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Dear Fifth Grade Parent/Guardian:

We want to call your attention to a very important meeting scheduled for fifth grade students and their parents on Tuesday, March 16, 2010 at the O'Hara Elementary Auditorium from 7:00-8:30 PM. **The primary topic is alcohol and drug abuse with a special emphasis on highly addictive drugs.** The program is sponsored in cooperation with the school district, PTO/PTA organizations, and the Northern Area Alliance Against Highly Addictive Drugs.

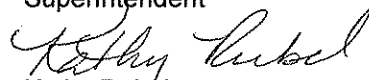
In my professional opinion, this is a "must attend" for parents and their fifth graders. As emerging adolescents, your children will be faced with making responsible decisions as they prepare to enter secondary education. At this meeting we will talk about substance abuse being the number one health problem in our country today and what the term "addiction" really means. We will watch the video "Listen" which tells the real story of how highly addictive drugs impacted several families in the North Hills area. You will meet the experts in counseling, law enforcement, and prevention programs that will give you a "heads-up" as to what to look for involving drugs and alcohol.

Experts say that the teenage drug problem is a runaway train and we must work together in partnership in keeping our adolescents from jumping on board. By working together and taking the time to understand the issues associated with teenage drug abuse, we will be taking a step forward to help our children experience a very positive young adult life. Please spread the word that although only fifth grade students are invited to attend, parents of children in grades 5-12 are welcome and encouraged to join us.


We look forward to seeing you on March 16!

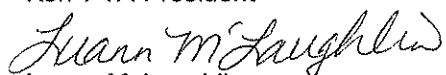
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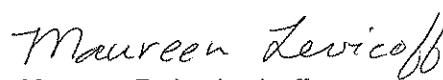
  
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