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Dear Parents/Guardians of Triton Students:

On a Sunday morning, just hours after 18 year-old Moorestown High School senior Evan Welch was pronounced dead in a car accident caused by teenage drinking, his parents made their way to the First Presbyterian Church for an 8:00 a.m. service. "They said they had no other place to go," commented Pastor Jonathan Miller. "They're a broken family." Within hours of this tragedy a second Moorestown High School senior died in a car accident after being hit by an intoxicated driver in another vehicle.

Teenage drinking is a serious problem across America, including the three wonderful communities that send their high school students to Triton High School...Bellmawr, Gloucester Township and Runnemede. A recent national survey reflects that one out of every two 8th graders has tried alcohol. More kids use alcohol than use tobacco or illicit drugs. And more children are killed by alcohol than all illegal drugs combined.

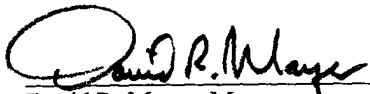
As community leaders, we are committed to providing for the health, education and welfare of all Triton students. We understand the dangers of teenage drinking. In our attempt to raise everyone's awareness about this important issue, we are asking parents to talk to their children about the dangers of alcohol.

Our level of concern becomes elevated during the traditional high school prom season that is upon us. Events such as proms pose an opportunity for underage drinking. According to New Jersey's Childhood Drinking Coalition (NJCDC), "alcohol remains the drug of choice for our youth."

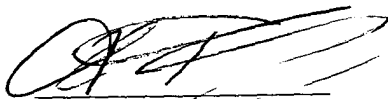
Today's youth experience a very different drinking environment than did those of previous decades. The potency of popular drinks, the quantity and frequency of drinking along with the availability of alcohol and the challenges of parental supervision have changed considerably during the last few decades. As parents, it is crucial to establish clear-cut guidelines for your children about juvenile drinking. The NJCDC offers tips on "What Parents Can Do Now" to help their children with pressures associated with underage drinking.

By communicating with your children about underage drinking, and with our schools enforcing similar standards on campus...as a team...we can work together to keep our children safe and help them make wise, healthy choices.

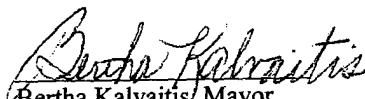
Sincerely yours,




David R. Mayer, Mayor
Township of Gloucester



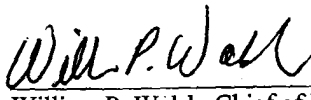
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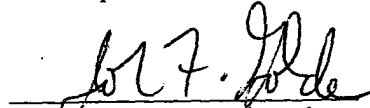
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