



Coalition for Healthy & Safe Communities  
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Dear Parent,

For 20 years, The Center for Prevention and Counseling has been hosting an in-person Middle School Summit. Due to this unprecedented time we made the decision to host our event virtually for the first time ever. With this event being virtual it allows every middle school student in Sussex County to participate in this event. Through engaging presentations and activities, your son or daughter will develop skills, motivation and confidence to lead his peers in promoting a culture of respect in their school and community!

The Summit will be held virtually during the week of Monday, October 19<sup>th</sup>- Friday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Each middle school in the county is invited to provide pre-recorded presentations each day to all of their 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> graders. We have some amazing presenters lined up including Keith Hawkins, Kyle Scheele, Jared Campbell, Ty Sells and Lindsey Meyer Teen Institute to help encourage all participants. Throughout the week students will also hear inspirational messages from high school mentors from around Sussex County.

At the conclusion of the event, students will work with their advisor(s) to develop an action plan, activities and/or programs, which they will implement during the year to improve their school's climate. By working with administrators, staff, and other students to positively affect change within their school community in an effort to build empathy, foster resilience and unite the student body to improve overall school climate and reduce and eliminate negative behaviors. We are confident that this event will motivate students to do just as it has in the past 19 years!

Each school will receive an electronic resource binder full of reference materials to reinforce what students learned during the event and to assist them throughout the year in working, independently and together, toward their goals. It also contains information to help them develop positive character traits and foster healthy emotions and relationships. The binders are full of useful information, worksheets and resources to prepare students and advisors to handle bullying situation in a positive manner. Each binder also has resources to assist in facilitating to create a positive school climate.

If you would like more information on the Summit, information regarding last year's event can be found on our website, [centerforprevention.org](http://centerforprevention.org). We would also be happy to answer any questions you may have. Feel free to call a Coalition staff member at 973-383-4787.

Sincerely,

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