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Every Student, Every Day

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Dear Newark CSD Families,

This week I will begin my twenty eighth week in the Newark Central School District. During this time, I have listened to concerns regarding the safety and security of our students. As we move into the upcoming school year, one of my main goals will be to improve our practices across the District to ensure every student, every day feels not only physically safe but emotionally safe as well. While I understand no community is immune from the threats of violence, bullying or drugs that endanger schools everywhere, I do believe we can be proactive and establish systems and structures that support students and mitigate risk.

In response to the needs of our community, I am excited to introduce to you a Safe School Helpline as a preventative measure to safeguard our students and our schools PreK -12. This helpline has been developed for you, our students, parents and staff members to help maintain safety and the most positive school environment possible. The hotline can be used to report wrongdoings or illegal activity. Any type of information involving a threatening situation to students, the school or staff should be reported. Examples include thoughts of suicide or self-harm, violence, weapons, bullying, drugs and alcohol and theft. It is confidential, anonymous and available 24/7. For students that need immediate assistance, a counselor will be on hand and responsive.

To access this line, just call from a touch-tone phone to 1-800-4-1-VOICE, ext. 359 (418-6423) to leave your information. Or TEXT: 614-426-0240 Then type: TIPS Your message will not be traced and you will not be identified. The Safe School Helpline® team will transcribe and fax your message to school officials, so appropriate action can be taken. Posters and brochures will be visible throughout the District and information will also be on our website.

Thank you again for your continued support to continually improve your child's education and sense of belonging in our District. If you have any questions regarding the Safe School Helpline, please don't hesitate to call. I am looking forward to an amazing school year!

Sincerely,

Susan M. Hasenauer Superintendent of Schools

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