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**FRANKLIN TOWNE CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL TO HOST
STUDENT-LED CRIME PREVENTION SYMPOSIUM SHOWCASING AFTER SCHOOL INITIATIVES
THAT COULD BE IMPLEMENTED THROUGHOUT THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA TO REDUCE
CRIME AND OFFER ALTERNATIVE SOLUTIONS TO THE YOUTH**

**WEDNESDAY - JANUARY 17, 2024
9:00AM – 10:30AM**

This event, in collaboration with the Towne Criminal Justice Department showcases students' research of crime trends that are unique to Philadelphia, the many grants that have been established to reduce crime through such programs, their overall effectiveness, and ultimately our students' own initiatives that could rival or surpass those already in practice .

This symposium holds great significance to our community because we recently lost Isaiah Pagan, an instrumental member of the Class of 2022, on December 20 in a shooting near Oxford Circle in Frankford. Isaiah was a beloved member of our baseball team, admired by both his peers and the staff for his personality and sense of humor.

January 17 also marks Benjamin Franklin's birthday, our school patron who understood the need for reform of the criminal justice system. With other Philadelphians, he helped create the Philadelphia Society for Alleviating the Miseries of Public Prisons (now the Pennsylvania Prison Society), the oldest organization in the country dedicated to sensible and humane criminal justice.

Franklin Towne Charter High School is inviting any available state and local representatives, community leaders, members of Philadelphia Parks and Recreation, and other teachers to serve on a judges panel to evaluate the top presentations and programs that could be implemented to reduce crime in the City of Philadelphia and to offer their input and experience.