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Dear ESM Families,

Recent studies show that a parent's first concern about their child's school is safety. At Eastport-South Manor, 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 are introducing a **Safe School Helpline®**. This helpline is simply an additional tool we have added 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. For example, you may wish to report harmful or threatening behavior which might include; bullying, violence, theft, drug/alcohol use, suicide, sexual harassment or weapons possession.

To protect your privacy, all reports are submitted anonymously.

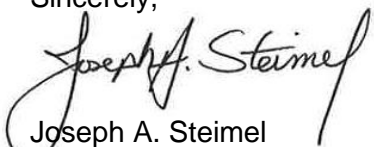
You can make a report to the Safe School Helpline® in **three** ways:

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

Please remember that all reports made to the helpline are anonymous. 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,


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