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GOVERNOR TO ADDRESS MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS AT ANTI-DRUG RALLY AT WATERFRONT PARK

Gov. Christie Whitman will emphasize the dangers of substance abuse when she addresses middle school students from throughout New Jersey at an anti-drug rally tomorrow at Waterfront Park in Trenton. The rally, which will be preceded by a march by the students from the State House to Waterfront Park, is part of a new anti-drug initiative, "Talk Now New Jersey."

Coordinated by the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse, the initiative is part of a state-wide effort to address the importance of parents talking to their children about drug abuse.

Joining the Governor at the rally will be Attorney General Peter Verniero and Joseph (J.P.) Miele, Chairman of the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse. Representatives from local, county and state law enforcement communities will provide exhibits outside the stadium.