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Dear Manhasset CASA Sector Member,

With many of us still recovering from Hurricane Sandy, Manhasset CASA has cancelled its Thursday, November 29th Sector Meeting and instead requests that you, as a coalition leader, continue to educate yourself about the consequences of marijuana use.

With voters in Washington and Colorado approving legalization of marijuana for recreational use and 29% of Manhasset 12th Grade Students reporting smoking marijuana in the last 30 days, it is essential that all of us be able to provide accurate information in the prevention of marijuana use.

Please access the following link from Shannon D. Weatherly, Acting Administrator, Drug-Free Communities Support Program of the Office of Drug Control Policy:

<http://link.intraclick.com/v/443/8767cc79c2bb3d7c9df87321dd1e39a1d10b5795e9202321> This correspondence provides a link to the ONDCP's online Marijuana Information Resource Center and toolkit that includes Frequently Asked Questions about marijuana, a fact sheet, and up-to-date information on State laws pertaining to marijuana. www.whitehouse.gov/ondcp/marijuanainfo

In addition, **the webinar "Debunking Marijuana Myths"** is available for your viewing and features a panel of science, prevention, and law enforcement experts discussing myths and facts about marijuana. The program discusses how marijuana impacts brain development, why prevention experts believe marijuana in a smoked form is not medicine as well as the notion of taxing marijuana much like tobacco and alcohol. To access the webinar, go to <https://mctft.icfwebservices.com/webcasts/w.aspx?ID=633> and click "View the Webcast".

We are optimistic that you will utilize these resources so as a coalition we can send a united message to our teens and community that marijuana is not safe or harmless to the human body.

For your information, we are attaching a copy of our September 27th Sector Meeting Minutes. Any corrections/additions can be sent to my attention at this email. *Our next meeting will be Thursday, January 31, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Room at Manhasset High School.*

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to CASA's mission. We look forward to seeing you in the new year!

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