

2021 and 2023 National Youth Risk Behavior Survey

Attachment P6

Letter to Agreeing Schools

# {YEAR} National Youth Risk Behavior Survey

## We ask that you please:

**Distribute** the enclosed packets at your earliest convenience. Please ask teachers to distribute the parental permission form as soon as possible.

**Check-in** with teachers a few days later to make sure the parental permission forms have been distributed. Forms should be distributed to students **at least 10 days before the survey administration date.**

**Identify** someone within the school to whom participating teachers may refer students, should they have questions. This person may be a guidance counselor, school nurse, or other staff member.

**Complete** the enclosed School Enrollment Form and the School Award Form. Please give them to the study representative on the day of the survey or fax them to the number on the form.

Dear Principal/School Contact:

Thank you for your school's participation in the {YEAR} national Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS), sponsored by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Division of Adolescent and School Health. Results from the YRBS will help to determine the extent to which adolescents practice health risk behaviors and to develop education programs and other strategies to help reduce these behaviors. A report summarizing the results will be published the following year and your school will be notified when the report is available for download.

Enclosed is a packet of materials for each teacher whose class was selected to participate in the survey. These packets contain helpful information for each teacher, including a Summary of School Arrangements form, a Data Collection Checklist, a survey fact sheet, parental permission forms, instructions to be read when distributing permission forms, and reminder slips. All returned permission forms should remain at the school and are to be maintained according to your school's parental permission form policy.

Your support and encouragement will help to ensure a high rate of participation, which is essential to produce valid national data.

The participation of your students in the YRBS will help the CDC, educators, and public health officials assess and improve efforts to reduce priority health risk behaviors among adolescents throughout the Nation. If you have any questions, please call me toll-free at 1-800-675-9727 between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. eastern time. Thank you again for your cooperation.

Sincerely,



Alice Roberts, Project Director

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