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Dear Charleroi Area School District Parents, Students, and Community Members:

Providing a safe and secure learning environment for your children is very important to all of us. As you know, school safety and security has been a primary focus for the Charleroi Area School District in the past several years. The **Safe School Helpline** is one component of this focus that is a valuable tool and resource for all school district stakeholders.

Students, parents and community members should use the **Safe School Helpline** to report threats of violence, suicide, bullying and illegal activity that could harm children in our schools. This service provides users the opportunity to leave a message or speak with a live crisis counselor for immediate needs. The helpline is administered by an independent, outside company. **All communications are PRIVATE, CONFIDENTIAL, and ANONYMOUS.**

The **Safe School Helpline** can be accessed via three methods: by telephone at **1-800-4-1-VOICE ext. 359** (1-800-418-6423 ext. 359); online at www.safeschoolhelpline.com; or by **texting 66746 and typing "TIPS"** as the message.

Your message will be communicated with school officials via the Safe School relay service. All information will remain anonymous to encourage the reporting of all safety concerns. Your report will be assigned a case number, which you may use later to confirm that your report was received and investigated.

Students in all of our schools will receive information about the Safe School Helpline in the near future. The attached **Safe School Helpline Flowchart** provides users with a detailed explanation of how this service works. If, at any time, you have questions relative to the Safe School Helpline, please feel free to contact me personally. Thank you for your assistance in our quest to make the Charleroi Area School District safe for all students and staff!

Sincerely,

CHARLEROI AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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