



Beauregard Parish School Board

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Greetings Beauregard Parish Parents,

We all are aware of the issues, struggles and temptations our students face on a daily basis. The Beauregard Parish School Board, its administrators, and our stakeholders are seeing a trend in some concerning behavior that we feel needs to be addressed with our students in an open and frank manner.

In order to serve our students as best we can, there will be a series of seminars held in September at each JH/HS where a range of topics will be addressed. Some of these topics will include Social Media Threats/Activities, Vaping, upward trends in STDs/pregnancy rates, Mental Health and the dangers of Fentanyl. In order to cover these topics completely, we will address them from a variety of angles: Prevention, Disciplinary, Medical, Counseling, Law Enforcement and Judicial. Along with the school board supervisory staff, invited panelists will include the Beauregard Health Unit Director, a prevention coordinator, our SEB Counselor, the DeRidder Chief of Police, the Beauregard Sheriff, and the Beauregard District Attorney.

The purpose of each seminar is to speak frankly with our students and to reach them on a level that they will understand and appreciate. We understand that these are serious topics to be covered. At times, our students are making possibly harmful decisions without fully understanding the consequences. We are hoping to avoid these negative consequences by sharing some in-depth, big picture information with our students.

Communication is a two-way street, so just as important as it is that the students receive this information, it is equally important that they have the opportunity to ask questions on the issues they are facing.

It is also understood that the parent makes the ultimate decision on what is discussed with their child. These discussions, while encouraged, are optional for your child to attend. We hope that you will give this endeavor serious consideration. A parental permission form will be sent home from your child's school in the near future. Also, as a valued stakeholder, there will be two "Parent Only" informational meetings to discuss these topics with the community. All parents/guardians (no students) are invited to attend. The dates and locations are as follows:

Tuesday, August 29 at 6:00pm - DeRidder High School Auditorium

Thursday, August 31 at 6:00pm - South Beauregard High School Auditorium

It is with your student's best interest in mind,

Eddie Joslin
Supervisor
Student Health Services