

# **Huntingdon Area School District**



### SECONDARY SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Please read below for two important items in regards to the guest visitor badging system and the implementation of the Safe2Say Program. If you have any questions, please contact the High School Office or Middle School Office.

Sincerely,

Travis R. Lee, Secondary Principal

## **Visitor Badging**

During the second semester, HASD is implementing a visitor badging system to enhance the safety and security of our learners. Visitors that will be entering the building, beyond the office area, will be required to provide a photo ID for a background check and will have a photograph taken. We ask that you are patient during this process. We do not anticipate that this will be a time consuming process, but please plan accordingly for arrival time if you are visiting our building. Visitors will be issued a temporary visitor badge, which will include a photo, that will expire after the visit. *The new badging system will not affect parent pick-up and sign-out at this time*. The visitor badging system will be implemented on Tuesday, January 22nd, 2019.

## Safe2Say Something

HASD is implementing a new anonymous reporting system in the coming weeks. The system, called "Safe2Say Something," as part of the state mandated Act 44, helps to teach learners, 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 to report to a trusted adult **OR** to use the Safe2Say anonymous reporting system.

Learners will be participating in a school training about the Safe2Say Something program on Friday, January 25, 2019. We are fortunate to have a trainer from the state, as part

of the Sandy Hook Promise organization, providing the training. After the training, you will receive more detailed information about the program, and have access to a Parent/Guardian brochure.

At this time, I want to advise you that training will involve discussion, and potentially video clips, about serious, but very real, issues, situations, and scenarios regarding school safety. The following link ( <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A8syQeFtBKc">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A8syQeFtBKc</a>) is a video clip provided by the organization (Sandy Hook Promise) that depicts school scenarios that learners may be learning about as part of the training for your review. The training will provide multiple topics regarding the recognition and reporting of issues that impact the safety and well being of individuals, but this video provides an example of some of what learners may see. If you have any concerns about your learner participating in the training, or any important information about your learner in regards to the training that you need to share with staff prior to the training, please contact the school office by Wednesday, January 23, 2019.