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Dear Superintendent/Principal:

The extent of the opioid problem in New Jersey and Bergen County has been well-documented. Despite the efforts of law enforcement and changes to prescribing laws, the number of overdoses, overdose reversals, and fatalities continues to increase. The Bergen County Prosecutor's Office is asking for your help in educating young people about these dangers.

This is now our sixth year providing our "Pathway to Addiction" presentation to high school students. Detectives from our Narcotics Task Force speak about the real dangers of heroin and opioids and the various paths to addiction for approximately one hour. The presentation stresses that abstinence from these powerful drugs is the only way to avoid addiction, and also includes either an individual in recovery or a parent who has lost a child to addiction.

Each school year, we have spoken to more than 10,000 students. Given our observation that drug use is beginning at an earlier age, our program is available for 7th grades as well as 9th grade students. We need your help in reaching out to them.

Please schedule your school's presentation by visiting www.BCPO.net, clicking on the Educational Presentations tab, and completing the request form for your program. You can call 201-226-5511 with any questions. As always, we appreciate the opportunity to work together with you to educate young people about the dangers of opioids.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "M Musella".

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