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Parents and Guardians,

We want to make you aware of the safety improvements the Westmont Hilltop School District is making to serve our students. As part of the Act 44 Safety and Security Grant, the school district will be installing a new, state of the art camera system on all school buses. The new high definition camera system will provide increased visible and audio recordings for school administrators to review during investigations of student disciplinary issues. Along with monitoring behavior, the video and audio surveillance system will create a deterrent for negative student interactions.

This letter serves as the official notification of the school district's intention to exercise its right to record video and audio of your son or daughter while on school district transportation starting on February 22, 2019. The updated policy supporting this practice is located at <http://www.boarddocs.com/pa/whil/Board.nsf/Public?open&id=policies>. The policy is 810.2. Annual notice will be provide through the student handbook along with notification provided on the school bus.

In addition to the new camera system, we would like to remind families of the Safe2Say anonymous tip line sponsored by the Pennsylvania's Office of the Attorney General. The program features three ways for students, parents, and community members to make anonymous tips to the crisis center. Analysts in the Office of the Attorney General Crisis Center triage tips to ensure there is enough information to act upon the tip, determine if the tip is life safety or non-life safety as well as conduct on-going 2-way dialog with the tipster where needed. The school district is notified of all tips to address.


1. Website: www.Safe2SayPA.org
2. Hotline: 1-844-SAF2SAY
3. Safe2Say App


Parents and students are still encouraged to report concerns to school district personnel if they feel comfortable. The intention of new system is to supplement the school district and its efforts, not to circumvent them. There is a parent night scheduled for Tuesday, February 19, 2019 at 6:00pm in the high school auditorium to train parents on the Safe2Say reporting tools and the student program supporting the initiative.


Thank you for your continued support in our effort to provide a safe learning environment for all students.


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