



# SOUTHWESTERN COMMUNITY UNIT DISTRICT 9

“Southwestern Students Succeed”

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Dear Parents, Guardians, Students and Friends,

Data shows the number one concern in school today is a child's safety. That is our concern as well. Fortunately, the schools that make up the Southwestern School District are safe. However, no school district or community is immune to theft, drugs/alcohol, thoughts of suicide, bullying, weapons or violence that endanger schools nationwide.

Therefore, the Southwestern School District is introducing a Safe School Helpline® to help prevent such actions and/or occurrences. It is designed to assist you in reporting wrongdoing or concerns that may impact our schools, our students or our staff. – *anonymously, to protect your privacy*. For example, you may wish to report a student having thoughts of self-harm or students bringing drugs to school.

The Safe School Helpline® can be utilized by dialing 1-800-4-1-VOICE, ext. 359 to leave your information or you can text 66747 then type TIPS. In addition, you can visit [www.safeschoolhelpline.com](http://www.safeschoolhelpline.com).

Lastly, you may download the Safe School Helpline App if you have an Apple or Android phone. Your message will not be traced, and you will not be identified. The Safe School Helpline® team will transcribe and send your message to school officials, so appropriate action can be taken.

Thank you for your continued support to provide a better education for Southwestern students. If you have any questions about the Safe School Helpline® please call the respective school office.

Sincerely,

Mark B. Skertich  
Superintendent

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