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## **Macomb County Prosecutor Peter J. Lucido's Office provides free educational information and presentations on domestic violence and stopping violence in schools**

Attention teachers, counselors, principals, school boards, and parents:

Did you know a domestic or school violence conviction can affect eligibility for student loans?

The Macomb County Prosecutor's Office Domestic Violence Unit Chief Victoria Policicchio and Juvenile Unit Chief Tonya Goetz are available to give free presentations and answer questions to students in Macomb County schools on domestic violence and stopping violence in schools.

The Macomb County Prosecutor's Office is taking a proactive approach to address domestic violence and stopping school violence in conjunction with Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Free handouts and presentations provided by the Macomb County Prosecutor's Office include important information on consequences of domestic violence and violence in schools. Education is a tool for prevention when it comes to Macomb County teens and keeping them out of the criminal justice system. By imparting real-life scenarios and consequences for aggressive actions, the Macomb County Prosecutor's Office aims to stop the violence.

"An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure in the criminal justice system. The Macomb County Prosecutor's Office recognizes the pivotal role education plays in preventing the tragedies of domestic violence and school violence. By engaging with Macomb County teens in schools, our mission is not just legal, but proactive. Through awareness and knowledge, my office strives to empower the next generation, steering them away from a path of aggression and ensuring a safer, more informed community for all," said Macomb County Prosecutor Peter J. Lucido.

So far in 2023, the Macomb County Prosecutor's Office has charged 71 school threats and 432 felony domestic violence charges.

These free presentations cover domestic violence, the cycle of violence, how to report abuse, consequences of domestic violence charges, and available domestic violence resources. Additionally, they cover stopping violence in schools, consequences of juvenile crimes, potential charges, results of facing juvenile criminal charges, and more.

The Macomb County Prosecutor's Office believes that by going into high schools, it will help educate the kids who are on the cusp of becoming adults in Macomb County communities. The office seeks to equip students with knowledge and tools to understand the consequences of violence and protect them from toxic and controlling relationships that lead to a cycle that is difficult to break. They can become more aware of the risks of certain behaviors and avoid them.

The Domestic Violence pamphlet is available at :

[https://www.macombgov.org/sites/default/files/content/government/prosecutor/pjl\\_brch-domesticviolence-v3.pdf](https://www.macombgov.org/sites/default/files/content/government/prosecutor/pjl_brch-domesticviolence-v3.pdf)

The Stopping Violence in Schools: What Parent and Students Need to Know is available at:

[https://www.macombgov.org/sites/default/files/content/government/prosecutor/pjl\\_brch-schoolvioence-3.pdf](https://www.macombgov.org/sites/default/files/content/government/prosecutor/pjl_brch-schoolvioence-3.pdf)

The Macomb County Prosecutor's Office is empowering students by educating them to stop the violence. If you're interested in hosting a free presentation at your school on domestic violence and/or preventing violence in schools, please contact Heather Esposito at (586) 469-5642 or [heather.esposito@macombgov.org](mailto:heather.esposito@macombgov.org).

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