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Dear **Cardinal** Staff and Families,

As I reflect on the recent tributes to the heroes of 9-11 and consider the way this event impacts so many lives, I am inclined to focus on safety in today's message.

At the 7-12 building on Wednesday, Richard Iske, our CCSD Head Bus Driver, will be sharing his memories and insights as an individual engaged in 9-11. We appreciate his dedication to our country and willingness to keep us remembering efforts to keep us **safe** as citizens of the **United States**.

Keeping our students and staff **safe** at **school** is a priority, and I would like to address a few safety concerns we feel need further attention through education. We are in the midst of scheduling a student and family learning experience focused on the effects of **tobacco** and other **nicotine products, marijuana, alcohol**, and **risky behaviors** associated with their use and distribution. Please look for information coming soon!

Likewise, we encourage the "**See Something, Say Something**" philosophy to keep all our students **healthy and safe**. Please find more information here: <https://www.dhs.gov/see-something-say-something> (September 25<sup>th</sup> is **National Awareness Day**).

Students across our nation, our state, and our own hometowns engage in unsafe behaviors on and off the school campus. Oftentimes, students **observe unsafe behaviors and choose not to seek an adult's support**. Unfortunately, the products mentioned above have been entering communities and the lives of our students. It is important to note that these products might not always be what they seem. One example is the addition of **fentanyl**, one of the dangerous drugs. Below, you will find three videos our 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students viewed and discussed during **Cardinal Time**, and I encourage you to take the time to learn more through these resources.

[ONE TIME IS ALL IT TAKES...](#)

[NEWS STORY VAPING / FENTANYL](#)

[HOW DOES FENTANYL KILL](#)

Our goal is to **Be Proactive** by sharing this information, and we encourage you to do the same by talking with your child about the health and safety **risks**, extracurricular **consequences**, and legal **ramifications** of choosing to bring these substances into the school, their homes, and their lives.

Respectfully,

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