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“Chasing the Dragon” Documentary Film

Little Rock - The Little Rock Federal Bureau of Investigation, in partnership with the Governor's Education Team, Arkansas Department of Education, and many additional strong sponsors/supporters in Arkansas are working together to coordinate a statewide same day viewing of “Chasing the Dragon” for students at participating high schools on **Wednesday, October 25, 2017**, during Red Ribbon Week.

“Chasing the Dragon” is a documentary produced by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Drug Enforcement Administration, which exposes the truth behind the opioid epidemic that is devastating communities in the State of Arkansas and across the United States. The documentary features the true life stories and experiences of people who have dealt with the opioid epidemic.

The goal of the film is more than raising awareness on the opioid epidemic. It is intended to deter young adults from venturing into the drug culture, to help high school students understand opioid addiction, and to demonstrate the strong grip it has on users.

The progression of an opioid addiction is conveyed in the film, including how easily a drug habit can begin, the heinous downward cycle that ensues with perpetual use of opioids, and the tragic consequences that can occur, including death. The gut-wrenching emotional and graphic stories in the film are a glimpse into the terrifying reality of addiction.

We are asking school districts to register as early as possible. Where resources are available, local and state law enforcement officers will also be in attendance to answer questions and provide information. The final registration is August 30, 2017. Schools interested in attending a viewing or hosting a viewing of this film may register at the following registration link:

<http://arkaltdedu.org/chasing-the-dragon>

We are anticipating an expected attendance of over 11,000 students. If you have questions or comments related to registration, please contact Maria Hoskins at mhoskins@fbi.gov.

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