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A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

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To: Local Educational Agency Leads
Route To: Principals, School Safety Specialists, School Administration, School Social Workers, School Psychologists, School Faculty
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Sandy Hook Promise Say Something Implementation Workshops

The New Jersey Department of Education's Office of School Preparedness and Emergency Planning (OSPEP) is excited to announce a partnership with Sandy Hook Promise to bring the *Say Something* violence prevention program to schools across New Jersey. The *Say Something* Program is a proven, no-cost, and easy-to-implement violence prevention program that equips school personnel and school-based law enforcement with the skills to teach students to recognize warning signs of potential violence or self-harm and take immediate action to intervene. The virtual workshop, lasting 2.5 hours, includes various activities and resources designed to integrate training seamlessly into the school culture, supported by student-led SAVE Promise Clubs.

Participants will leave this virtual workshop with the knowledge and tools to:

- Access program materials on the Sandy Hook Promise Digital Learning Center;
- Implement the *Say Something* program using the Program Cycle;
- Train students in *Say Something* through video or self-led sessions;
- Identify school safety issues to address with the *Say Something* program;
- Engage students in *Say Something* activities, lessons, and instructional strategies;
- Develop and implement a *Say Something* program action plan using the program cycle as a guide; and
- Generate youth agency, empowerment, and leadership opportunities.

Intended Audience: Teachers, School Counselors, Mental Health Specialists, school-based law enforcement, SAVE Promise Club Advisors, and administrators interested in implementing *Say Something* at their district/school. *School Safety Specialists who attend this event will receive appropriate hours toward certification renewal.*

Participants can register for one of the following virtual workshop sessions, using the links below:

- [October 4, 2024](#)
- [October 11, 2024](#)
- [October 18, 2024](#)
- [November 1, 2024](#)
- [November 15, 2024](#)
- [November 22, 2024](#)
- [December 6, 2024](#)
- [December 20, 2024](#)
- [January 10, 2025](#)
- [January 17, 2025](#)
- [January 24, 2025](#)
- [February 7, 2025](#)
- [February 14, 2025](#)
- [February 28, 2025](#)
- [March 7, 2025](#)
- [March 14, 2025](#)
- [March 21, 2025](#)
- [March 28, 2025](#)
- [April 4, 2025](#)

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