

# BLACK HORSE PIKE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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September 30, 2013

Dear Parents/Guardians of the Black Horse Pike Regional School District Community:

Of our greatest importance is the safety and well-being of our students. We want to create a culture of excellence in our schools, where every student, faculty member, and community member cares very deeply about the emotional, social, and academic growth of our youth. In order to sustain a culture of excellence, it is important for our schools and community members to work together to promote positivity and to eliminate those forces of corruption. Recently, we have observed an increase in the number of students affected by drugs and alcohol, which interrupt one's development and is certainly counter to our overall mission.

In effort to sustain this mission, we are making you aware of the following efforts the Black Horse Pike Regional School District has in place to offer assistance to students and families impacted by drugs and/or alcohol addiction. First, the Black Horse Pike Regional School District has developed its own early intervention addictions counseling program in coordination with The Center for Family Guidance called S.T.O.P.. We have posted on our website, [www.bhprsd.org](http://www.bhprsd.org), further information about the program. If your family is seeking assistance, please reach out to our Student Assistance Coordinators in each school as follows: Nicole Lauri at Timber Creek Regional High School – 856-232-9703 x 6011; Jan Vizoco at Highland Regional High School – 856-227-4100 x 4011; Holly Fertel at Triton Regional High School – 856-939-4500 x 2011.

Secondly, we have partnered with the local Police Departments of Bellmawr, Runnemede, and Gloucester Township and streamlined our lines of communication about drug related issues in the community. Third, we have curriculum based programs in Health and Physical Education, along with school-wide assembly programs that speak to educating our students about the cruel effects of illicit drug use.

There are also resources through our townships and boroughs. Bellmawr Borough offers programs through the Municipal Alliance to assist families recovering from drug and alcohol addiction. In addition, Bellmawr has partnered with Parents2Parents (<http://www.parent2parentnj.org/>). Gloucester Township also offers programs through their Municipal Youth Alliance, which is offering its first program at Ann A. Mullen Middle School in Gloucester Township on October 10, 2013 at 7:00pm. The Gloucester Township Police Department has developed a new approach in providing valuable resources for students and their families through their Family Resource Center, which offers programs aimed at the growing national problem of youth violence, bullying, and the struggles that some young people face. For information about the Family Resource Center email [familyresource@gtppolice.com](mailto:familyresource@gtppolice.com). Parents are also encouraged to receive community safety bulletins from the Gloucester Township Police Department by signing up at <http://glotwp.com/etc/globalconnect.html>.

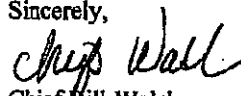
If you need immediate assistance with someone battling addiction, please call 211 or 1-800-238-2333, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for help. Calls are free and information shared is confidential. Thank you and be well.

Sincerely,



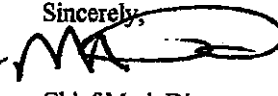
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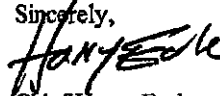
Chief Bill Walsh  
Bellmawr Police

Sincerely,



Chief Mark Diano  
Runnemede Police

Sincerely,



Chief Harry Earle  
Gloucester Township Police

## TRITON REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

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## HIGHLAND REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

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## TIMBER CREEK REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

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