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Dear Parents and Guardians:

Verona High School's Prom and Graduation both take place in June this year. These are wonderful events in the life of your junior or senior student. To local law enforcement agencies, however, this same period is filled with apprehension. This time of year rarely goes by without some kind of teen alcohol or drug incident. As you prepare for these important celebrations, we appeal to you to talk with your son or daughter about these safety concerns:

1. For students with a provisional driver's license: Remember that provisional drivers may not drive after 11pm and risk being pulled over by a police officer. Please arrange for alternative methods of transportation

2. Remind your child to never get in the car with a driver who has been drinking alcohol or smoking pot…call for a ride.

3. Talk to your child about binge drinking. As you know, no one is immune from alcohol poisoning. Let them know that if they are with someone who is severely impaired (vomiting, passed out, breathing erratic, skin cold or blue) they should call 911 for help. They will not be charged and they may even save their friend's life.

And as always, *Parents Who Host Lose the Mos*t. It is illegal to serve alcohol to minors on your property.

Congratulations, - and we hope your child has a wonderful and safe evening.

Sincerely,

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Principal, VHS

Steven Forte
Superintendent of Schools

Suzanne Broullon
Chair, VMAC

Douglas J. Huber
Chief of Police