



AKRON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

In Pursuit of Excellence

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Dear Akron Family,

Our top priority is the safety and well-being of our students, educators, and school community. To that end, we are excited to announce the upcoming launch of *Say Something* Anonymous Reporting System (ARS) across our school district.

What is *Say Something* ARS?

The *Say Something* ARS program empowers students, teachers, and administrators to recognize warning signs of potential threats—whether they occur in school, on social media, or within the community. This initiative encourages individuals to "say something" to a trusted adult or utilize the anonymous reporting system when they recognize concerning behavior.

Key Features of the Program:

- **Recognize At-Risk Behaviors:** Participants will learn how to identify signs of distress or harmful behaviors in their peers.
- **Take Action:** The program emphasizes the importance of acting immediately by either talking to a trusted adult or reporting concerns anonymously through the system.
- **24/7 Support:** Students can access a Crisis Center at any time via a mobile app, website, or hotline for confidential reporting.
- **Ongoing Awareness:** We will promote safety through student clubs, in-school activities, and special awareness weeks designed to keep these conversations alive.

Empowering Our Students

Our students often have unique insights into the challenges their peers face. It's crucial that we empower them to recognize danger signs and equip them with the tools to support one another effectively. The *Say Something* ARS program teaches them how to support each other during digital conversations and in-person interactions. This initiative is provided by Sandy Hook Promise (SHP), a respected non-profit organization dedicated to improving school safety across the nation. With programs implemented in all 50 states and over 31 million individuals trained, SHP has a proven track record of success in preventing incidents of self-harm and other violent incidents while reducing bullying and cyberbullying.

We're Here for You

If you have any questions or concerns about the *Say Something* ARS program or any related initiatives, please feel free to reach out to Nicholas Hill, Director of Technology at nhill@akronk12.org. We will also hold a Q & A session on 4/1/2025 at 5:30 PM in the High School Cafeteria. Your support is invaluable as we work together to create a safe environment for our students. Thank you for your commitment to keeping our community safe.

Best,

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