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PASSIVE PARENTAL PERMISSION FORM

Our school is taking part in the Youth Risk Behavior Survey sponsored by the Department of Public Instruction. The survey will ask about health behaviors that keep young people healthy, as well as behaviors that result in unintentional and intentional injuries, tobacco use, and alcohol and other drug use. It will also ask about bullying, sexual risk behaviors (mostly for high school students), online risk behaviors, stress and anxiety, self-harm, dietary behavior and physical activity. It also focuses on positive things like strong connections to the school and to other people.

Students will be asked to fill out an anonymous, online questionnaire that takes about 25-35 minutes to complete. They will take the survey during a regular I/E session on November 3, 2021.

Completing this anonymous survey will cause little or no risk to your child. The only potential risk is that some students might find certain questions to be sensitive. The survey has been designed to protect your child's privacy. Students will not put their names on the survey and it does not ask for student IDs or any other individual identifiers. The classroom setting will be set up like a test so that students' answers remain private. The school will only not have access to individual students' answers and no class or student will ever be mentioned by name in a report of the results. Your child will get no benefit right away from taking part in the survey. However, the results of this survey do help students by providing schools and the community with information that is used to improve health and safety programs. We would like all selected students to take part in the survey, **but the survey is voluntary. No** action will be taken against you, or your child, if your child does not take part. Students can skip any question that they do not wish to answer. In addition, students may stop participating in the survey at any point without penalty. If you have questions about the survey, you may ask your child's teacher or school counselor. If they cannot answer your questions, they can direct you to the proper person at the Department of Public Instruction.

Please read the section below. **If you do not want your child to take part in the survey, check the box, sign and date the form and return the form to the school no later than Oct 28, 2021.** Signing and returning this form will dismiss your child from taking the survey. **If you have no objection to your child taking part in the survey, you should do nothing with this form.** Thank you.

Child's name: _____ Grade: _____

I have read this form and know what the survey is about.

[] My child **MAY NOT** take part in this survey.

Parent's signature: _____ Date: _____

Pupil nondiscrimination statement:

It is the policy of the School District of New London that no person may be denied admission to any public school or be denied participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be discriminated against in any curricular, extracurricular, pupil services, recreational or other program or activity because of the person's sex, color, race, religion, national origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation or physical, mental, emotional or learning disability.