



November 6, 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians of 7th Grade Students:

Our school district is working very hard to better understand youth health risk and protective behaviors in the community and across Ohio. As part of this effort, we are asking students in grades 7-12 to participate in an anonymous survey called the Ohio Healthy Youth Environments Survey (OHYES!). The OHYES! is a collaborative effort by the Ohio Departments of Education, Health, and Mental Health and Addiction Services and numerous other programs advocating for our youth.

Our school has decided to participate in this important effort. **The survey is completely voluntary and your child's privacy will be strictly protected.** Students will not be asked for their name, identification number or date of birth. The OHYES! will be confidentially administered by trained school staff and should take about 15 minutes.

The OHYES! asks students about:

- personal use of alcohol , tobacco, and other drugs, perception of risks, where accessed
- feelings about their school and community
- family and personal characteristics
- mental health and access to care
- health-related behaviors (i.e. sleep, nutrition, exercise, and upon district approval, sexual behavior and suicide)

For your convenience, the survey can be viewed at the school's office or online at www.ohyes.ohio.gov/Downloads. Schools have a two-month window to administer the OHYES! between **October 1 to November 30, 2017.**

OHYES! results will help guide communities in creating and improving youth health programs in Ohio. The results will be shared with everyone, including our families, faculty and students, and the public. Because the survey is confidential no student will be identified in the results.

We hope you will permit your child to participate. If you do NOT want your child to participate in this survey, please sign the form below and list the names of your children who will NOT PARTICIPATE. This form must be returned within two weeks. For more information, visit the OHYES! website at www.ohyes.ohio.gov or email info@ohyes.ohio.gov.

Sincerely,

Daniel Foldesy

7th Grade School Counselor

This form must be returned to Mr. Foldesy by Tuesday, November 14th.

NO, my child may not participate in the OHYES! survey

Date: ____/____/____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Student's Name: _____ Grade: _____ Team: _____

A separate form must be returned for each child not participating.