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Dear Parents/Families:

Please join us for a community discussion on mental health awareness with Dartmouth-Hitchcock Senior Director for Public Affairs and former Chief Justice John Broderick on Thursday, March 22, 2018, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at Gilbert H. Hood Middle School. This is part of a national effort to support the health and well-being of our children, young adults, and entire community. Hosted by Dartmouth-Hitchcock, the Derry Cooperative School District, Derry PTAs/PTSAs, New Hampshire PTA, and Parkland Medical Center, the event is intended to increase awareness, remove stigmas, and enhance community health.

Former Chief Justice Broderick shares a compelling personal experience that is certain to capture your interest. Those who have heard him find his story thought-provoking and informative. You will leave the presentation knowing the five signs of emotional suffering and how you can identify them.

Several school-based and community agencies will be joining Former Chief Justice Broderick for the evening to provide information and interact with attendees following the presentation. Some of the agencies include Center for Life Management; Convenient MD; Derry Cooperative School District counselors, social workers, psychologists and nurses; Derry Fire Department; Derry Parks and Recreation; Derry Police Department; Derry Public Library; Hampstead Hospital; Londonderry YMCA; Sonshine Soup Kitchen; South Central Public Health Network and Community Alliance for Teen Safety; and Parkland Medical Center. Parkland Medical Center will provide light refreshments for attendees, and Gilbert H. Hood Middle School National Junior Honor Society will provide child care for children aged 2 and over beginning at 6:00 p.m.

We hope to see you on **Thursday, March 22, 2018, at 6:30 p.m.** in the Gilbert H. Hood Middle School Gymnasium to hear from Former Chief Justice Broderick. As a result of this presentation, the knowledge and understanding of this critical issue will be enhanced, and your connection to our school and local community resources will be strengthened.

Respectfully,

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