

Dear Parents:

Our schools will be administering the *Kansas Communities That Care Student Survey*\* during this school year. This survey is taken by 6<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students statewide. We believe this survey is a valuable tool to help us understand how students perceive things like substance use and bullying. It gives us insight into the problems students face and shows what we can do to help them succeed. The information is essential to our county and state grant funding for planning effective prevention programs in our school and community. One local organization that relies on this data is Nemaha County United 4 Youth. Further information about that organization can be found on the web at [united4youth.org](http://united4youth.org).

The results from prior surveys are available to view at [www.kctcdata.org/Documents/ctc\\_survey\\_.pdf](http://www.kctcdata.org/Documents/ctc_survey_.pdf). You may also be interested to know the following:

- 1. It is completely anonymous.** Students will not be asked for their names on the questionnaire, nor will anyone be able to connect any individual student with his/her responses. School staff will not see any one student's responses, but only summaries of results. To further guarantee anonymity, results will not be reported on any particular question without sufficient response from enough students.
- 2. Participation is entirely voluntary.** Your child may decline to participate in the survey, or may simply skip any particular question they do not wish to answer.
- 3. Annual participation is important.** Even if your child has participated in previous surveys, annual data is extremely helpful in determining the effectiveness of previous efforts and changes in program areas.

We hope you will allow your child to participate. Please check the appropriate box below. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Matt Garber and Sheri Harmer

PRINCIPALS

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My child will participate in the *Kansas Communities That Care Student Survey*:

I agree or acknowledge that I have been provided this information.

I disagree or not applicable.

\*The survey is provided by the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services Behavioral Health Services and administered by the Southeast Kansas Education Service Center Grants and Evaluation Department.