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D.A.R.E. Graduation Ceremony January 20, 2016

PULLMAN – Students from all Pullman School District 5th grade classes will graduate from the D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program on Wednesday, January 20, 2016 at 6:00 pm in the Lincoln Middle School gymnasium. Approximately 210 fifth grade students from Franklin, Jefferson, and Sunnyside Elementary Schools will graduate. Family, friends, and the public are invited to attend.

D.A.R.E. was founded in 1983 in Los Angeles and has proven so successful that it is now being implemented in 75 percent of our nation's school districts and in more than 43 countries around the world. D.A.R.E. is a police officer-led series of classroom lessons that teaches children how to resist peer pressure and live productive drug and violence-free lives. The D.A.R.E. Mission is "Teaching students good decision-making skills to help them lead safe and healthy lives". The D.A.R.E. Vision is "A world in which students everywhere are empowered to respect others and choose to lead lives free from violence, substance abuse, and other dangerous behaviors."

Officers from the Pullman Police Department have been teaching D.A.R.E. in the Pullman schools since 1989. The D.A.R.E. curriculum has evolved over the years and now consists of ten one-hour lessons that teach good decision making and includes current topics such as anti-bullying.

Pullman Mayor Glenn Johnson, Police Chief Gary Jenkins, and D.A.R.E. Officer Scott Patrick will participate in the graduation ceremony.

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