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MANGANO ANNOUNCES STUDENT POSTER CONTEST FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH

Mineola, NY – In recognition of Substance Abuse Awareness Month in September, and to continue raising awareness of prevention, treatment and recovery initiatives, Nassau County Executive Edward P. Mangano invites children ages 12-15 to participate in a poster contest highlighting the dangers of illicit and prescription drugs, and the importance of saying NO. The theme of the contest is "Please Join Me in Being Drug Free."

County Executive Mangano urged school officials to encourage their students to participate in what would be a rewarding and positive summer project for them."

"Prevention and early intervention are ultimately the key to stopping drug misuse and abuse that claims the life of at least one Long Islander a day," said "This poster contest offers our youth the opportunity to learn about the dangers of drugs and to convey anti-drug messages to their classmates and peers."

The posters will be displayed at Nassau County's first-ever Recovery Health & Wellness Expo on Saturday, August 26, 2017 at Eisenhower Park, Parking Field 8, from 2:00pm – 5:00pm. Attendees at the fair will have an opportunity – between 2:00pm - 3:30pm – to peruse and choose the poster they think conveys the best message. Winners will be announced at 4:00pm and prizes will be awarded to the winning students in each age group.

Poster submissions should be dropped off at, or mailed to, the Theodore Roosevelt Executive & Legislative Building at 1550 Franklin Avenue in Mineola by August 15th – to the attention of Eden Laikin. Children wishing to participate should write their name, age, grade and school on the back of their poster submission. Only one submission per child, please! For more information, please call (516) 571-6105.