

Dear Parents, Grandparents, and Guardians

2018 has begun and we are ready for it! As we commence a second semester of learning, I am truly happy to share with you that students and parents at this school now have access to SafeVoice.



SafeVoice offers a hotline, mobile app, and website to **anonymously** report threats to the safety or well-being of students. SafeVoice was established by the Nevada Department of Education and is operated in partnership with the Nevada Department of Public Safety.

Of course, our hope is that your child will talk directly to you as well as with us here at school about their concerns. However, if students wish to report anonymously, they can use SafeVoice as a way to speak up for their friends, the safety of their school, or themselves. **We encourage students to take responsibility for helping to create a positive school climate** and we think SafeVoice can help them do it. I will appreciate it if you reinforce that message.

Reports are Completely Confidential.

The reports submitted are received live 24/7/365 by trained call takers who will gather information, engage emergency responders if necessary, and pass the report on to a team of us here at school so that we may respond, letting students know a friend cared enough about them to share a concern. **We will notify you according to our school policies and if the report raises a serious concern about your student's well-being.**

Examples of concerns that can be reported using SafeVoice include, but are not limited to:

Bullying / Cyber-bullying
Violence or weapons
Depression
Sexting

Self-harm
Suicidal thoughts
Neglect
Substance abuse



The SafeVoice app is available for free in the Apple or Android stores. The reporting system can also be accessed by visiting www.safevoicenv.org or calling 833-216-SAFE. You will soon be able to find many resources for Parents and Students on the website and SafeVoice will be available to students on computers at our school.

I thank you for your support of your student in his or her success here at school. Together, we can accomplish great things, and SafeVoice can help.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Girdner".

Joe Girdner
Principal, Douglas High School