



Quakertown Community School District Safe2Say Update

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What is Safe2Say Something?

Safe2Say Something is a youth violence prevention program run by the Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General. The program teaches youth and adults how to recognize warning signs and signals, especially within social media, from individuals who may be a threat to themselves or others and to “say something” BEFORE it is too late. With Safe2Say Something, it’s easy and confidential to report safety concerns to help prevent violence and tragedies.

Here’s how it works:

- Submit an anonymous tip report through the Safe2SaySomething system
- Crisis center reviews, assesses and processes all submissions
- Crisis center sends all submissions to school administration and/or law enforcement for intervention
- If needed, crisis center may contact tipster anonymously through the app



Safe2Say Implementation

Initial

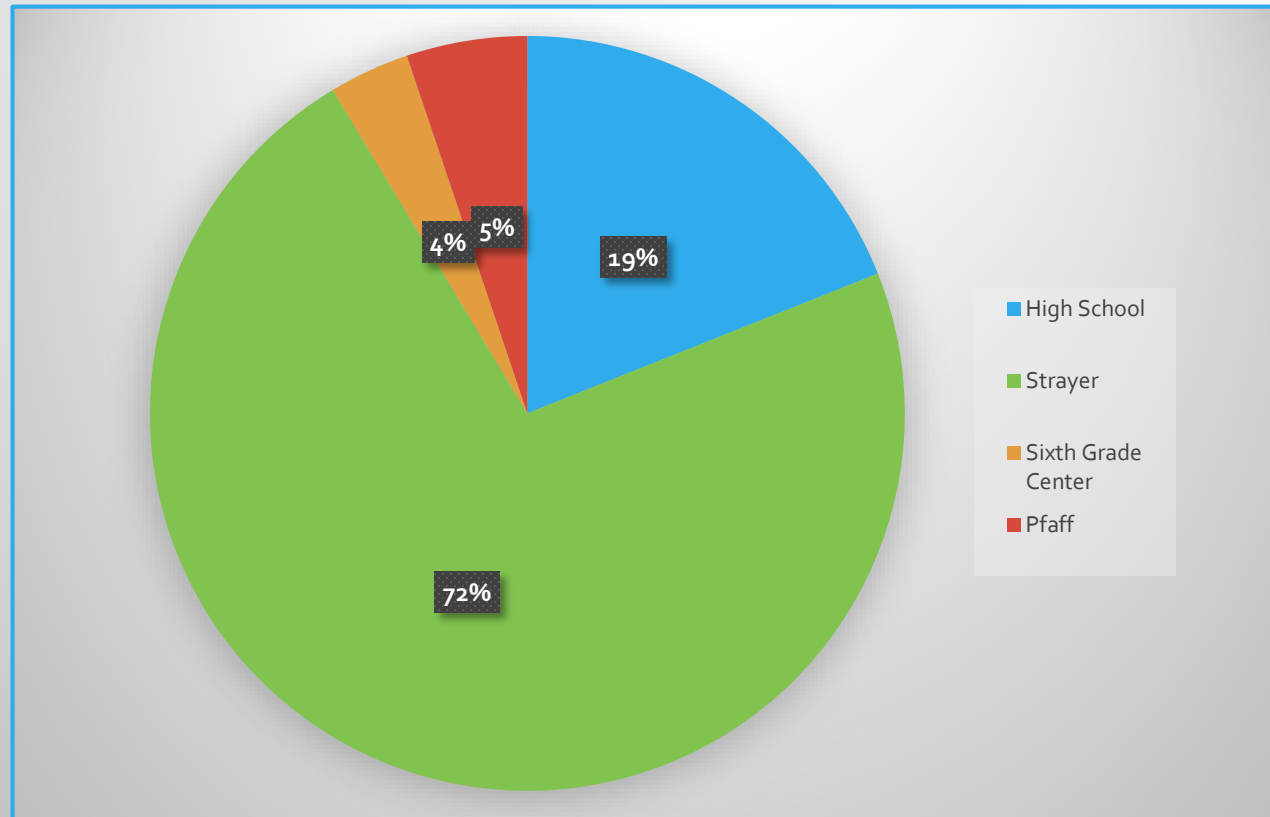
- Registration
- Identify 3-5 person district team
- Attend half day team training
- Portal/system setup
- Orientation with SROs
- Staff training/awareness
- Student (6-12) initial training
- Parent/Community awareness

Ongoing

- 24/7/365 Response
- Tip investigations
- Tip maintenance/disposition
- Annual training orientation for new staff and students



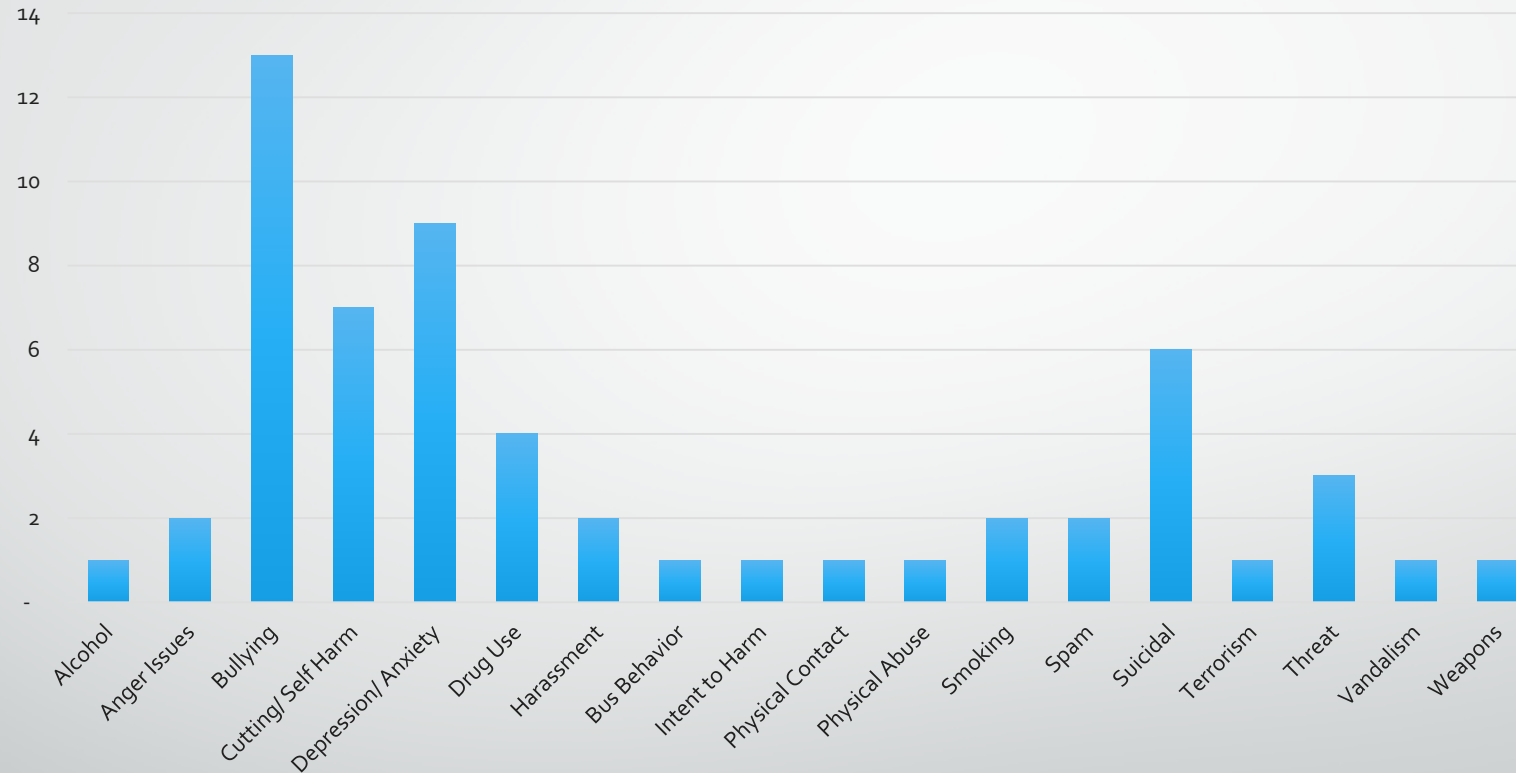
Safe2Say Tips as of 2/27/19



- **58** Tips Received
- 10 Life/Safety
- **53** Investigated and Closed



S2S TIPS BY CATEGORY AS OF 2-27-2019



The Good News

- Most tips are a student reaching out for help for another student or friend they are worried about – **our students care**
- Most students identified in tips are already connected to help – **our systems are working**



Concerns

- Hoaxes and “revenge” tips – a few so far
- 24/7/365 Response Expectations – schools do not have 2nd/3rd shift personnel
 - Recommending IU Call Center support
 - Summer/holiday breaks when professional staff do not work?
- Triage decisions, communication, and crisis follow-up
- Time and cost



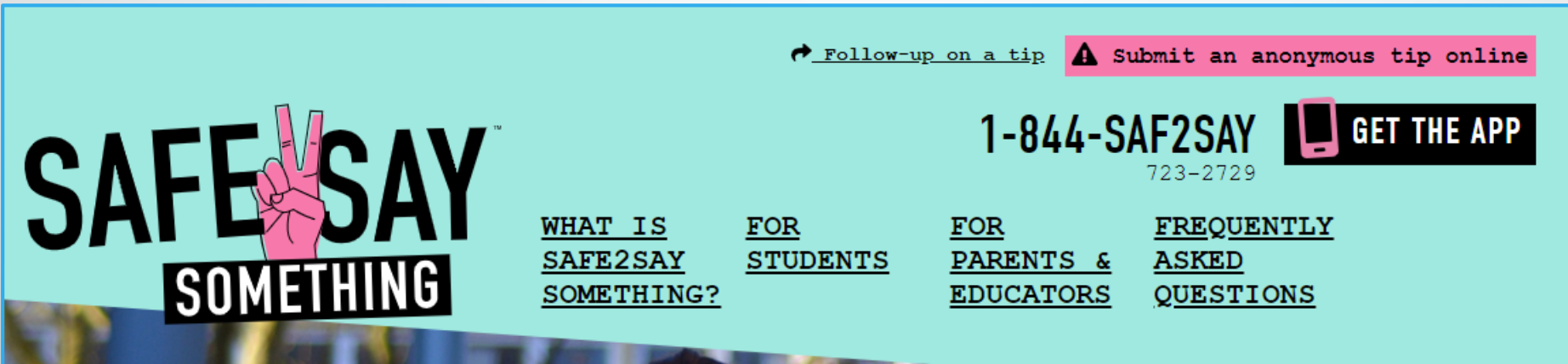
Unfunded Mandate

- Safe2Say creates a significant unfunded mandate for schools
- For QCSD:
 - Implementation: Approximately 50 hours of staff time
 - Training: Approximately 500 hours of staff time (for staff and student training)
 - Tip Response and Portal Management: ~20 minutes per tip x 58 tips = 19.3 hours of staff time
 - Tip Investigation and Follow Up: ~2.5 hours per tip x 58 tips = 145 hours of staff time
- Total for implementation and first six weeks of operation is approximately 714 hours of staff time = ~\$71,000



Resources

There are many resources and more information available at <https://www.safe2saypa.org/>



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