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Dear Parent or Guardian:

The Chenango Forks School District has been chosen to participate in the Prevention Needs Assessment Survey (PNA). This survey of students in grades 7 – 12 is designed to improve our understanding of our children's strengths, our community supports, and the risks they may face for problems like smoking, underage drinking, and drug use. The information the students provide can help take steps to reduce and prevent these risks and/or behaviors in the Chenango Forks School District and the community. The survey is sponsored by the Broome County Mental Health Department in conjunction with Drug Free Communities, whom we are working with to build healthier communities.

Your child's class has been selected to participate in this survey on November 19 or November 20 in PE class. The following are facts about the survey:

1. The survey is **voluntary**. Your child does not have to participate. You do not have to give a reason for not allowing your child to participate. Also, students are not required to answer all questions, only those that they want to answer.
2. It is **anonymous**. The survey is designed to protect your child's privacy. No names or any other identifying information will ever be recorded. All the surveys are securely protected and shredded once the district-wide results are tabulated.
3. The Chenango Forks School District and Drug Free Communities will use the survey results to plan important prevention efforts.

A copy of the survey is available at the principal's office of your child's school for your review. You may also call me at 648-7576 for more information.

If you do not want your child to participate, simply sign and return the attached refusal form to the principal's office by November 14, 2018. If you return the refusal form, your child will be given an alternative activity to do during the survey period.

Thank you for your help and cooperation. This survey is an important part of The Chenango Forks School District's effort to keep our children healthy and safe. I hope you will allow your child to participate.

Sincerely,

Andrew Rullo
MS Principal

Chenango Forks School District

2018 Prevention Needs Assessment Survey Parent/Guardian Refusal Form

If you do not want your child(ren) to participate, please complete, sign, and return this form:

I do not give my consent for my child(ren),

1. _____,
(child's name)

2. _____,
(child's name)

3. _____,
(child's name)

to participate in the November 2018 Prevention Needs Assessment Survey.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Please return this form by November 14, 2018 to the principal's office.