

Coastal Bend Crime Stoppers, Inc. 210 E. Corpus Christi St. <u>coastalbendcs@gmail.com</u> coastalbendcrimestoppers.com Bee, Goliad, and Live Oak Counties

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Dear Superintendent,

*"I never thought it would happen here!"* is a comment heard at too many school shootings! No one wants a tragedy like that, especially if it can be prevented. Coastal Bend Crime Stoppers Safe School Program offers your students an anonymous way to let you know what they know!

Coastal Bend Crime Stoppers, Inc. is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit Texas Corporation, and is a Certified Texas Crime Stoppers' organization. It is supported by donations, fundraisers, and a grant from Texas Crime Stoppers. Our Safe School Program is offered at no cost to your school district.

Coastal Bend Crime Stoppers' Safe School Program is a way for your schools to comply with Senate Bill 179 (David's Law) which mandates school systems to provide students a way to anonymously report bullying/cyberbullying on or off school property. Coastal Bend Crime Stoppers Safe School Program also allows students to anonymously report a threat to the campus, identify weapons, drugs, or other violations to the school discipline code.

Students can submit anonymous tip information by using Coastal Bend Crime Stoppers' mobile app: P3Tips, calling the tipline 361 362-0206, or making tip on Coastal Bend Crime Stoppers' webpage *coastalbendcrimestoppers.com*. The tips are relayed to CBCS's Law Enforcement Coordinator via secure software designed exclusively for Crime Stoppers. The Law Enforcement Coordinator works with the school administrators and local law enforcement if needed. All tips are anonymous and the tipster's anonymity is protected by Texas law.

The student can receive a cash reward for their information if it helps to solve or prevent a crime, identifies a weapon, drugs or other threats on campus, bullying/cyberbullying (David's Law), theft, graffiti, and much more within their school, on the school grounds, at a school activity, or on a school bus. All rewards will be paid for by CBCS.

Our Law Enforcement Coordinator, Mike Showalter, recently spent two days observing Crime Stoppers of Houston's very successful Safe School Program. He will contact you to set an appointment to discuss Coastal Bend Crime Stoppers' Safe School Program for your schools.

Sincerely,

## <u>Cathey Brown</u>

Executive Director Coastal Bend Crime Stoppers, Inc.