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COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOLS

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Imagining a Safe Passage

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Posted by Jane Sundius, Director, Education and Youth Development

I propose a simple, but powerful, way for Baltimoreans to support the city's youth and schools. It won't cost a lot of money, or take a lot of time. It doesn't require the overhaul of a bureaucracy. But it would help kids get safely to the safest place for them in the city: their school.

What I am suggesting is that we make a Safe Passage Pledge to Baltimore's school children. There are constant reminders in the news that city neighborhoods are too dangerous for children to pass through on their way to and from school. They are so unsafe that some children resort to carrying weapons for protection and often are suspended or arrested for their efforts and self-defense. Others stay home out of fear and a desire to survive.

But we can change that.

What if the city's adults went to their porches, stoops, front doors and windows to support children on their way to school every morning and to their homes every afternoon? Think how much safer and more nurtured our children and youth would be if there were just a few adults on each block who smiled at them, said good morning, told them to hurry up, and wished them a good day. Mayor Dixon, may I be so bold as to suggest that this initiative has your name all over it? And at the top of my list for candidates to enlist are the many city churches and their congregations who want to live their faith and build their communities. I would also like to ask local radio and TV stations to call out and eight a.m. reminder to get a cup of coffee and head out to the street and a three o'clock nudge to welcome kids home.

I think the presence of community members alone would reduce violence, truancy and children's fears, but the effort would be improved by a Safe Passage Hotline. With it, we can give neighbors a way to get help when busses pass children by without picking them up, or when children are still on the street after school starts.

Neighborhood/ Community News

Northeast Police District
Community Relation
Meetings are held the
third Wednesday of every
month. 7-9 P.M.

Hamilton-Hills
Community Association
Meetings are held the
third Wednesday bi
monthly, the next
meeting is May 21, 2008.

Crime Watch Numbers
are available if you want
to report a crime to the
police department
anonymously. Please
contact the Northeast
police district if you
would like to obtain an
application at 410-396-
2444

Important Numbers

First Call for Help
1-800-492-0618/410-685-
0525

**Maryland Youth Crisis
Hotline**

1-800-422-0009

Crisis Hotline
410-752-2272

**Dept. of Social Services
Information**
443-423-6300

Baltimore Gas & Electric
410-685-0123

Eviction Prevention
410-878-8550

Free Legal Help
410-547-6537

Northeast Police Station
410-396-2444

HarBel (F. Lewis)
410-444-2100

Online HSA Help
HSAexam.org

Community Resource Updates!

Services currently being offered at Northern Community High School Complex

Pre-GED classes-Currently being held Mondays and Wednesdays from 5:30-8:30 p.m. on the W.E.B Dubois side. Servicing former students and community members in the Northeast district. Ends May 2008 but will return in August 2008.

Computer Classes-Currently held Tuesday and Thursdays from 4:30- 6:30 p.m. on the Reginald F. Lewis side. Servicing former students and community members in the Northeast district. Ends June 2008 but will return in August 2008

Healthy Relationship Workshops-currently being held 5/5, 5/12, 5/19, 5/27(Tues.), 5/2, 5/3(Tues.) (W.E.B. Dubois High School only at this time)

Housing Service Resources-the community schools coordinator has a list of resources if you or some you know is in need of information concerning housing

Support for Parent Meetings-the community schools coordinator makes contacts with local community agencies to come in and speak on topics related to the concerns of the community.

Support for Attendance Committee-Various guest speakers to speak to students who have excellent attendance records and incentive to support them in continuing with those attendance records. A monthly celebration is held for those students with the support of the community schools coordinator. The family's of students who have low attendance rates receive a letter from the attendance committee informing them of their child's low attendance and requesting a conference in order to assess root causes of the low attendance rate.

Support for School Climate- A strong partnership with Northeast Police District providing gang awareness workshops and job opportunities through the youth explorer program.

For questions or concerns about any of the resources listed please contact

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