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Dear TGA Middle School and High School Parents,

In this day and age, children/adolescents/teens are exposed to a number of dangers in society that are unhealthy. Our goal is to face this exposure and combat it with education. We believe and research shows that, educating young people to the facts related to topics, such as drugs helps to curb unhealthy behaviors before they begin. Our students will be viewing a documentary, called *Chasing the Dragon* during next week. The movie will be viewed on campus.

The following is a description of the documentary. "In an effort to combat the growing epidemic of prescription drug and heroin abuse, leaders of the FBI and DEA today unveiled a documentary aimed at educating students and young adults about the dangers of the addiction. "Chasing the Dragon" is a 45-minute documentary film that profiles the stories of several people who either abused opiates or had family members become addicts. It profiles the cycle of addiction and looks at the tragic consequences associated with opioid abuse. The documentary also features interviews with medical and law enforcement professionals discussing the effects of the addiction, and how this epidemic is unlike any this country has seen before." I would also like to make you aware that there is some mild language included in the movie. While the students will be watching the edited version of the documentary, I want it to be clear that it may still be apparent what has been said. The ultimate goal of this event is to educate our students to the dangers of drugs.

If you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to call us at 505-792-0306.

Thanks for your continued support in helping us to provide your student with a GREAT educational experience.

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