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Welcome back to another new school year! As we look towards what this year will bring, the highs and challenges that come from providing a safe and robust education, I wanted to introduce myself and let you how we can collaborate in creating safe spaces for children and youth to learn.

Many of you may already be aware of the Safe2Tell Colorado program, as you may have received our free materials last spring, and some of you may new to what we offer schools in regards to safety.

Safe2Tell Colorado is a state-funded initiative program of the Office of the Attorney General in the Colorado Department of Law already available free to ALL (public, private and charter) schools and communities in Colorado. Safe2Tell Colorado provides students, parents and community members with an anonymous way to report safety concerns. While we would love children and youth to feel comfortable talking with adults about such matters, this is not always the case. Students can connect with a 24/7 live answering point housed with the Colorado State Patrol. Trained dispatchers receive the anonymous tips and forward concerns to a local multi-disciplinary team, usually consisting of school officials and local law enforcement.

As it is a bystander reporting tool, those with information concerning school and community safety are encouraged to break the code of silence and report what they see, what they hear, and what they know. The most common tips received revolve around issues such as suicide, bullying, dating violence, and substance abuse.

The Safe2Tell program stresses the importance of educating our youth on what to look, why it is essential to tell a trusted adult, and how they can report concerns. We offer training sessions for multi-disciplinary team members on how to use the Safe2Tell reporting system, for staff members on the Safe2Tell program, and for students of all ages on personal safety, talking with a trusted adult, and empowering youth as part of the school safety solution.

All of our training and resources are available **at no cost to Colorado schools**. Our training opportunities and presentations are customizable to address issues that your students, staff, and communities are facing.

To request a training or presentation, please check out our website and complete our presentation request form: <https://safe2tell.org/presentation-request>. If you are interested in hearing more about the program or would like to set up a training for your staff and/or students, you can reach Mark Lanning directly at 720-508-6809 or mark@safe2tell.org

Have a wonderful school year!

Respectfully,

Susan Payne
Founding Executive Director