

Dear Parent/Guardian,

On behalf of Hamilton Middle School, I want to say what an honor it is to support our children and their families. To give our youth the best education, we know that we must help students stay healthy and safe from harm. We need your help to address an urgent threat to our children.

I am writing today to warn you about fentanyl. Nationally, we are seeing an alarming number of drug overdose deaths among teens caused by fentanyl. By learning more about this drug, we can all take action to prevent these tragic deaths.

On November 15<sup>th</sup>, the DPS Substance Use Prevention Program will partner with the Opioid Response Network and the Harm Reduction Action Center for a Fentanyl Awareness Night for Families. The event will feature a panel of experts who will answer questions from the community about the impacts fentanyl is having on our community and how to educate yourselves and your children about fentanyl. Additionally, there will be a resource fair for families to gain valuable information from our amazing partners and the resources that are available to the Denver community. Registration is not necessary, but you can [sign up here](#) for an email reminder and calendar invite.

**Fentanyl Awareness Night for Families**

**Date:** November 15, 2022

**Location:** East High School

**Time:** 5:30-7p

For additional information about the dangers of fentanyl, tips on how to keep your children safe, and what DPS schools are doing, [click here](#).

We know this is scary. This letter isn't meant to shock you, but to help save students' lives. We are here to support your teen and your family as much as we can. Please feel free to reach out to [Leah Raffa](#), with the DPS Substance Use Prevention Program if you have any questions.

Thank you for your shared support of our community.

Respectfully,  
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