anonymous Reporting System.