

HUNTINGDON AREA MIDDLE SCHOOL

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“Working together so all students can learn.”

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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

The pressure to use and abuse drugs has been an issue plaguing students in schools for many years. However, the age at which children are experimenting with drugs is decreasing. A perception exists in the schools that drug users are popular, and the only way to be a part of the popular crowd is to use drugs. Teenagers have a misconception about drugs and believe nothing can happen as long as the drugs are taken in small amounts. This myth needs to be addressed and dispelled.

Drug use among teenagers is an ever increasing problem that is addressed less and less in schools. Our district wants to change this trend among school districts and dispel myths students may have about drug use. We would like your son/daughter to participate in an educational program called Drug Use among Teens: Taking Back Our Schools. The goal of this program is to dispel the positive connection between popularity and drug use. Throughout the program, students will be constantly reminded of the importance of investing in themselves and in their future.

During the program, your son/daughter will hear presentations from a drug and alcohol counselor, a police officer and an educator. While the information provided is extremely important, students will be asked to participate in conversations that address serious issues. At the end of the program, students will be asked to compose a contract that targets specific ways they will avoid drugs, ways that they will invest in their future, and a promise statement in which they promise to remain drug free throughout their high school years. This contract will then be reviewed with them each year of high school to ensure they are staying true to the promise they made to themselves when they were in eighth grade.

Mr. Sowers presented the program “Drug Use among Teens: Taking Back Our Schools” to the Huntingdon Area School Board on Monday, May 16th. If the Board approves this program on Wednesday, May 25, we will begin on Wednesday, June 1st. The curriculum will be available for your review if you are interested, please call the school to schedule a time to meet with Mr. Sowers. Please return this form with your child to give to their homeroom teacher. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at the Middle School at 642-2900.

Please place an X next to one of the following below statements:

_____ Yes, I agree with this program and would like my son/daughter to participate in the Drug Use among Teens: Taking Back Our Schools program.

_____ No, I do not want my son/daughter to participate in the Drug Use among Teens: Taking Back Our Schools program, but I will discuss this problem with my son/daughter.

Thank you for your help in addressing this issue.

Patricia A. Wargo, Middle School Principal
Jeffrey D. Miles, High School Principal

Ken Sowers, Eighth Grade Teacher
Jeffrey Buckley, Resource Officer
Christine Steidle, Prevention Specialist

Student signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date