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The Opioid Crisis: School Districts' and Communities' Call to Action

May 3, 2017

8:30

Registration and Continental Breakfast

9:00

Welcome

Stephen Stirling, NJ Advance Media, author of *Herointown*: nj.com/herointown.

The Role of Schools in Prevention, Intervention, and Treatment

Lori Todd, President, The Association of Student Assistance Professionals of NJ

A strikingly large percentage of school-aged children in the United States are in crisis. Drug and alcohol abuse, violence, bullying, depression, suicide, stress and anxiety disorders, gambling, eating disorders, gang involvement, and other social/emotional issues threaten the well-being of all students, their families, and society as a whole. Student Assistance Coordinators are in a unique position to provide prevention and intervention in the schools to help combat this crisis.

NARCAN: Districts' Experiences from Stocking to Application

Dennis Filippone, Director of Operations, Brick Township Public Schools

In order to prevent overdosing, all districts in Ocean County and across NJ districts are now keeping Narcan in Nurse's Offices to treat the overdoses of students and any visitors to their schools.

NARCAN – The Perspective of Local Law Enforcement,

Chief Christopher Winters, Pine Hill, PD, Chief Harry Earle, Gloucester City PD

HOPE ONE – Melody Runyon, Morris County Sheriff

12:15-1:15

Lunch Keynote

Ocean County Prosecutor Joseph Coronato has taken the lead in NJ to emphasize treatment over prosecution. He is also the leader in prosecuting dealers for homicide when they sell heroin tainted substances like fentanyl that are causing the deaths of some who are using heroin.

The Importance of an Array of Preventions and Interventions: Random Testing,

Christine Steffner, Livingston Public Schools Superintendent

Healthy Communities, Healthy Youth: Hopewell Valley Regional Schools and Communities

Heidi Kahme, Hopewell Valley Municipal Alliance

Lisa Wolff, Board of Education President, Hopewell Valley

Dr. Thomas A. Smith, Superintendent of Schools, Hopewell Valley

Dr. Christine Abrahams, Supervisor of Counseling Services, Hopewell Valley

Using the extensive research conducted by the Search Institute, for over 20 years the Hopewell Valley Regional Schools, the communities they serve including law enforcement, social services, recreation and other community groups have been conducting needs assessments to determine the challenges that adolescents in their communities face and developing community plans to address them.

In this session, attendees will learn how a community can work collaboratively to provide the experiences that research reports that support healthy decision making by the adolescents of their communities.

3:00

Closing

