



Anonymous Tip Line
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Dear Sweetwater Union High School District Parent(s):

School safety is a primary concern for us all. We want our schools to be an environment where students are focused on learning and school activities. The Sweetwater Union High School District is committed to identifying innovative strategies that help create this environment. During the 2007-2008 school year, all schools in the Sweetwater Union High School District will implement the Campus Crime Stoppers program with the goal of assisting school officials in making our schools safer.

In 1999, San Diego County Crime Stoppers established the Campus Crime Stoppers program to make school campuses safer for students. The program has been in place in several districts in the County with an impressive record of success.

Campus Crime Stoppers provides students with an avenue to anonymously report crime on their school campuses to Crime Stoppers tip line. When a tip is made to the tip line, Crime Stoppers contacts the school or school police to take action. The student calling in the tip is eligible to receive a small monetary reward from Crime Stoppers if the information leads to a disciplinary action by the school or an arrest. Rewards are usually \$25-\$100, but in cases of serious felony crime, such as a gun on campus, rewards can be up to \$1,000.

In schools that have implemented Campus Crime Stoppers, reports to the tip line have positively identified 93 instances of criminal activity on schools campuses. This includes the confiscation of 7 guns and action taken on 32 drug and alcohol cases.

The Campus Crime Stoppers toll free tip-line is available 24-hours a day, 7-days a week. When a tip is received it is thoroughly investigated. Disciplinary action or an arrest is only taken when an investigation validates the tip. Crime Stoppers has found that students rarely make false reports to the tip line.

Peer pressure and fear of retaliation can inhibit students from coming to teachers or school administrators with information about criminal activity on campus. The anonymous nature of the Crime Stoppers tip line provides students a place to turn to if they are reluctant to come to school officials.

We believe that this partnership will make our schools safer and more secure. We encourage you to talk to your children about the Campus Crime Stoppers program.

Sincerely,

Arturo Montaña
Supervisor of Student Welfare and Attendance

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