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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Voorhees High School has been selected from all the high schools in the nation to pilot a new program from Hazelden Publishing Company called Lifelines. This is a program that will provide our students with help-seeking skills. At this time, Maureen Underwood, the Clinical Director from the Society for the Prevention of Teen Suicide, has trained the entire staff at Voorhees High School to be a competent school community for your child. The health and physical education teachers, the guidance staff and the special services staff have also been trained by Maureen Underwood to educate your child with a comprehensive curriculum that will build student resiliency skills. This curriculum will be offered to every student at Voorhees High School through the health and driver education curriculum in both semesters this year. The curriculum is broken into four comprehensive segments and will be co-taught by a health or driver education teacher and a counselor or child study team member.

The final component of this program is parent education. We are warmly inviting you to "Lifelines: A Program for Raising Resilient Kids". This will be presented to you on Wednesday, December 9, 2009 at 7 PM in the auditorium. Jeff Hunt, our Student Assistant Counselor, and I will talk with you about the Lifelines program and your role in helping us build resiliency skills for your child. The program will be approximately one hour and have a time for questions at the end.

We look forward to seeing you on December 9 at 7 PM in the auditorium. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 908-638-2124.

I look forward to working with you to help our students grow.

Very truly yours,

Susan L. Boer, MA, LPC
Director of Guidance