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ANNUAL NOTICE
PLEASE POST

To: Amherst, Pelham and Regional Students and Parents
From: Helen Vivian and Alton Sprague, Co-Superintendents
Re: School District Compliance with Federal Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988 and Requirements of Section 5145 of the Federal Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act of 1989

In accordance with the above Federal legislation, the school district is required to notify all employees of the following information:

1. The use of illicit drugs and the unlawful possession and use of alcohol is wrong and harmful.
2. The unlawful possession, use, or distribution of illicit drugs or alcohol on school premises or as part of any school activity will be subject to school discipline, including possible expulsion from school.
3. Age-appropriate, developmentally-based drug and alcohol education and prevention programs for students in all grades are available to students.
4. Information about local drug and alcohol counseling programs is available from your school's guidance office.
5. Compliance with the standards for student conduct in Middle and High School Student Handbooks is mandatory.

Thank you.