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Greg C. Hatzis, Headmaster

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Dear Parents and Guardians of Grade 9 Students:

This letter is to invite you to what may be one of the most important events you will experience with your 9th grader at Fairfield Ludlowe High School. Our teens are frequently faced with the temptation and opportunity to engage in underage drinking and substance use. We all know the negative effects that can result from students engaging in these behaviors, and we cannot ignore our duty to help the children of Fairfield understand the impact. A committed group of parents and high school educators have worked together to plan an event to help our mutual cause:

The Freshman Forum on Underage Drinking and Other Risky Behaviors

Date: Thursday, March 7, 2019

Time: 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Location: FLHS auditorium

Audience: All 9th grade students and parents

(Snow date is March 28)

This important night will provide critical information for both parents and students that should lead to healthy conversations and good decisions when students are faced with a barrage of peer pressure and other negative influences.

Want to know more about the upward trend of vaping and e-cigarettes? Are you aware of how police can hold you accountable if your child has a party on your property that you didn't know about? Have you heard about how drinking alcohol affects the adolescent brain? Would you like to hear a parent's perspective on the warning signs of addiction? You will hear about all this and more.

While we can't mandate attendance for an evening event, we would if we could for this one! We strongly encourage you to attend the Freshman Forum with your child. Research has shown that early intervention is crucial. In fact, the Regional Youth/Adult Social Action Partnership (RYASAP) has credited efforts such as the Freshmen Forum for making an impact on reducing teenage consumption over the last decade.

Students in the homeroom with the best attendance will receive Amazon gift cards. Our Health teachers are also offering 5 points of extra credit for attending (all freshmen take Health in the 3rd term). Make sure your child checks in upon arriving in order to receive credit for attending. Incentives aside, this will be a VERY IMPORTANT night of information and insight and we look forward to seeing everyone there. Please take a second now to enter this date into your calendars!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Greg C. Hatzis".

Greg C. Hatzis, Headmaster