Hello Lightning Families!

Today, all schools in ASD-W are proud to launch a new cutting-edge school safety program called **PSSTworld**. PSST stands for Promoting Safer Schools Together and is a K-12 resource.

The PSSTWorld program is based on a proven 5-year pilot project designed by international safety expert, Theresa Campbell, in Surrey, BC. The program encourages student participation as a core factor in the improvement of school safety and culture.

PSSTWorld is an online website that allows students, school staff, parents, and community members to report safety tips/concerns—seen, heard or experienced—directly & anonymously to school district safety staff, via PSSTWorld’s Report It! Button.

Individuals can use the PSSTWorld’s Report It! button to report witnessed or suspected dangerous school incidents such as: bullying, cyberbullying, abuse, sex/drug/weapons/gang crime, suicidal thoughts, vandalism, and potential for school attack directly to district safety officials.

The result is an improved potential for early conflict prevention, intervention and efficient resolution. Bystander and victimized students are empowered to act. Student offenders are deterred. Students, staff, administration and caregivers now have a safe (anonymous, if necessary), organized and popularized mode of action for reporting dangerous school incidents and concerns.

Speak to your children about the importance of respecting themselves and others. Make sure to explain the key difference between “telling” and “tattling” and the purpose of the tool is to get themselves or their friends OUT of trouble and not IN to trouble. Encourage your kids to talk to you about problems at school and be sure that they know they can now easily report safety concerns. We encourage all of our Lightning families to please visit PSSTWorld at [http://psstworld.com/](http://psstworld.com/). Together, we can minimize all forms of bullying, abuse and violence in our schools.