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May 5, 2022

Dear Parent / Guardian:

As we have over the past several years, the Massapequa Public School District has agreed to participate this Spring in the 2021 - 2022 NYS Youth Development Survey, funded by the New York State Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS) for our students in grades 7-12. This statewide survey is designed to improve our community's understanding of our students' strengths and the risks they may face for developing health problems like smoking, underage drinking and other substance use. The survey is totally anonymous with no identifying information collected. The information the students provide will help us all: students, parents, schools and youth service providers, as we work together to strengthen our community and support the healthy development of our children. The survey contractor, ISA Pride Surveys, is a national youth survey organization with over 30 years of experience conducting student surveys in schools.

The survey will be administered in physical education classes during the latter part of May, 2022. The following are facts about the survey:

1. It is totally **voluntary**. Your child does not have to participate. You do not have to give a reason for not approving participation.
2. Students are **not required to answer** all questions, only those that they want to answer.
3. It is totally **anonymous**. The survey is designed to protect your child's privacy. No names or any other identifying information will ever be recorded.
4. The Massapequa School District will use the school district level survey results to plan better youth development and prevention efforts.

A copy of the 2021-2022 Youth Development Survey is available at your child's Principal's Office for your review. You may also call Dr. Fasano in the Office of Curriculum and Instruction at 516-308-5070 for more information about the survey.

If you approve your child's participation, you do not need to return this form or take any other action.

If you do not want your child to participate, simply sign and return the attached refusal form to my office by: Monday, May 16th. If you return the refusal form, your child will be given an alternative activity during the survey period.

Thank you for your support and assistance. This survey is an important part of our school community's effort to keep our children healthy and safe.

Sincerely,

Dr. Thomas J. Fasano
Assistant Superintendent

Massapequa Public School District

2021-2022 NYS Youth Development Survey

Parent/Guardian Refusal Form

If you DO NOT want your child to participate in this Youth Development Survey, please complete and sign this form:

I do not give my consent for my child(ren), 1. _____
(child's name)

2. _____
(child's name)

3. _____
(child's name)

4. _____
(child's name)

5. _____
(child's name)

to participate in the 2021-2022 Youth Development Survey.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____ - _____, 2022

If you do not want your child to participate, please hand deliver, scan and email, or mail this form by Monday, May 16th to

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