

Dear Parents and Guardians:

The Partnership for Youth is conducting the 21<sup>th</sup> annual regional Student Health Survey **one day during the week of February 13th-16th**. Your child's class has been selected to participate in this survey. The survey will ask about knowledge and behaviors that affect students' health and well-being, including substance use, violence, mental health, diet, and exercise.

The purpose of the study is to gather the information needed to plan programs to support students and reduce problem behaviors in our schools and communities. It will also help us judge the effectiveness of our current prevention and intervention efforts. If you would like to see the survey before your student takes the survey, please contact the FCTS survey coordinator Jenna Carme at [jcarme@fcts.us](mailto:jcarme@fcts.us).

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

Additionally, your child's participation in the survey is completely voluntary. Each child will be given the option of leaving blank any question that they prefer not to answer. You may decline to have your child participate, if you wish. If you do decline, your child will be allowed to read or participate in some other alternative activity while their classmates are taking the survey.

Please let Jenna Carme, at the above email address, know in writing by **February 10th** only if you do not wish your student to participate in the study or if you have any other questions about this important study.

Sincerely,

Brian Spadafino  
Principal