RIMFIELD C.U.S.D. #309

*BRIMFIELD HIGH SCHOOL*

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Date: May 4, 2021

Parent/ Guardian(s):

**Re: Brimfield CUSD #309 to Participate in Statewide Safety Initiative**

Dear Parents,

Student safety is our number one priority at Brimfield CUSD #309. The issues associated with COVID19 have only increased the need for additional supports to keep our students healthy both physically and mentally. We seek to ensure that our students, families, teachers, staff, and all related personnel, have every available resource at their fingertips when navigating challenging issues related to the safety of our students.

Our school district will begin participating in a new statewide school safety program titled Safe2Help Illinois. This program enables students to confidentially share any information related to bullying, suicide prevention, school violence, threats to student’s safety and any other items that threaten the safety of our school. The program includes education materials that focus on creating a culture of kindness and provides resources for educators and parents.

Safe2Help Illinois features a 24/7 helpline (1-844-4-SAFEIL), free mobile app, and dedicated website ([www.Safe2HelpIL.com](http://www.safe2helpil.com/)). Students can use Safe2Help Illinois to share concerns about themselves or others in a confidential environment.  Once vetted, the information will be immediately shared with local school officials, mental health professionals, and/or local law enforcement, depending on the nature of the tip. It is important to note that this program is not intended to punish students. Rather, the intent is to encourage students to “seek help before harm,” with the goal of intervening and helping students before they harm themselves or others.

Our neighbors at Illini Bluffs have piloted the program and created a video to explain Safe2HelpIL.

[Click here to watch a short video explanation of Safe2HelpIL at Illini Bluffs](https://youtu.be/IS80F3M_1EY)

Long-term goals of Safe2Help Illinois are to remove the stigma associated with mental health issues, promote a culture of kindness, and instill important lessons such as the difference between telling and tattling, internet safety, and suicide prevention.

Sincerely,

Billy Robison, Principal

Brimfield High School

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