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**School Safety Partnership  
Media Briefing**

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## Today's Agenda

- Partnership Announcement by State Superintendent
- Partnership Remarks by Crimestoppers GNO
- Partnership Remarks by Louisiana State Police
- Q&A Session for Media Members.

## Media Resources

- [Press Release](#), [Fact Sheet](#), [Presentation](#), [:30](#) & [8:00](#) Videos in Chat Box
- Press Release Distributed Later Today

**Louisiana Department of Education &  
Crimestoppers GNO Partnership**

Dr. Cade Brumley  
Louisiana State Superintendent



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- **Louisiana Department of Education** is encouraging school systems to adopt the free [Crimestoppers GNO Safe Schools Louisiana Program and its Say It Here mobile app](#) for middle and high schools.
- **Crimestoppers GNO** offers school systems the opportunity to participate in the Safe Schools Louisiana program at no cost. **Crimestoppers GNO, Louisiana State Police,** and the **Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness** offer Safe Schools Louisiana to all middle and high schools throughout the state.

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## Why the need for an anonymous reporting tool?

- In the vast majority **school shootings**, someone other than the attacker knew of the plan before it happened.
- **Four out of five teens** who attempt suicide have given clear warning signs.
- Safe Schools Louisiana is a safe, easy, and **anonymous way for people who see something to say something.**

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## How does Safe Schools Louisiana work?

- Turnkey program complimentary to schools
- *Say It Here* mobile app allows users to anonymously report bullying, violence, criminal activity, mental health issues, etc.... (hotline also available)
- Professionally trained security operators field tips 24-7
- Once vetted, proper representatives are notified. In emergency, safe school team contacted for immediate response.
- Follows best practice procedures for operating anonymous student hotlines used by national programs such as Sandy Hook Promise.

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## How do school systems participate?

- Can be implemented in less than two weeks
  - Initial Memorandum of Understanding
  - School system tip administrative team training
  - Student training on the app
- School multidisciplinary teams include a representative from law enforcement and lead mental/behavioral health school leader.
- Multidisciplinary team directs path for intervention on all reported issues, especially if tip considered criminal or referencing self-harm.

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## By The Numbers

- Crimestoppers GNO has worked **over 40 years** operating anonymous criminal reporting resources.
  - **Over 18 years** working in area schools with Safe School Louisiana
- With LDOE support, **nearly 40 Louisiana school systems** currently use Safe Schools Louisiana.
  - **Over 500 middle and high schools** participate