



Allen Park Public Schools

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OK2SAY

A new safety initiative, OK2SAY, is operated through a partnership of the Department of Attorney General, Michigan State Police, state agencies, state associations, schools, parents, law enforcement and community leaders, and is aimed at discouraging the persistent culture of silence among students who fear that reporting threatening behavior is intrusive and will lead to retaliation or result in a stigmatization of a “snitch.”

OK2SAY enables students to **confidentially report** potential harm or criminal activities aimed at students, teachers, staff or other school employees. State law protects the confidentiality of the report’s identify. The identity of the reporting party will not be disclosed to local law enforcement, school officials or the person against whom a tip is offered, unless the reporter voluntarily chooses to disclose his or her identity. If the reporter is a minor, the parent or guardian must also consent. However, to address any false reports to the program, prosecutors do have authority to seek a court order to review records when investigating false reports.

The program will operate as an early warning system in schools to thwart tragedies before they occur. Created as a result of the Student Safety Act (183 PA 2013), OK2SAY’s focus is on early intervention and prevention. Students, teachers, parents, schools workers, friends and neighbors can all submit tips, if they are aware of a threat in school. Tips can be submitted through the following ways:

Call: 8.555.OK2SAY (855.565.2729)

Text: 652729 (OK2SAY)

Email: ok2say@mi.gov

Web: www.mi.gov/ok2say