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Dear Ewing School Community,

(Please share openly with all parent, booster, fundraising groups)

We are very appreciative of the efforts of any group or organization that works to support our students. We know that fundraising endeavors on the part of parent and community groups enable our students to enjoy some opportunities that they may otherwise be unable to experience.

However, please understand that the administrative team of The Ewing Public Schools does not want to see events involving alcohol connected to our students.

First and foremost, the Board has a policy prohibiting the consumption of alcohol at "school sanctioned events." Furthermore, as an organization that is dedicated to serving children and acknowledging the societal problems of youth drinking and binge alcohol consumption, we do not want there to be any direct connection or undesirable entanglement between our schools and the use of alcohol. Finally, the Board and administration always has to be concerned about potential liability consequences emerging from any event taking place on behalf of our students.

That being stated, some of these events and fundraisers designed to benefit our students and programs are taking place off school grounds without the expressed approval, or even knowledge, of the administration and Board of Education. As a result, please consider this correspondence official notification to all involved parties that The Ewing Public Schools formally requests that there be no connection between alcohol and any event organized to support our students or programs.

If the administration becomes aware of such an event, we will request that any connection to alcohol be removed. The administration may also request the inclusion of a disclaimer on any form or ticket stating that this event is not sanctioned or endorsed by the Board of Education.

In closing, a note of sincere appreciation to any individual or group that works on behalf of our students, and our thanks for respecting and understanding our position.

If you have any questions, please contact my office.

Sincerely,

Michael Nitti

Superintendent of Schools

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