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Dear Parents and Guardians of Middle School and High School Students:

Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Mark Toback, and I are proud to be sponsoring the annual **"Wayne Community Forum – Hidden in Plain Sight."** This anti-drug initiative is specifically designed to provide parents and guardians of middle and high school students with updated information about the most current drug trends including heroin and prescription drug abuse in our community. The Superintendent and I believe that effective communication and education can help Township residents to overcome this most challenging issue. I believe as your Mayor that this is the most important issue facing the young population of our community. For that reason, we strongly encourage you to attend this very important event.

The **"Wayne Community Forum – Hidden in Plain Sight"** will be held on **Tuesday, May 9th, 2017 from 7pm-9pm at the Wayne Valley High School auditorium** located at **551 Valley Road.**

Developed by the Copley and Bath Ohio Police departments, **"Hidden in Plain Sight"** is an interactive awareness program that offers parents and other adults an interactive lesson on the everyday items that can signal dangerous behavior.

"Hidden in Plain Sight" begins by giving attendees 30 minutes to look around a simulation of a teenager's bedroom showcasing about 200 props that could mean a teenager is involved in dangerous activity.

Observers will be investigating items that are often taken for granted as "normal teen accessories", but in actuality, can be related to substance abuse, eating disorders, underage drinking and more.

After the participants are able to get an up-close look at the items in the room and interact with them, the presenters will then show the adults how the items can be used for dangerous activities.

Additionally, because we believe that your input is vital to the success of this program, there will be a question and answer period immediately following the presentations.

Lastly, we will also have our "Project Medicine Drop Mobile Collection Unit" available at this event for residents to safely dispose of their unwanted, unused and expired prescriptions.

We look forward to seeing you on **Tuesday, May 9th at Wayne Valley.**

Sincerely,



Christopher P. Vergano
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Mark Toback, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools