REFUSE to LOSE YOUTH SUMMIT

Make the Pledge

July 1, 2017

Dear Parents,

I would like to personally invite you to join your student on July 18th for a **Bring Your Parents to Camp Day**. The Lakeland Police Department and the City of Lakeland are proud to sponsor the

REFUSE TO LOSE YOUTH SUMMIT

at the Lake Mirror Auditorium *(121 S. Lake Ave.)*

Tuesday, July 18th

from 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

FREE Admission

The REFUSE TO LOSE campaign, an initiative of Mayor Howard Wiggs' local Gang Task Force, is committed to reducing teen violence through positive activities and programs. Activities will include an exciting fashion show, informative workshops as well as an educational session on "What To Do If Stopped By A Police Officer." Lunch will also be provided.

Workshops include:

Elementary Workshops Feature: The best ways to stay safe with "She Is Not A Stranger," Health and Fitness, and Conflict Resolution. The fun continues with arts and crafts and a Kid's Club Puppet Show.

Teen Workshops Feature: The Lakeland Police Department Panel for Teen Awareness, a presentation by guest speaker Hotep on making good life decisions, and Rap Rehab with an inaugural "Sound of the Town" Competition. Students will have the opportunity to write eight bars to a customized beat for a chance to win studio time at Mid-Town Studios. Listen to the beats at: www.RefuseToLoseLakeland.com.

We hope you will join us for some or all of the day's activities. The evening will conclude with a BBQ dinner, youth rally and a panel workshop designed just for parents to discuss the following topics that may impact your family:

The Power of One (Single Parent Encouragement)
Consequences of Juvenile Crime
Youth Diversion / Juvenile Records
What Parents Need to Know about Truancy

The City of Lakeland and the Lakeland Police Department want to partner with you, as parents, to help your children be the best they can be! Together, we Make the Pledge and together, we REFUSE TO LOSE! For full Youth Summit details visit **www.RefuseToLoseLakeland.com**

I look forward to participating on this day and I hope to see you there.

Larry R. Giddens
Chief of Police

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