

# SCHULENBURG INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Schulenburg High School / Schulenburg Junior High School / Schulenburg Elementary



## Shorthorns Forever

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I am proud to announce a new partnership with Gaggle to keep students and schools safe by providing a simple way for students to report threats of violence, bullying, weapons brought to school, peers in crisis or any other urgent situation.

Students are one of the best lines of defense to protect our schools, but they are often reluctant to speak directly to an adult. The Gaggle SpeakUp Safety Tipline provides an easy way for students to share concerns about school safety and the well-being of fellow students.

Unlike traditional reporting tools, SpeakUp integrates directly with G Suite for Education from Google, which students already use at school on a daily basis. There is no need for students to download a mobile app or remember a phone number. Messages sent to SpeakUp result in an auto-reply, which explains how SpeakUp works and includes a phone number that students can use for text messages or phone calls.

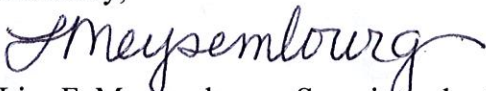
Trained Gaggle Safety Representatives evaluate SpeakUp tips 24/7/365 to filter content and send an email regarding non-life-threatening items to designed staff. They will also call school officials in emergency situations or contact local law enforcement if needed.

Gaggle has been providing safe online learning products and solutions to the K-12 educational market since 1999. The company's focus remains on student safety so educators can have the confidence to allow learners to take advantage of current technology for communication, collaboration, and learning. To learn more about Gaggle, visit <http://www.gaggle.net>.

To find out more about Schulenburg ISD's Gaggle implementation, please feel free to contact your child's campus administrator.

Thank you for your continued support in our efforts to ensure the safety and security of our students and staff.

Sincerely,



Lisa F. Meysembourg, Superintendent  
Schulenburg Independent School District

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The Mission of SISD is to Create *Shorthorns Forever* – Educating and Empowering our Students for Success

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# Protect Your Students with SpeakUp Cyber Tips



Students are one of the best lines of defense to protect your schools, but often they are reluctant to speak directly to an adult. SpeakUp from Gaggle provides an easy way for your students to share concerns about school safety and the well-being of fellow students.

#### Unlike Traditional Reporting Tools

+ SpeakUp integrates directly with G Suite for Education or Office 365, which students already use on a daily basis. There's no need to download an app or remember a phone number.

#### Easy to Use

- + Students see the SpeakUp address whenever they start to compose an email
- + Messages sent to SpeakUp result in an auto-reply, which explains how SpeakUp works. SpeakUp replies include a phone number that students can use for text messages or phone calls.
- + A monthly reminder sent to all students includes your dedicated SpeakUp phone number as well as more information about SpeakUp.



#### Expert Review

Trained professionals evaluate content 24/7/365, filter out false positives and send an email regarding non-life-threatening items to your designated staff. They will also call school officials in emergency situations and can even contact local law enforcement.

#### Students can report:

- + Bullying
- + Planned fights
- + Students in crisis
- + Threats of violence
- + Weapons brought to school
- ... and other urgent situations