



**McBain Rural Agricultural School**  
107 East Maple Street  
McBain, MI 49657

January 22, 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian:

We are excited to inform you that on Wednesday, January 29, our students will be attending an assembly at school to listen to Tony Hoffman, the former professional BMX racer and the 2016 Rio Olympic Games BMX Coach, speak. Tony is an amazing speaker who enjoys working with teens and talking with them about his past struggles with depression, substance abuse and suicidal thoughts. His story is one of hope and resilience as he travels the country talking to teens with the goal of breaking the stigma of addiction, mental health issues and homelessness.

To preview a sample of Mr. Hoffman's presentation, please visit:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kTstJ4OXemQ> on YouTube.

We realize that the topics of drug addiction, depression and suicide are very sensitive in nature, so we encourage you to talk with your teen about these issues before the assembly as well as after. We will also have counselors on hand to discuss any concerns your child may have after the assembly.

If you are not comfortable with your child attending the assembly, please complete the lower portion of this letter and return it to the High School Office no later than Tuesday, January 28, 2020.

We look forward to hosting this assembly and hope your child will walk away with a renewed sense of hope for their future.

Sincerely,

Ryan Biller, Principal