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Dear Parents, Guardians and other Concerned Community Members,

On February 28, 2018, the Steuben County Prevention Coalition's Marijuana Task Force will offer a program titled ***Today's Marijuana: How It's Effecting Our Youth***, from 7:00PM – 8:30PM at the Hornell High School auditorium. The Coalition has asked us to help them spread the word about this program. As you know, we are experiencing an opiate crisis in our nation and it is believed that marijuana is a contributing factor to this epidemic. With increasing legalization of medical marijuana (now in 20 states plus the District of Columbia) and recreational marijuana (now in 8 states plus the District of Columbia) **there is a growing perception that marijuana is safe and harmless**. All school districts nationally are experiencing problems with their youth as marijuana use by youth continues to increase. Please join us on February 28<sup>th</sup> where you will hear from several experts relative to “**today's**” marijuana and its effects. This program is something **all parents** should come to and learn from. Marijuana today is much different from the marijuana used just a few years ago.

The evenings program is as follows:

- Welcome - Mr. Jeremy Palotti, Superintendent for Hornell City School District
- Moderator – Hornell Mayor John Buckley
- Jennifer Faringer – Director of DePaul's National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependency – Rochester Area
- Norman McCumiskey – Steuben Prevention Coalition – Program Coordinator
- Dr. Mary Nobilski – Medical Director of Steuben County Alcohol and Substance Abuse Services (SCASAS) and staff psychiatrist for Steuben County Mental Health
- Keith Hoffman – Senior counselor and onsite supervisor of SCASAS' Hornell office
- Jim Bassage – Steuben Council on Addictions
- Susan Hooker – Hornell Area Concern for Youth
- Q and A

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