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Dear Parents & Guardians of STEM Academy 12th Grade Students,

As part of Downingtown Area School District's ongoing wellness initiative, Joe Myers of the Crime Victims' Center of Chester County will be giving a presentation to our seniors here at the STEM Academy on Safe & Healthy Relationships. Unhealthy youth relationship patterns are a significant public health problem that affects thousands of young people each day and in turn, their families, schools, and communities. The information presented will provide your child with skills that can help increase their self-awareness, accuracy in understanding social situations, ability to avoid risky situations and behaviors, and capacity to resolve conflict without violence. The presentation for grade 12 students will occur over three class periods during their marking period 1 Pathway classes on the following dates:

Thursday, September 15, 2022 (A day)

Friday, October 14, 2022 (H day)

Friday, September 16, 2022 (B day)

Monday, October 17, 2022 (I day)

Monday, September 19, 2022 (C day)

Tuesday, October 18, 2022 (J day)

Tuesday, September 20, 2022 (D day)

Wednesday, October 19, 2022 (K day)

The program is not a form of counseling or treatment but is intended to provide education for students on relational skill building topics related to: what qualities are important to them in personal relationships, peer pressure, individual rights/boundaries, and how drug/alcohol use can affect a dating relationship or friendship. In closing, options and resources for both the victim and involved friends are reviewed

This offering is part of our goal to provide ongoing mental health awareness and education. Counselors will be available should your child need to speak to someone. As with any of our presentations, if you feel your child should not participate or if you have any specific questions please contact Ms. Jennifer Stull, Prevention Specialist, at jstull@dasd.org.

Kind regards,

Art Campbell, Head of School

Jennifer Stull, Prevention Specialist