

Dear KIPP Texas Families,

As we begin a new school year, KIPP Texas Public Schools would like to remind you about a communication tool called Anonymous Alerts®. Anonymous Alerts® allows students or parents to quickly, easily, and anonymously report urgent information to school officials across all of our school campuses. The system encourages students, parents and staff to confidentially report bullying, cyber-bullying, and other sensitive topics through private messages to our administration. KIPP Texas Public Schools does not support, encourage or tolerate any behavior that prevents any student from reaching their full potential.

We also believe that the best way to address problems that our students face in school is personal contact with a teacher, school administrator, psychologist or counselor and we strongly encourage and fully support that continued practice. However, we do know that sometimes there is a concern that a student or parent may want to communicate anonymously.

## How do I place an incident report from Internet connected computers/tablets?

- 1. Go to <a href="https://anonymousalerts.com/kipptexas/">https://anonymousalerts.com/kipptexas/</a> from any Internet connected device.
- 2. Click on the button called "Anonymous Alerts". Fill out your incident report.

The Web-based reporting system provides secure 1-way or 2-way encrypted messages, increasing the flow of important information to school officials. Message topics for submission may include bullying, cyber-bullying, family difficulties, self-harm/cutting, drug and alcohol abuse, student depression, sexual harassment, gang related issues or strange/abnormal student behavior.

All reports remain completely anonymous, although submitters have the option to reveal their identity if they prefer to have a person-to-person discussion. The communication system is monitored throughout the school day and should only be used for serious and urgent matters. If something disturbing or life threatening occurs at any time, it is imperative that you call 911.

We feel that we have a responsibility to utilize this tool within our community in order to protect the safety of our students, provide avenues for confidential disclosure and limit any roadblocks to student success.

Sincerely,

**KIPP Texas Public Schools**