**Attachment O**

**Baseline Principal Survey**

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Baseline Principal Survey

**Purpose**

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) thank you for your willingness to participate in our study of the Safe Dates program. You are taking a leading role in allowing the CDC to gather some important information aimed at making this program more accessible to high school students across the nation.

**Your perspective is very important to us.**

Because of your unique role in the school, your opinions and impressions are particularly important to us. This is the first of three brief surveys we hope you will complete. This survey is expected to take about 15 minutes to complete. We know your time is precious so we’ve limited our questions to those considered the most important.

**We are seeking your first impressions and reactions.**

Please provide responses based on what you know or what you think. Feel free to use the ‘don’t know’ option as needed. There are no “right” or “wrong” answers.

We recommend that you work quickly without puzzling or worrying about individual questions. We are aware that some questions may appear to be repetitive but it is necessary to ask a variety of questions to obtain reliable and accurate information about the topics addressed in the questionnaire.

**Privacy:**

All answers you provide will be kept private. Findings will be summarized in aggregated form to protect the identity of participating individuals and schools. However, we ask that you provide your name so that we can match your answers to this questionnaire with those on the subsequent two questionnaires.

**Please complete your survey within 2 business days.**

**Feedback:**

In addition to a variety of incentives that your school is receiving in exchange for participating in this study, your school also will receive an executive summary of findings from the study.

**PLEASE TELL US A LITTLE ABOUT YOURSELF**

**Background Information:** Please provide the following information so that we will be able a) to match your answers to this survey with the answers you provide on follow-up surveys and b) provide some general background information about survey participants. As noted on the cover sheet, the information you provide will be kept private.

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| 1. Your name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | 5. Tenure at this school: \_\_\_\_\_\_yrs. \_\_\_\_\_mos. |
| 2. Your job title: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | 6. Years working in education: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ yrs. |
| 3. School name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | 7. Your gender: \_\_\_\_\_male \_\_\_\_\_\_ female |
| 4. Time in current job: \_\_\_\_\_\_yrs.\_\_\_\_\_\_ mos. | 8. Highest degree earned (check one):  \_\_\_\_\_ Associates \_\_\_\_\_ Bachelors  \_\_\_\_\_ Masters \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ PhD or EdD |

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| 9. On average, how often are you in communication with teachers at this school who teach health, wellness and/or prevention classes?  \_\_\_\_ never  \_\_\_\_ rarely  \_\_\_\_ sometimes  \_\_\_\_ often  \_\_\_\_ very often |
| 10. How would you rate your level of familiarity with the health/wellness/prevention curriculum being taught at this school?  \_\_\_\_ not at all familiar  \_\_\_\_ somewhat familiar  \_\_\_\_ familiar  \_\_\_\_ very familiar  \_\_\_\_ extremely familiar |
| 11. Do you directly supervise teachers at this school who teach health, wellness, prevention or related courses?  \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Yes (If yes, about how many teachers do you directly supervise? \_\_\_\_\_\_ teachers) |

**YOUR SCHOOL’S DECISION TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS STUDY**

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| 12. | Which of the following reasons explain why your school agreed to participate in the study? (check all that apply)  \_\_\_\_ Our participation was mandated by the district or by a higher level within our educational system  \_\_\_\_ We value the opportunity to participate in research  \_\_\_\_ We get paid for participating  \_\_\_\_ We will have access to study results  \_\_\_\_ We hoped to add the Safe Dates curriculum to our health/wellness/prevention programming  \_\_\_\_ The Safe Dates curriculum fits with this school's strategic goals  \_\_\_\_ Other (please explain) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_ I don’t know |

**EXISTING VIOLENCE PREVENTION POLICIES, PROGRAMS, ETC. AT THIS SCHOOL**

Instructions: The actual and expected incidence of violence on school campuses varies substantially from school to school. As a result, violence prevention policies, strategies and programs (**which are referred to as ‘violence prevention initiatives’ throughout the remainder of this survey**) also vary from school to school. Please indicate which of the following ***violence prevention initiatives*** are currently in effect at your school?  Please MARK ALL of the initiatives which are currently in effect at your school by placing an “X” on the relevant lines below.

School-wide policies and policy enforcement strategies

\_\_\_\_\_ school-wide, formal policies related to identifying, dealing with, and minimizing the occurrence of violent behavior

\_\_\_\_\_ staff training pertaining to implementing school-wide violence prevention and reduction policies

\_\_\_\_\_ a review board (may involve faculty, students, administrators, etc) that makes judgments on cases of violent behavior

\_\_\_\_\_ contracts to be signed by students (and parents) agreeing to abide by the school’s violence prevention policies

\_\_\_\_\_ an ombudsmen (or impartial party) to whom students can confidentially report incidents of violence

\_\_\_\_\_ monitoring by law enforcement, security officers, or other trained staff

Education/informational approaches

\_\_\_\_\_ teacher training about the topic of violence prevention

\_\_\_\_\_ special lectures on the topic of violence prevention

\_\_\_\_\_ curricula addressing adolescent dating violence

\_\_\_\_\_ other curriculum addressing adolescent violence more generally (e.g., bullying, conflict resolution, peer mediation, or student court programs)

\_\_\_\_\_ signs etc. posted in areas visible to students related to dealing with and/or reducing violence

Behaviorally – based and related approaches

\_\_\_\_\_ systems of rewards or incentives for positive or good student behavior

\_\_\_\_\_ classroom-management program to manage unruly, unacceptable, or violent behavior

\_\_\_\_\_ interventions for high-risk students involving behavior modification, counseling, or case management

Other environmental approaches

\_\_\_\_\_ metal detectors on campus

\_\_\_\_\_ security cameras

\_\_\_\_\_ open lockers

\_\_\_\_\_ random unannounced searches of lockers

\_\_\_\_\_ use of uniform or strict dress code

\_\_\_\_\_ clear book bags or clear specifications of banned book bags,

\_\_\_\_\_ steps to control access to the school (e.g., signs, limiting number of entry doors)

\_\_\_\_\_ structural changes to make it easier to observe students (lighting, more windows, eliminate entrapment zones)

\_\_\_\_\_ changes to make the school environment more warm and friendly (efforts to keep school clean, eliminate graffiti, display student work, use bright, happy colors)

**Instructions**: Using the scale provided below, please indicate the extent to which you agree with each of the following statements in light of what you know about this school and its existing violence prevention policies, programs, strategies, which you indicated above. Enter the number that most closely reflects your response in the space provided next to each phrase. Feel free to enter “0” if you don’t know or “9” if you believe the question does not apply to you or your school

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|  | The existing violence-prevention policies, strategies and programs, etc. at this school are very effective………………………………………………………………………………………………………… | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
|  | This school's rules and programs for preventing violence seem to work very well……………………. | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
|  | This school does a good job preventing fighting and other forms of violence involving students……. | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
|  | This school’s policies, programs, and approaches related to violence prevention are well-suited to our needs………………………………………………………………………………………………………. | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |

Instructions: This school is among a group of schools selected to teach, on a trial basis, a dating-violence prevention curriculum called “Safe Dates” as part of a research study. The Safe Dates curriculum is designed to be taught in the form of nine, 50-minute lessons. Based on what you currently know, please answer the following questions. If you have no idea, feel free to skip an item.

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|  | 17. | Which of the following options best describes how the Safe Dates (SD) course is likely to be incorporated into your school's broader health or prevention curriculum?  \_\_\_\_ SD will be taught as an independent course in the health or prevention curriculum  \_\_\_\_ SD lessons will be an intact module within an existing course in the health/prevention curriculum  \_\_\_\_ SD lessons will be interspersed among other lessons in the broader curriculum  \_\_\_\_ Other (please explain: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_) |
|  | 18a. | I estimate that the kick-off date for the 9-lesson, Safe Dates Curriculum at this school will be:  \_\_\_\_\_\_ month \_\_\_\_\_\_ year |
|  | 18b. | I estimate that the completion date for the 9-lesson, Safe Dates Curriculum at this school will be: \_\_\_\_\_\_month \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ year |

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|  | This school is very willing to implement new prevention programs that have been developed by researchers…………………………………………………………………………………………………………. | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
|  | Offering the Safe Dates curriculum is a very good idea for this school……………………………………… | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
|  | The Safe Dates curriculum must be implemented in a precise manner in order to be effective………….. | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
|  | I have been very supportive of this school's efforts to implement our violence prevention initiatives……. | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
|  | The advantages of implementing the Safe Dates curriculum at this school will far outweigh any disadvantages……………………………………………………………………………………………………… | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
|  | This school can deal with difficulties that might interfere with teaching the Safe Dates curriculum as prescribed……………… | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
|  | The Safe Dates curriculum addresses a need that is already being addressed by an existing program at this school…………… | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
|  | Scientific evidence indicates the Safe Dates course is effective in reducing dating violence…………….. | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
|  | I had some knowledge of the Safe Dates program before this school decided to participate in this research study…………… | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
|  | Implementing Safe Dates will address an important unmet need of our student body | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
|  | The Safe Dates course will contribute to the safety of the students who take it | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
|  | This school has the resources necessary to support the ongoing implementation of our violence prevention initiatives……………………….. | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
|  | This school volunteered to implement the Safe Dates curriculum | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
|  | Teachers who will be teaching Safe Dates were actively involved in the school's decision to participate in this study | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
|  | Top administrators at this school don't seem to care if we implement the Safe Dates curriculum | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
|  | The Safe Dates curriculum will be difficult to implement correctly……………… | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
|  | Teachers will have the final say about which Safe Dates lessons to cover in their classes | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
|  | I am very supportive of this school’s involvement in this research study | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
|  | This school has strong rules and programs for preventing violence involving students | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
|  | Technical assistance is available to staff responsible for implementing components of our violence prevention initiatives………………. | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
|  | Honestly, I really don’t care if we implement the Safe Dates curriculum at this school or not | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |

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|  | Research-based prevention programs typically don’t work well in most school settings… | \_\_\_\_\_ |
|  | School administrators do a good job removing barriers that interfere with the implementation of our violence prevention initiatives | \_\_\_\_\_ |
|  | The school's decision to offer the Safe Dates curriculum is a good decision | \_\_\_\_\_ |
|  | Adaptations can be made in how the Safe Dates course is taught without jeopardizing its effectiveness | \_\_\_\_\_ |
|  | Overall, implementing the Safe Dates curriculum will be advantageous to this school | \_\_\_\_\_ |
|  | If unforeseen scheduling conflicts arise, the Safe Dates curriculum can still be delivered as intended | \_\_\_\_\_ |
|  | The Safe Dates curriculum is very similar to a course we already offer at this school | \_\_\_\_\_ |
|  | There is strong scientific evidence suggesting the Safe Dates course reduces violence between dating partners | \_\_\_\_\_ |
|  | I first heard about the Safe Dates curriculum when our school decided to participate in this research study.. | \_\_\_\_\_ |
|  | The administration gets regular progress reports about the implementation of this school's violence prevention initiatives | \_\_\_\_\_ |
|  | Safe Dates will be an important addition to the school's health curriculum………………………………………. | \_\_\_\_\_ |
|  | Dating violence will decrease among students who participate in the Safe Dates program. | \_\_\_\_\_ |
|  | Implementation of the Safe Dates curriculum at this school is mandated by a higher authority………………. | \_\_\_\_\_ |
|  | School administrators rather than teachers made the decision to participate in this study about Safe Dates.. | \_\_\_\_\_ |
|  | Top administrators at this school seem committed to including Safe Dates in our health and/or prevention curriculum | \_\_\_\_\_ |
|  | It will be easy to prepare teachers to implement the Safe Dates curriculum as recommended by experts….. | \_\_\_\_\_ |
|  | Teachers will be able to decide whether or not to cover all or only some of the lessons included in the Safe Dates curriculum | \_\_\_\_\_ |
|  | Administrators at this school are very supportive of this school’s involvement in this research study……….. | \_\_\_\_\_ |
|  | This school puts a lot of effort into preventing violence of any kind among students | \_\_\_\_\_ |
|  | I strongly support including Safe Dates in this school's health curriculum | \_\_\_\_\_ |

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|  | Teachers are encouraged to speak openly about the strengths and weaknesses of our violence prevention initiatives | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
|  | Teachers at this school know more than academic researchers about what makes a prevention program effective | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
|  | The Safe Dates program is likely to be a valuable addition to this school's health/prevention curriculum…… | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
|  | Some components of the Safe Dates curriculum have to be implemented as prescribed but others do not… | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
|  | Implementing the Safe Dates curriculum will have more benefits than drawbacks for this school. | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
|  | We are prepared to see that the Safe Dates curriculum is delivered as intended regardless of the obstacles that might arise | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
|  | The Safe Dates curriculum will enhance this school's existing health and prevention programming | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
|  | There is convincing scientific evidence that shows that Safe Dates reduces dating violence | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
|  | This school is highly motivated to implement the Safe Dates program | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
|  | Top administrators at this school provide encouragement to staff involved in implementing our violence prevention initiatives | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
|  | The Safe Dates curriculum will provide students with knowledge and strategies to reduce the incidence of dating violence in the future | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
|  | Teachers who will be teaching the Safe Dates course are doing so voluntarily | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
|  | Teachers who will be teaching the Safe Dates course helped decide whether to participate in this study | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
|  | Top administrators at this school are committed to ensuring that Safe Dates is part of the health/prevention curriculum | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
|  | There are one or more reasons why it will be difficult for teachers to implement the Safe Dates curriculum at this school | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
|  | Teachers will be required to teach every lesson included in the Safe Dates curriculum | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
|  | Teachers are supportive of this school's involvement in this research study | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
|  | Violence of any kind such as fighting, bullying and yelling is not allowed at this school | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
|  | The school board has been very supportive of this school's efforts to implement violence prevention initiatives………………………………. | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
|  | Teaching Safe Dates exactly as it was developed by experts is critical to getting expected results.. | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |

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|  | This school can deal with any “bumps in the road” that may arise in the process of delivering the Safe Dates curriculum | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
|  | The Safe Dates curriculum will complement existing health and prevention programming at this school. | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
|  | Teachers who will be responsible for teaching Safe Dates have chosen to do so | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
|  | Teachers who will be teaching Safe Dates were consulted in arriving at the decision to participate in this study | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
|  | It will be easy for teachers at this school to implement the Safe Dates curriculum correctly on a consistent basis | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
|  | I am committed to seeing that the Safe Dates curriculum is taught at this school | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
|  | The Safe Dates course will have long-term benefits for the students who take it | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
|  | Students who behave violently are not allowed to stay at this school | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
|  | Staff members who are responsible for implementing this school’s violence prevention initiatives have a clear understanding of their roles and responsibilities. | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |