

Dear Wayne Carle families,

Recently, your students participated in a lesson/information on **How to Use SafeTell**. Safe2Tell Colorado provides students and adults in Colorado an increased ability to both prevent violence and report concerning behaviors by making safe, anonymous reports.

### **What do parents need to know about Safe2Tell?**

- Enables parents, students, and friends to report concerns in a way that keeps them safe
- Provides an innovative platform to report safety concerns allowing for digital uploads and two-way dialogue
- Increases awareness when school staff may not be aware that situation has or is occurring
- Notifies a team of school staff and law enforcement (when appropriate) of potentially harmful and dangerous situations, ensuring that at least one person takes action
- Educates on the issues facing children and youth
- Encourages bystanders to help a friend who is struggling or participating in unsafe behaviors
- Works in partnership and collaboration with schools, law enforcement agencies, and community organizations to protect children and youth in Colorado

### **What Safe2Tell Can/Cannot Do For You:**

- Safe2Tell is a way for students to report threats to their safety or the safety of someone else in a way that keeps them safe.
- Safe2Tell helps increase awareness when school staff and/or administrators may not be aware that a situation has or is occurring for the purpose of prevention, early intervention, education and awareness.
- If you choose to make a Safe2Tell report in order to advocate for your child's safety, the report will be sent to the school directly unless you specifically request notification to the Superintendent's office instead.
- Safe2Tell does not notify the Reporting Party of the report outcome. All outcome information is private and autonomous to Safe2Tell.
- If you have previously reported the situation to your school staff and are not satisfied with the outcome, Safe2Tell is not able to enforce a different outcome. Please find the venue within your school district for escalating these concerns.
- Safe2Tell is not a resource for keeping a "record" of your school or child's history.

### **What You Can Do to Advocate for Your Child:**

- Attempt to keep lines of communication open with your child's teacher, your school's administrative staff and your Superintendent's office.
- Always keep the best interests of the child at the forefront of the conversation.

- Please remember privacy laws protect EVERY student. No one is entitled to know the disciplinary outcome of another student.
- Ask your school/school district if there is a preferred protocol or resource staff dedicated to parents who need assistance advocating for their child.
- As a role model, have your student(s) help you download the Safe2Tell App on your phone.

*For more information about Safe2Tell and to find valuable resources for parents, visit [safe2tell.org](http://safe2tell.org).*