

## Parent Letter (Opt-Out)

October 20, 2017

Dear Parent:

On November 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, or 8<sup>th</sup>, students in grades 6, 8, 10, and 12 in our district are taking part in an important survey on substance abuse and health-related behaviors conducted by the Governor's Office of Drug Policy.

The purpose of the survey is to gather information needed to better understand substance abuse and mental health issues in Idaho communities. This information will also be used to plan programs to prevent issues related to substance abuse, mental health, suicide and other health-related concerns in Idaho communities and schools such as ours. Information will also help judge the effectiveness of current prevention and intervention efforts. I have a copy of the survey instrument at the school office if you wish to stop by and review it or **a copy of the survey questions will be listed on our Twin Falls School District web site at [www.tfsd.org](http://www.tfsd.org), under Departments, then Secondary Programs.**

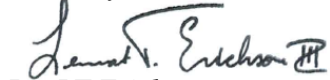
The survey is entirely anonymous and confidential. Students will not put their names or any other identifying information on the survey booklet. All results from the survey will be presented only in group summary form, like many opinion polls.

Your child's participation in the survey is completely voluntary. Each child will be given the option of leaving blank any question that he or she prefers not to answer. You may decline to have your child participate if you wish. Please remember this survey offers your child the opportunity to share his or her confidential opinions on very important issues being faced by Idaho youth today. If you do decline, your son or daughter will be allowed to read or participate in some other alternative activity while his or her classmates are taking the survey.

The survey is being conducted by Bach-Harrison LLC under a contract with the Governor's Office of Drug Policy. The State-level Project Coordinator for this survey is Stephanie Pustejovsky. She can be reached at 208-854-3046 or [stephanie.pustejovsky@odp.idaho.gov](mailto:stephanie.pustejovsky@odp.idaho.gov). Please feel free to contact Stephanie if you have any questions regarding the survey. Mary Johnstun of Bach Harrison LLC, our survey contractor, can also be reached at 801-842-2682 or [mary@bach-harrison.com](mailto:mary@bach-harrison.com).

**If you would like to opt your child out of the survey, please complete the information below and return the portion below to your child's school.**

Sincerely,



Dr. LT Erickson

Director of Secondary Programs

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Student's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

The student may **NOT** participate in the Idaho Healthy Youth Survey.

Parent's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_