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Dear Educators, Administrators, Students, Elected Officials, Residents and Community Members:

Please accept my invitation to the Nassau County Police Department's Operation Natalie Drug Education Seminar on **Wednesday, March 9, 2022 from 7:00-8:00PM at the David S. Mack Center for Training and Intelligence**, located at One Law Enforcement Way, Garden City, NY.

Operation Natalie is a multi-pronged initiative to reduce opioid overdoses and death through education, awareness, enforcement, treatment, and diversion. This countywide effort helped drive down opioid addictions and fatalities before the Covid-19 pandemic contributed to an increase in overdoses.

The seminar will feature County Executive Bruce A. Blakeman; Commissioner Patrick J. Ryder; District Attorney Anne Donnelly; and speakers from the Nassau County Police Department including representatives from the Narcotics Squad and other specialty units joined by:

- Dr. Jeffrey L. Reynolds, Ph.D, Director and CEO, Family and Children's Association
- Steve Chassman, LCSW, CASAC, Executive Director, Long Island Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence
- Mr. Victor Ciappa, father of Natalie Ciappa and anti-drug advocate

We've already made great strides in fighting the opioid epidemic and need to build on this success with community and school support. It is imperative that we work together as a team.

On behalf of the Nassau County Police Department, I thank you for your continued support and I look forward to seeing you for what is sure to be an informative meeting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Patrick J. Ryder".

Patrick J. Ryder
Commissioner of Police