

MEDIA ADVISORY

Safe Grad

TO: All Timmins Media

EVENT DATE: Monday, May 16th, 2011 @ 1:15 – 1:35 pm

LOCATION: O’Gorman High School, 150 George Ave, Timmins

Many teenagers will be graduating this spring, and with that comes Grad and prom parties. Unfortunately, these celebrations often involve alcohol and other substances. The Porcupine Health Unit, in collaboration with local police services, is offering the Safe Grad program to local high school students. Safe Grad is an initiative aimed at reducing harm due to drug and alcohol use for both students and those who may be affected by their choices.

There will be a variety of interactive displays at the Safe Grad Program. These stations will include a Family Feud-style game, driving challenges using impaired vision goggles and distractions (texting), a presentation from local police; information offered by a sexual health nurse and lastly, tips on how to be safe at prom and graduation celebrations. Students will learn the dangers of binge drinking, impaired driving, combining alcohol with relationships, and the misuse of other substances.

Come join us for an opportunity to see first-hand youth in our community learning how to decrease injuries related to substance misuse. Public health nurses, police officer, and students will be available for interviews and photos during today’s events.

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