



PAULDING COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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The Prevention Intervention office is dedicated to providing emotional support to staff, parents and students during this time of sheltering at home.



PCSD teachers are committed to providing quality instruction to students and support to parents to enable student learning.

May

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# Prevention INTERVENTION NEWS

## SAFE SCHOOLS

**STUDENTS CAN HELP TO KEEP EACH OTHER SAFE**

The Paulding County School District Safe Schools App can be used to report suicidal ideation and bullying. Students can use the app to help keep their classmates safe by reporting unsafe text messages, social media posts and other electronic communication.

The Safe Schools App is easy to use and reports can be made anonymously. Every report goes to the district office and also to the local school.

Parents are encouraged to download the app onto the phones and devices in their home.



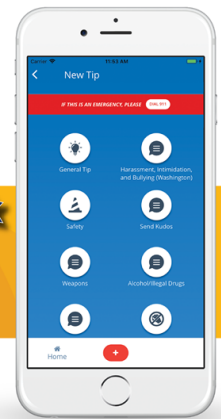
Paulding County School District

### Report It



SafeSchools Alert is our district's tip reporting service. If you have information about a threat to our safety, do your part and report it! And remember, you can remain anonymous.

SUBMIT USING OUR APP



### FOR EMERGENCIES, PLEASE CALL 911

EASY WAYS TO REPORT



Visit the website  
<http://1895.alert1.us>



Email your Tip to  
[1895@alert1.us](mailto:1895@alert1.us)



Call to report your tip  
470.264.6152



Text your Tip to  
470.264.6152

REPORT ON:

- BULLYING
- INTIMIDATION
- HARASSMENT
- WEAPONS
- DRUGS
- OTHER



Our District Code is: 1895

All tips submitted are taken seriously and will be acted upon. Please be responsible with your submissions.

## MAY IS MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH



[afsp.org/realconvo](http://afsp.org/realconvo)



American  
Foundation  
for Suicide  
Prevention

### MAY IS MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

In a time when many are feeling anxiety about the future, the economy, health and safety, it seems appropriate to celebrate **Mental Health Awareness Month**. Reach out for mental health help. Practice self-care every day. Thank a school counselor or therapist. These are all things that you can do to stay mentally healthy. Call the **Georgia Crisis and Access Line at 1-800-715-4225** for support or mental health advice.



# PAULDING COUNTY'S CHILDREN NEED ALL OF US

CLASS OF  
2020

CONGRATULATIONS  
GRADUATES!



## THE CORONAVIRUS CRISIS: HOW IT'S IMPACTING THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF CHILDREN IN OUR COMMUNITY

Working from home. Digital learning. Unemployment. Lack of basic necessities like toilet paper and food. Worries about the future. These are all consequences of the coronavirus pandemic for parents in our neighborhoods. Lives went from normal to isolated, secure to uncertain within a matter of days. This creates an environment where children can suffer: from

emotional neglect to child abuse. Usually, caregivers and teachers can identify warning signs of neglect or abuse and make reports to appropriate state officials. In this current environment, however, children aren't being seen by their usual caregivers and teachers. Children in our community need neighbors,

family and friends to protect them. The Prevention Intervention webpage lists emergency resources for food, housing, etc. School counselors can also help with referrals. If you see a need, please reach out to help a child. *"Hugs can do great amounts of good, especially for children."*  
~Diana, Princess of Wales

*"Do not follow where the path may lead. Go, instead, where there is no path and leave a trail."*

~Ralph Waldo Emerson



Click the following links for information on Internet Safety:

- ▶ Smartphone Safety
  - ▶ Spanish version
- ▶ Social Networking Tips for Parents
  - ▶ Spanish version
- ▶ Gaming Information for Parents
  - ▶ Spanish version
- ▶ Common Sense Media
- ▶ Connect Safely
- ▶ Internet Matters
- ▶ Prevention Intervention Internet Safety Page

# FIFTEEN APPS

## PARENTS SHOULD KNOW ABOUT

Courtesy of the Sarasota County Sheriff's Office  
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<p><b>MEETME</b></p> <p>MEETME is a dating social media app that allows users to connect with people based on geographic proximity. As the app's name suggests, users are encouraged to meet each other in person.</p>	<p><b>GRINDR</b></p> <p>GRINDR is a dating app geared towards gay, bi and transgender people. The app gives users options to chat, share photos and meet up based on a smart phone's GPS location.</p>	<p><b>SKOUT</b></p> <p>SKOUT is a location-based dating app and website. While users under 17 years old are unable to share private photos, kids can easily create an account using a different age.</p>
<p><b>WHATSAPP</b></p> <p>WHATSAPP is a popular messaging app that allows users to send texts, photos, voicemails, make calls and video chats worldwide. WHATSAPP uses an internet connection on smart phones and computers.</p>	<p><b>TIKTOK</b></p> <p>TIKTOK is a new mobile device app popular with kids used for creating and sharing short videos. With very limited privacy controls, users are vulnerable to cyber bullying and explicit content.</p>	<p><b>BADOO</b></p> <p>BADOO is a dating and social networking app where users can chat, share photos and videos and connect based on location. While the app is intended for adults only, teens are known to create profiles.</p>
<p><b>BUMBLE</b></p> <p>BUMBLE is similar to the popular dating app "Tinder" however, it requires women to make the first contact. Kids have been known to use BUMBLE to create fake accounts and falsify their age.</p>	<p><b>SNAPCHAT</b></p> <p>SNAPCHAT is one of the most popular apps in recent years. While the app promises users can take a photo/video and it will disappear, new features including "stories" allows users to view content for up to 24 hours. Snapchat also allows users to see your location.</p>	<p><b>KIK</b></p> <p>KIK allows anyone to contact and direct message your child. Kids can bypass traditional text messaging features. KIK gives users unlimited access to anyone, anywhere, anytime.</p>
<p><b>LIVEME</b></p> <p>LIVEME is a live-streaming video app that uses geolocation to share videos so users can find out a broadcaster's exact location. Users can earn "coins" as a way to "pay" minors for photos.</p>	<p><b>HOLLA</b></p> <p>HOLLA is a self-proclaimed "addicting" video chat app that allows users to meet people all over the world in just seconds. Reviewers say they have been confronted with racial slurs, explicit content, and more.</p>	<p><b>WHISPER</b></p> <p>WHISPER is an anonymous social network that promotes sharing secrets with strangers. It also reveals a user's location so people can meet up.</p>
<p><b>ASK.FM</b></p> <p>ASK.FM is known for cyber bullying. The app encourages users to allow anonymous people to ask them questions.</p>	<p><b>CALCULATOR%</b></p> <p>CALCULATOR% is only one of SEVERAL secret apps used to hide photos, videos, files, and browser history.</p>	<p><b>HOT OR NOT</b></p> <p>HOT OR NOT encourages users to rate your profile, check out people in their area, and chat with strangers. The goal of this app is to hook up.</p>

For more information, contact Sarasota County Sheriff's Office Community Affairs at 941.861.4005