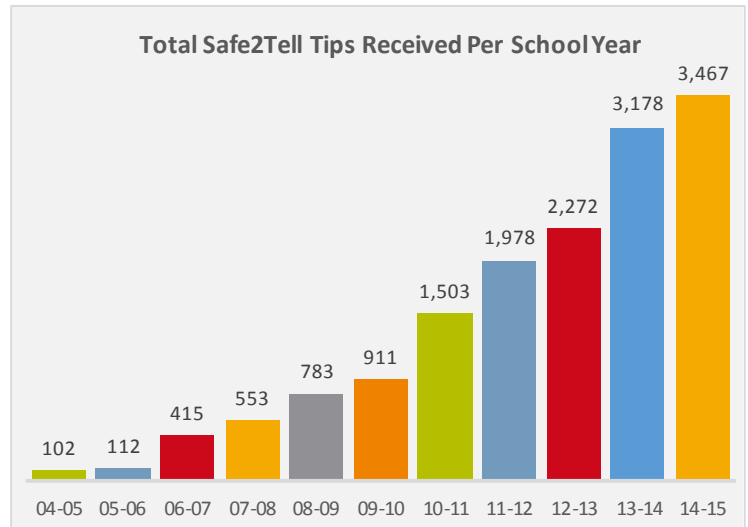


School Violence:

- Of the violent incidents in U.S. schools, 81% of the time someone other than the attacker knew it was going to happen but failed to report it.¹
- Of those with prior knowledge of school attacks, 93% were peers of the perpetrators– friends, schoolmates or siblings.¹
- Youth are three times more likely than adults to be victims of violence.²
- Youth 7 to 17 years old are as likely to be victims of suicide as they are to be victims of homicide.²
- The cost of youth violence exceeds \$158 billion each year.²

¹: Safe Schools Initiative, US Secret Service Bystander Study, 2002

²: Center for Study and Prevention of Violence, CU boulder, colorado.edu/cspv



Safe2Tell Colorado Solution:

The goal of Safe2Tell Colorado is to intervene at the earliest possible point in the life of a young person who is struggling, helping them when they need it, before the situation turns into a tragedy. Safe2Tell Colorado provides students and adults in Colorado communities and schools an increased ability to both prevent and report violence and other concerning behaviors by making a safe, ANONYMOUS report. The Safe2Tell solution was developed specifically to encourage and empower bystanders when they have a concern about their safety or the safety of others. Safe2Tell Colorado guarantees anonymity by state law.

In order to break the code of silence, the Safe2Tell solution works to improve the culture and climate of schools. A vital component is intentional conversations empowering children and teens to speak up, without fear of retaliation, embarrassment or labeling. Safe2Tell provide the promise of hope and help, with caring adults ready to intervene and advocate for their support. Safe2Tell Colorado focuses on building a culture of kindness and climate of respect while changing attitudes toward what to watch for and what not to ignore.

