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As a member of the Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office for over 33 years and now as the Director of School Safety for the Jefferson Parish School System, I have seen how effective Crimestoppers can be in an effort to maintain a safe environment in schools and the community.

Prior to Crimestoppers being introduced into JPS, students and faculty members had limited ways in which to report incidents on campus while still remaining anonymous. Then in 2008 Crimestoppers was introduced into the schools in Jefferson Parish by their representatives who presented a power point describing how Crimestoppers worked when someone wanted to reports incidents on school campus as well as in the community. The presentation proved to be valuable as tips began coming in immediately. Students apparently felt comfortable reporting incidents because Crimestoppers removed the barriers which students feared when speaking up. Not only does Crimestoppers provide a way for students to report crimes, it also provides a way in which students can report bullying and suicidal thoughts and just concerns students may have about incidents on campus as well as in their community. More importantly, Crimestoppers provided "real time" reporting, which meant the tip was received and sent to the necessary resource(s) and investigations were conducted immediately. This "real time" reporting made campuses and communities safer and may save lives. This is why I strongly support the Crimestoppers App and feel it should be adopted by all schools within Jefferson Parish.

Sincerely,