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DANGERS OF FLYER AND RAVE-STYLE PARTIES

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The Los Angeles Board of Education, in cooperation with the Los Angeles School Police Department and the Los Angeles Police Department, is providing schools, students and parents with information about the unsafe situations and conditions related to "Flyer Parties" or "Rave-Style Parties." These illegal parties have led to violence and death, and pose a real danger to any students who attend these parties.

Definition of "Flyer Parties":

"Flyer Parties" are large gatherings (could be 100 or more) of partygoers that are often promoted with enticing flyers often promising ample alcohol, drugs, and sex. Promotions about safety and security safeguards are absolutely false. Frequently, the exact address of the "Flyer Party" is not on the flyer and partygoers must call the party promoter at one of several numbers on the flyer. Additional characteristics of these events include:

1. The parties are unsupervised by any responsible adults and provide under-age students with access to drugs, alcohol, and can lead to other illicit activity.
2. "Flyer Parties" often involve gangs and lead to violent crime. Shootings and fights are commonplace at such parties.
3. Promoters exist to make money from the partygoers and frequently charge a fee for those attending these unlawful parties.
4. The Los Angeles Police Department is cracking down on "Flyer Parties" and is implementing a "Zero Tolerance" Policy on parties that disturb the peace or involve illegal behavior.
5. The Los Angeles Police Department wants parents to be informed about the dangers of "Flyer Parties" and encourages parents to monitor and supervise their children's whereabouts to prevent them from attendance at such events.

School Responsibilities:

1. Principals are to ban the distribution or posting on school property of "Flyer Parties" or any event that is not school related, sponsored, or endorsed.
2. Administrators who have information related to a "Flyer Party" or obtain a copy of a flyer are encouraged to call the Juvenile Detective Coordinator of the Los Angeles Police Department or appropriate law enforcement agency servicing their school.
3. Schools are to provide students and parents with information about the dangers of "Flyer Parties."

If you have any questions, please call the Office of Environmental Health and Safety at (213) 241-3199 or your Local District Operations Coordinator.

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