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## DOCTOR-LAWYER TEAM UP TO FIGHT DRUG ABUSE

In a first-of-a-kind presentation for Long Island schools, a doctor and lawyer will join forces on Friday, October 12, 9:30 AM at Southside High School in Rockville Centre to give kids a double dose why they should stay clear of drugs. "The fact is that if it doesn't kill you, it will do worse -- it will fry your brain", says Dr. Patrick Carone. The Rockville Centre psychiatrist will speak along with attorney Elliott Winograd as the Nassau County Medical Society and the Nassau County Bar Association confront the nation's devastating drug and alcohol problem. "My remarks will scare the wits out of these kids," says Winograd. "I'm going to tell them, especially the guys, what really happens to you in jail." This is the first in a series of Doctor/Lawyer Education Teams that will be visiting schools throughout the county.

Their message is sobering: Our nation has two percent of the world's population, but our people consume more than half the world's supply of illicit drugs. Sixty-one million Americans have tried drugs; nearly 40 percent have used an illegal drug in the past year. Sixty-five percent of new employees entering the work place have used illegal drugs. The cost to our nation is more than \$100 billion in lost productivity, crime, and health care. More than 375,000 babies are born drug or alcohol exposed each year.

Approximately 200 students grades 9-12 will participate in the doctor-lawyer assembly, where they will be encouraged to ask questions, join in discussion, and get the gory facts. As a representative of Long Island's press, please join us on Friday, October 12, 9:30AM at Southside High School.

Directions to Southside HS: Southern State to exit 20 south (Grand Ave.) Continue to DeMott St. Right to first light which is a 5-way intersection. Sharp left onto North Long Beach Rd. Continue to Shepherd, turn left to end. School Tel.: 255-8947.

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