



Town of Brookhaven Long Island

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Councilwoman, 2nd District

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Gordon Brosdal
Mount Sinai School District
110 North Country Road
Mount Sinai, NY 11766

Dear Superintendent Brosdal,

On April 22, 2016, Billy Reitzig of Miller Place tragically passed away from a first time heroin use overdose at 25 years young. He left behind a family and friends who loved him very much and will forever be touched by his beautiful life and heartbreaking story of pain and addiction. Today, drugs and alcohol are a plague on our community, destroying families from all walks of life. Our children run the highest risk of becoming victims and it is important that schools educate them about the dangers that are often far too close at hand.

Now, one year to the day after Billy's untimely death, the Town of Brookhaven will proudly co-host the "Hope Walk for Addiction" with Hope House Ministries on April 22. This community event, which will be held at 10:30 am along the Town's Cedar Beach Nature Walk in Mount Sinai, is designed to generate awareness and raise funds to help fight addiction and save lives. I am asking all School Superintendents to help us promote the Hope Walk for Addiction to students, teachers, staff and families throughout Brookhaven Town. I believe that no one is too young or too old to make a difference in the lives of our neighbors in need.

All proceeds will benefit Hope House Ministries and the work that they do to help fight addiction and care for those who are trapped by drug and alcohol abuse. For more information about the "Hope Walk for Addiction," please visit www.hopewalkforaddiction.org, or www.brookhavenny.gov. You can also call my office at 631-451-6964. Please don't hesitate to call me if there is anything I can do to help you promote the "Hope Walk for Addiction" in your schools. Together, we can celebrate Billy's life and allow his struggle with addiction to teach our children a most valuable life-saving lesson.

Sincerely,

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