



Gun Violence in Schools and Safety Responses

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Our Mission

The mission of Sandy Hook Promise is to educate and empower youth and adults to prevent violence in schools, homes, and communities.

Through our proven, evidence-informed *Know the Signs* programs and sensible, bipartisan school and gun safety legislation, we teach young people and adults to recognize, intervene, and get help for individuals who may be socially isolated and/or at risk of hurting themselves or others.



What Works: Proactive Prevention

Evidence-Based Strategies for School Safety



Evidence-Based

- Life skills and anti-bullying programs.
- Restorative practices/non-exclusionary discipline.
- Trauma-informed responses and resiliency orientation.
- Non-remedial after-school and youth empowerment programs.
- Anonymous Reporting with training

Developing Evidence Base

- Active shooter training & other lockdown drills.
- School Resource Officers (SROs).
- Door lock policies and other forms of building security.
- Coordination with law enforcement.

Limited or No Evidence Base

- Hardening measures, including video cameras & metal detectors.
- Hemorrhage control measures.
- Armed teachers & staff (non-SROs).

School Safety in the U.S.



About 70%

of parents are concerned about the possibility of gun violence at their child's school ([Pew Research Center](#))



\$3.1 Billion

spent by schools in 2021 on security products ([Omdia](#))



Researchers found

schools' evaluation of safety technologies before selection was extremely limited

National *Say Something* ARS Outcomes*

381,000+

tips submitted
nationwide

300+

weapon-related

events averted

1,200+

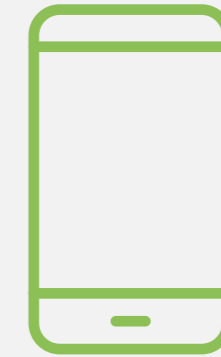
youth suicides

prevented

7,500+

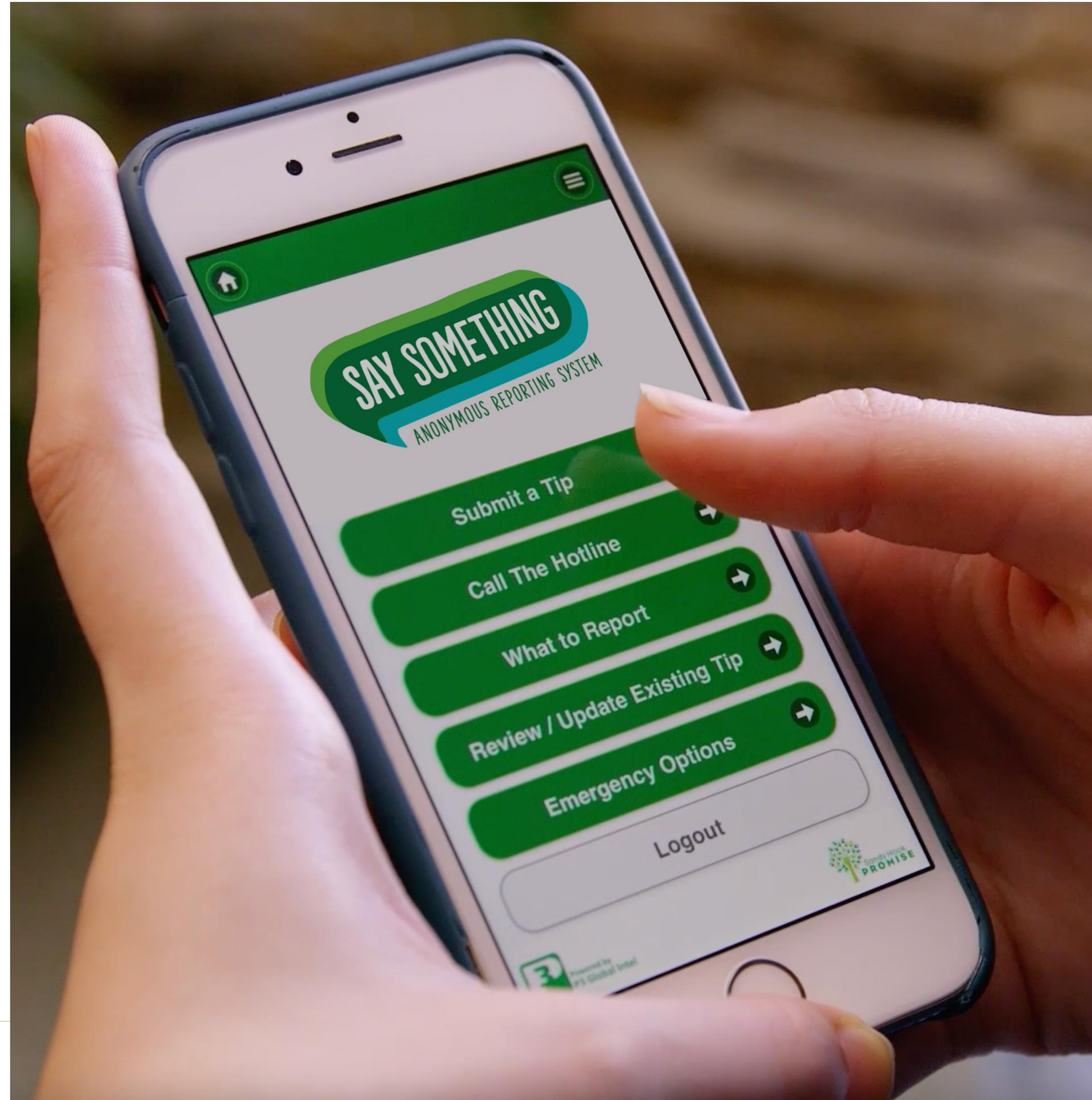
students

provided with mental health support



More than 97%

of all anonymously reported
tips nationwide are legitimate
– *not false reports.*

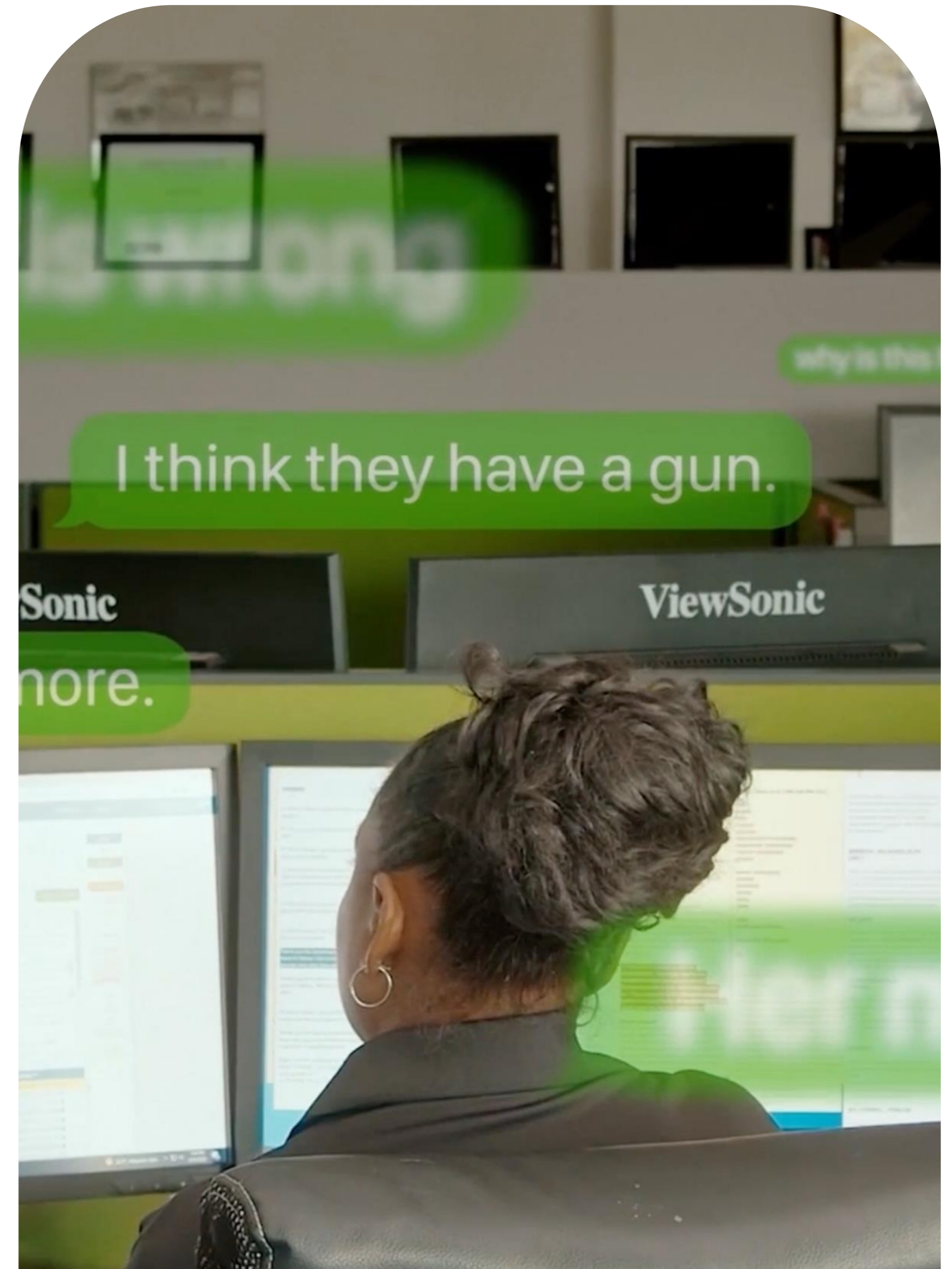


Empowered Voices. Prevention in Action.

Tips from youth and adults through the *Say Something Anonymous Reporting System* prevented at least

19

credible, planned school shooting attacks.



Minnesota: *Say Something* Anonymous Reporting System

42

Schools Using
SHP's ARS

2,191

Related Tip Total



Minnesota: *Say Something* ARS Impact

- **2,191 tips submitted** via app, phone, text, and hotline
- **21% life-safety tips**, with at least one life in imminent danger
- **More than 96%** of tips were legitimate, actionable concerns

Since the Annunciation Catholic School tragedy in August:
625 tips submitted -- **28% were life-safety tips**

Minnesota: ARS Tip Outcomes

Documented Prevention

- 5 possible planned school violence incidents stopped
- At least 11 young lives saved from suicide
- 35 mental health interventions
- 1 weapon recovered

Most Common Tip Types

- Bullying and cyberbullying
- Self-harm and suicidal ideation
- Harassment
- Drug use/distribution
- Planned school attacks

Know the Signs. Prevent School Violence. Save Lives.

45 million participants

in Know the Signs programs

**10+ million youth
and adults trained**

to report warning signs

**300+ potential violent
incidents averted**



**4,800+
SAVE Promise Clubs**

building safer school communities