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Please Join Us for the Bee Empowered Community Forum Wednesday, January 29th at 7 p.m.

Dear Brecksville-Broadview Heights City Schools Community,

On behalf of the district administrative team, I would like to invite you to the ***Bee Empowered Community Engagement Forum at the Elementary School this coming Wednesday, January 29th, 2025, at 7 p.m.*** This public gathering is an additional communications effort to the multiple Coffee Hours that have already taken place since last November. The meeting also takes steps in the direction of beginning to fulfill our strategic plan to be increasingly engaged. We intend this to be an informal meeting to address important topics. We will do our best to have an informative conversation in a larger group format similar to the coffee chats. Please feel free to attend!

One important topic that we will be discussing is a recent matter in the news with the sentencing of a former employee regarding student medication. While the BBHCSD shared as much as we were legally permitted, due to the ongoing nature of the investigation conducted on behalf of the schools and our local public safety authorities, please know that the district treated this matter as sternly as possible by intensifying the oversight protocols of prescription-issued controlled substances. These efforts were built upon existing protocols, and which helped to identify the behavior in the first place. Ultimately, the established safeguards led to the matter's discovery, this individual's immediate removal from our district, and their criminal prosecution by authorities. Safeguards that will continue include the process whereby upon intake of a prescription-controlled substance, a parent and one staff member must count initial medication totals together, sign, and date proper documentation. Medications are kept in a locked area. This will continue. The district has already begun to enhance oversight in other areas as well, including a more frequent rotation of health aides involved with the daily medication counts and documentation.

Even more, the administrative leadership of the district will be commencing randomized medication and verification counts on a regular basis throughout the school year to ensure another layer of oversight in all buildings. Safety and security are the most important priority in this school district, and in light of the matter, our entire leadership team has worked together to enhance and intensify our protocols.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and we look forward to seeing you Wednesday!

Jeffrey D. Harrison
Superintendent

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