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Dear ESM Families,

I wanted to take a moment to remind the Eastport-South Manor community about our **Safe School Helpline®**, which we have available to report safety concerns. Recent studies show that a parent's first concern about their child's school is safety. At ESM, that is our concern as well. While most would recognize the Eastport-South Manor School District to be a safe place to receive an education, no school community is ever truly immune from the threats of violence and drugs that endanger public schools nationwide. Therefore, whenever it is possible, we will continually strive to chart a course towards improving our campus safety.

With this in mind, we have a **Safe School Helpline®** available for our students and families. This helpline is simply an additional tool we have to help prevent threats to our schools. It is designed to assist you in reporting any wrongdoing that impacts our schools, our students, or our staff. This reporting subsystem is available should you wish to report harmful or threatening behavior which might include; bullying, violence, theft, drug/alcohol use, suicide, sexual harassment or weapons possession.

Please know that in order to protect your privacy, all reports are submitted anonymously.

You can make a report to the Safe School Helpline® in any one of these three ways:

1. **CALL:** [1-800-418-6423](tel:1-800-418-6423) (ext. 359)
2. **TEXT:** "TIPS" to [614-426-0240](tel:614-426-0240)
3. **ONLINE:** www.safeschoolhelpline.com & on the front page of our [website](#) under Quick Links.

Please remember that all reports made to the helpline are anonymous. This means that your message will not be traced, and you will not be identified. Once a report is taken, the Safe School Helpline® team will contact school officials, so the appropriate action can be taken.

Thank you for your continued support to provide a better education for all our students. If you have any questions about the Safe School Helpline®, please contact your school principal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph A. Steimel". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "J" and "S".

Joseph A. Steimel
Superintendent of Schools

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