



# Bloomsburg Area School District

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Dear BASD Parents/Guardians,

As a school system, we are committed to creating and sustaining a comprehensive, coordinated effort to improve the overall safety and well-being of our students, educators and administrators. To do this, we believe this must involve community-wide programs and initiatives involving parents, teachers, administrators, local law enforcement, mental health & wellness professionals and elected officials to take meaningful action to protect our students.

**We are happy to announce the launch of the “Safe2Say Something” (S2SS) anonymous reporting system in Pennsylvania on Monday, January 14, 2019.** This program, which is mandated under PA state law/Act 44, teaches students, teachers, and administrators how to recognize warning signs and signals, especially within social media, of individuals who may be a threat to themselves or others and *Say Something* to a trusted adult OR use its anonymous reporting system. Specifically, the program educates participants to:

- Recognize the signs and signals of at-risk behaviors – especially within social media
- Take every sign and signal seriously; act quickly to get help by talking to a trusted adult OR
- Report it anonymously in one of three ways:
  - S2SS Office of the Attorney General 24/7 Crisis Center at **1.844.SAF2SAY**
  - Mobile app (Safe2SaySomething)
  - Website ([www.safe2saypa.org](http://www.safe2saypa.org))

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. In addition to our middle and high school students, this anonymous tip line is available to all District parents.

Additionally, you may have seen our school security guards on campus. Please find pictures of them below. Not only are they experienced in security, but they are also district parents. Their experience coupled with their personal interest in the safety of our students make them uniquely qualified to work with us. While they are primarily located at the secondary complex, they will be alternately rotating in buildings throughout the district. Please feel free to introduce yourself and welcome them when you see them.



Mr. Matthew Stone



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For more information on the District’s safety and security efforts, please visit our website, [www.bloomsd.org](http://www.bloomsd.org) and select District Safety from the quick links or section headings. Thank you for your support in our efforts to provide a safe environment for our students, faculty, and staff.