

# WAPPINGERS

Central School District



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November 19, 2013

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Over the course of the next few weeks, the Wappingers Central School District will conduct a very important study concerning the needs, attitudes and behaviors of our students in grades 8<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. The information obtained through the survey is expected to provide guidance as to how to best serve the needs of young people in our district. The administration of the survey is a collaborative effort between the Wappingers Central School District and the Council on Addiction Prevention and Education of Dutchess County, Inc. (CAPE). The Wappingers Central School District is one of nine area districts participating in the survey that will provide data for initiatives at the county level.

The survey has been developed in partnership with SUNY New Paltz and the New York State Office on Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services (NYS OASAS). This survey will provide our school community and county with a wide range of information, such as how students spend their time, their perceptions of school and community life, and their participation in a wide range of risk behaviors. The survey will help all of us, students, families, schools, communities and the county on how to best guide young people as they grow into healthy, caring, and responsible adults.

Additional information:

- . Students will be given one full class period in which to complete the survey.
- . The survey will be online.
- . The surveys are completed anonymously. No one will know how individual students respond to questions.
- . The final report will present findings in the aggregate. No individual student or school data are reported. No one at our school will review any of the completed surveys.
- . The survey is not a test that students take for school grades, and their grades will not be affected if they choose not to participate.
- . Students are told that their participation is voluntary and that they may skip items if they choose.

Please seriously consider allowing your child to participate in this study. A copy of the survey will be available for your review in the main offices of the participating schools beginning on Monday, November 25, 2013.

SCHOOL BUILDING	PRINCIPAL	GUIDANCE COUNSELOR
Van Wyck JHS	Steven Shuchat	Anne Bogen
Wappingers JHS	Terrence Thompson	Paul Nostrand
John Jay SHS	Dwight Bonk	Bonnie Schilling
Roy C. Ketcham HS	Thomas Stella	Suzanne deSimone/Kalah Boscia
Orchard View	Rodger DeHay	Nicole Gallacher

If you do not want your child to participate, you MUST return the form at the bottom of this letter by November 26, 2013.

All completed forms for 8<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders should be returned to the main office. If no form is received your child will be asked to participate in the survey.

If you have any questions, please contact Kalah Boscia at 845-298-5100 ext. 31118.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Marco Pochintesta  
Superintendent of Schools

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WITHDRAWAL FORM FOR STUDENT PARTICIPATION	
Student's Name: _____	Grade _____
School: _____	
Parent's Signature: _____	Date: _____