

Commission to convene on drug-free schools

Eileen Ross, a parent from Livonia. Judge Bernard Friedman, a federal judge from West Bloomfield. Karl Miller, a Southfield High School senior.

These are among the young people, parents and educators scheduled to testify at a public hearing Thursday in Southfield before the National Commission on Drug-Free Schools.

The hearing is scheduled 8-11:30 a.m. at Southfield High School, 24675 Lahser Road.

It leads off a two-day fact-finding visit to Detroit and its suburbs by the commission which reports directly to the U.S. Congress and President.

Its charges are:

- To identify why students use and abuse illicit drugs, alcohol and tobacco.
- To recommend strategies, programs and policies to help our schools and students to drug-free.
- To recommend how to identify existing model programs.
- To recommend ways to develop new model programs.

METROPOLITAN DETROIT is one of 13 cities across the country to which the commission will travel to gather that information, according to Deborah Harnesberger, general counsel to the commission.

"Our goal is to hear from as many people as possible," she said in a

telephone interview from Washington, D.C.

Commission members will also tour Southfield High School, hold round-table discussions with students from metropolitan Detroit, including runaway youth at The Sanctuary in Royal Oak and with parents at the Tri-Stone Baptist Church in Detroit.

All day Friday, they will meet at the Mercy College Conference Center to deal with:

- Financing drug prevention and education.
- Community/school partnerships.
- Overcoming community resistance to change.

Free photo IDs available

Senior citizens will be able to get free identification photos under a program sponsored by the Oakland-Livingston Human Services Agency.

Photographers from the agency will be at several senior citizen centers this month to take pictures for laminated identification cards. Those cards enable seniors to get merchant discounts on a variety of products including auto parts, hair care products, prescription drugs and eyeglasses.

To participate in the program, a person must be 60 or older and a resident of Oakland County.

In addition to the senior's picture, the identification cards include the recipient's name, address, birthdate and Social Security number.

Here is a schedule for seniors interested in obtaining photo identification cards:

- Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the Farmington Senior Center, Mercy Center, 28600 11 Mile Road, 478-2147.
- Tuesday, Dec. 19, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Birmingham Senior Center, 30800 Evergreen Road, 642-1040.

The Oakland-Livingston Human Services Agency is also looking for people or organizations willing to allow their office or meeting room to be used as a photo center. Anyone able to provide a camera site is asked to call 858-6130.

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