

# Mohawk Trail Regional School District

## SAFE HOMES PARENT NETWORK

"Parents, guardians and community working together for drug-free, violence-free youth." MISSION STATEMENT

Dear

### Support the Safe Homes Parent Network by signing the Community Support Pledge!

More than 63% of the families with children at Mohawk have signed pledges agreeing:

- not to serve alcohol or other drugs to their children or to other youth
- to supervise social gatherings at their homes and
- to know where their children are going and with whom, when they socialize outside the home.

Each year, the Safe Homes Parent Network publishes a resource guide listing involved families and their phone numbers with the goal of building a communication network among parents in our very large school district. By increasing communication between families, we hope to foster a safe social community for West County youth and to help reduce the use of alcohol and other drugs. We acknowledge that what parents say and do really does matter in the lives of their children, and can make a huge difference in discouraging teens from risky behavior.

We are seeking your support for this important initiative. We are working to secure pledges from business leaders, houses of worship, social service agencies, civic and service groups, health care providers, local town governments including law enforcement, and legislators. We believe that broad based community support will help ensure the continued success of the project in the years ahead. The enclosed *Community Support Pledge* is not a legally binding contract, but is a demonstration of support for the mission of the network. By signing it and agreeing to include your group's name in the next Resource Guide, you will help strengthen the network throughout the West County community. The Safe Homes Parent Network already has over 100 community supporters!

The Shelburne Falls Area Business Association and Franklin Regional Council of Governments have already pledged their support for the Safe Homes Parent Network. The Upper Valley Health Web gave the Safe Homes parent committee a 2005 Public Health Leadership Award in recognition of its efforts to promote healthy decision making by West County youth.

**We hope that we can count on your support.** Should you have any questions, please contact a member of the committee. Thank you for your interest.

Sincerely,

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For more information, please contact the people listed above, check out [www.mohawkschools.org/mohawk/safe\\_homes](http://www.mohawkschools.org/mohawk/safe_homes) or contact the Community Coalition for Teens, 278 Main St., Ste. 411, Greenfield, MA 01301, Phone 413-774-1194 x 116.