



News Release

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Surrey School District hosts public forums on “crystal meth”

As part of a Surrey School Board initiative to assist the community in the battle against the rising use of the street drug known as crystal methamphetamine, or “crystal meth”, School District No.36 (Surrey), in partnership with the City of Surrey Drug Crime Task Force and the Surrey RCMP, is hosting a presentation and public forum on two evenings this month.

The forums are aimed at providing information to the public – particularly parents and students – about the drug and provide an opportunity to have questions answered. The presentation will be made by Corporal Scott Rintoul of the RCMP Drug Awareness Program based in Vancouver. Corp. Rintoul has worked in all aspects of drug enforcement in the RCMP and is often consulted as a street drug expert for court proceedings. He is co-author of “Designer Drugs & Raves”.

Corp. Rintoul’s presentation will provide a close look at the use of chemical street drugs in the Lower Mainland, including trends, drug identification and paraphernalia, and the results of a five-year RCMP intelligence probe into drug use at rave parties and night clubs.

The two forums take place at:

7 p.m., May 18
Enver Creek Secondary
14505 – 84 Ave.
Surrey

7 p.m., May 25
Semiahmoo Secondary
1785 – 148 St.
Surrey

“The Surrey School Board believes education is a critical part of community efforts to combat illicit drug use and as forum participants will see, crystal meth is a particularly insidious and dangerous drug,” says Surrey School Board vice chairperson, Kim Evoy.

“It is very important for the community to work together to protect our young people,” says trustee and City of Surrey Drug Crime Task Force member, Heather Stilwell.

The forums stem from a decision by the Surrey School Board in March to develop an effective education plan to address concerns raised by parents and members of the public about the heightened use of crystal meth and the damaging effects of its abuse on students and others.

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