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## **WCT EMBRACES PREVENTION & RECOVERY SERVICES**

*Partnering with CAPE to “Shine the Light” on Substance Use Disorder & Stigma*

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WAPPINGERS FALLS, NY—The Wappingers Congress of Teachers (WCT) announces its second event in a series of district-wide workshops to inform and educate staff on the issues surrounding substance use disorder (addiction) as it affects the school community. This event focuses on the needs of staff and came about as the direct result of collaborative efforts between the Wappingers Central School District (WCSD) and the Council on Addiction Prevention and Education (CAPE) of Dutchess County, Inc. The Council is a local 501(c)3 organization, licensed by the New York State Office on Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS).

The theme of this year’s event is “Shining the Light on Substance Use Disorder & Stigma in Our Community.” The agenda includes a local parent sharing their personal story as the keynote speaker, a screening of the film *The Anonymous People*, and a diverse series of workshops that are designed to provide staff with the information and tools to continue addressing this behavioral health challenge. The event is open to WCSD staff and will occur at 12 pm (noon) on Superintendent’s Conference Day: September 3, 2019. This special presentation will be held at Wappingers Junior High School, 30 Major Macdonald Way, Wappingers Falls, NY. More information about the event can be found on CAPE’s website: <http://capedc.org/wct-2019>

Should you have more specific questions regarding this press release, please feel free to contact the Marketing & Technology Coordinator, Alara Bedka at (845) 765-8301 x113 or [abedka@capedc.org](mailto:abedka@capedc.org). Thank you for your interest in this event.