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Legislators Join Fight Against Illegal Underage Drinking

Macomb, Thumb lawmakers distribute free guides that empower parents

LANSING – State Reps. **John Espinoza**, **Phil Pavlov** and **Jennifer Haase** are joining forces to help fight underage drinking – by distributing free booklets that offer useful tips for parents on how to talk to their teens about alcohol, spot alcohol use and prevent it.

The “Parents Unite to Prevent Underage Drinking” booklets, produced by the Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals and the Michigan Beer and Wine Wholesalers Association, are being distributed by educators and community leaders throughout Michigan as part of Alcohol Awareness Month in April. The distribution of the booklets also coincides with prom and graduation season.

“For countless students across Michigan, this is a time to celebrate and we want to help parents make sure their children can do so safely and responsibly,” said **Espinoza**, who represents Sanilac and St. Clair counties. “These ‘Parents Unite’ booklets are a terrific tool that empowers parents so they can proactively keep their kids safe from illegal alcohol consumption.”

“As prom and graduation kick off, our message is simple: Teens and alcohol don’t mix,” said **Pavlov**, who represents communities in St. Clair County. “I’m proud to stand with local community leaders and educators to fight illegal underage drinking and encourage our youth to celebrate in constructive, positive ways.”

“Underage drinking is everybody’s problem and it needs to stop,” said **Haase**, who represents northern Macomb and portions of St. Clair counties. “The good news is, we can do something about it, and these free ‘Parents Unite’ booklets can help show parents how best to confront and fight underage drinking.”

The booklets were first distributed in 2002 and to date, half-a-million have been distributed throughout Michigan.

To get a copy of “Parents Unite to Prevent Underage Drinking,” contact Reps. Espinoza, Pavlov or Haase. A copy is also available at www.michiganprincipals.org.

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