

CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS RELEASE

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SafeVoice reporting system launches statewide

Threats to school, incidents of bullying now go to SafeVoice

LAS VEGAS – Starting today, the state of Nevada has launched SafeVoice, a new, statewide reporting system where students and parents can report threats to students or schools, including incidents of bullying.

SafeVoice is the result of Senate Bill 212, passed by the Legislature in 2017 to protect student wellness, prevent violence, and save lives. SafeVoice is a reporting mechanism that is staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and 365 days a year by trained professionals at the Nevada Department of Public Safety.

These professionals have access to other law enforcement personnel and specially designated school teams. The school staff that responds to SafeVoice reports were selected to address student issues, including self-harm, violence, and risky behaviors. All reports are confidential by law. SafeVoice provides students with a way to speak up for themselves or their peers.

In the Clark County School District (CCSD), students and parents previously made bullying reports through the Say No to Bullying website. Those bullying reports will now go through SafeVoice, which is available in multiple platforms: by telephone at 833-216-SAFE (7233); online at safevoicenv.org; or through the downloadable app for Apple or Android phones (free in the app store).

"With the SafeVoice reporting system, it means that somebody is there at any time, day or night, to take reports and respond appropriately," said Dr. Tammy Malich, the Assistant Superintendent of the Education Services Division. "The SafeVoice system offers students and parents a number of ways to make reports, and this will help to make our schools a safer place. We would like to encourage parents to download the app on their phones and their children's phones, so they have the ability to make reports at any time."

Information pertaining to SafeVoice is available on the ccsd.net website and was included in the District's annual Back To School Reporter publication, which is available online at newsroom.ccsd.net/about. The Back To School Reporter will also be distributed to students during the first week of school.

For more information about the Clark County School District, visit <u>ccsd.net</u>.

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