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Initial Educator Web Survey Invitation Cover Letter

## *Dating Matters: Strategies to Promote Healthy Teen Relationships*™ Initiative

Division of Violence Prevention

National Center for Injury Prevention and Control

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

 **<*Date, via email*>**

**Dear <Educator>:**

**The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is conducting a research project. It is called “Evaluation of CDC’s Dating Matters: Strategies to Promote Healthy Teen Relationships™ Initiative.” Your middle school has partnered with your local health department and is conducting one of two teen dating violence prevention programs. The purpose of this study is to help us learn more about teenagers’ relationships with other people, including people they date or hang out with. This will help us know how different programs in your school and your community are working. We would like to gather information from the educators in your school during the four years of the project: a baseline survey and a follow up survey in the first year, and then one annual survey during the following three years of the project.**

**We would like to invite you, as a teacher in a participating school, to complete an online survey about your school’s environment. (You may or may not also be involved with the project as an implementer of curricula.) You do not have to participate, but your participation will be a contribution to research that may benefit others in the future.**

**The secure link below will connect you to a web page with more information about the survey. Once you have read about the survey, you will be given an opportunity to decline or accept participation. Should you choose to participate, the baseline survey will take about 20 minutes to complete.**

**More information and the survey itself are available at the following <web link>. If you choose to participate, your log in information is as follows:**

**<PIN>**

**<Password>**

**(*The password will allow you to pause if you are interrupted and return to the survey at another time, but in no case will your personal identifying information be retained in the final survey database.*)**

**If you have any questions about this study, you may contact <contact person and phone and email>. For additional information regarding the rights of human participants in research, you may contact <IRB contact>.**

**Sincerely,**

**Bruce G. Taylor, Ph.D.**

**Principal Investigator, NORC Evaluation Contract**

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