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Macomb County Prosecutor Expands Campaign to Stop Violence in Schools

Mt. Clemens, MI - Macomb County Prosecutor Peter J. Lucido has created a pamphlet in conjunction with his campaign on "Knocking Violence out of My School" video competition. Prosecutor Lucido would like you to distribute this information to the parents and students in your schools.

The "Stopping Violence in Schools: What Parents and Students Need to Know" pamphlet is full of information including charges juveniles could face if they threaten a school, consequences for juvenile crimes, and results of having juvenile criminal charges even without a conviction. It also gives students and parents information on how to report a threat, violence, weapons, or bullying in school, how to keep your school and peers safe, and resources parents can turn to if they need help with their child. The Macomb County Juvenile Justice Center (JJC) is also featured with photos of the sleeping quarters and recreation room to show juveniles the living conditions in the JJC.

Consequences for Juvenile Crimes:

- Expelled from School
- Trouble Getting into Another School
- Home Confinement / House Arrest / Tether
- Held in the Juvenile Detention Center
- Juvenile Diversion Program
- Community Service
- Driver's License Sanctions
- Out of State Home Placement
- Fines and Costs
- Confiscation of Phone
- Deleted from Social Media
- No contact with your friends

Results of Having Juvenile Criminal Charges Even Without Conviction:

- Difficulty Obtaining Employment
- Trouble Joining the Military

- Hard to get Accepted to College
- No Financial Aid
- Legal Financial Obligations
- Limited Housing Options
- No Public Benefits
- Enhanced Penalty for Future Crimes
- No Firearm Privileges as an Adult
- Deportation

Charges You Could Face if You Threaten a School:

- Communicating a threat of terrorism MLC 750.543m - 20 year felony
- Calling in a bomb threat MCL 750.411a(3)(a) - 4 year felony
- Threatening violence against school, employee, or student MCL 750.235b(1) - 1 year misdemeanor
- Malicious use of a phone or computer MCL 750.540e - 6 month misdemeanor

Reporting a Threat, Violence, Weapons or Bullying:

- Tell an Adult
- Call: 8-555-OK2SAY. (855-565-2729), If it is an Emergency, Dial 911
- Text: 652729 (OK2SAY)
- Email: OK2SAY@mi.gov
- Call the Police Department in your community
- Contact the School Resource Officer

Keeping Your Schools and Friends Safe:

- Stay Vigilant
- Report Threats, Violence, Weapons, or Bullying
- Stay Connected to Your Fellow Students
- Talk to Your Parent(s) or School Counselor if You Need Help

Resources for Parents:

- Macomb County Community Mental Health
If you or someone you know is in crisis, call 586-307-9100, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
For all others, call 855-99-MCCMH (855-996-2264)
- Contact a School Social Worker or Counselor

Prosecutor Lucido's "Stopping Violence in Schools" initiative is geared towards students being the voice and bringing their message to their peers to stop threats, violence, weapons, and bullying in Macomb County Schools. This pamphlet is available online at https://www.macombgov.org/sites/default/files/content/government/prosecutor/pjl_brch-schoolviolence-3.pdf. This is a great resource for students and parents to discuss school violence and threats and end it once and for all.

Videos are now being accepted for the “Knocking Violence Out of My School” video competition. Macomb County middle school and high school students can submit a video (less than 2 minutes) to dawn.fraylick@macombgov.org for a chance to win big cash prizes by February 17, 2023. First place is \$1,000, second place is \$750, and third place is \$500. For more information or questions you can visit <https://prosecutor.macombgov.org/Prosecutor-KnockingViolenceOut> or call 586-469-5737.

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