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Dear Parents:

Our school will be administering the *Kansas Communities That Care Student Survey**. This survey is taken by 6th, 8th, 10th and 12th grade students statewide. We believe this survey is a valuable tool to help us understand how students behave, think and feel about alcohol, marijuana and other drug use, bullying and school safety.

The KCTC survey measures teen substance use, delinquency, and related problem behaviors and the factors that predict those problems in schools and communities. In addition, it provides a baseline for participation in, perception of, and attitudes toward positive behavior.

The survey gives us insight into the problems students face and shows what we can do to help them succeed. We use the survey data to make changes to our school policies and programs in order to improve our school and better meet the needs of our students. It is also essential for planning effective prevention programs in our school and community.

The survey is available to view at <u>http://kctcdata.org/Documents/2018/2018%20KCTC%20Comprehensive.pdf</u>. 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. *All parents must grant or deny permission in the online enrollment system or sign and return this form to school upon enrollment.* Thank you in advance for your cooperation. Feel free to contact us directly with questions.

Sincerely,

Josh Meyer, Superintendent / Elementary Principal Blain White, Jr/Sr High School Principal

Please check one:

Yes, I give permission for my child to participate in the *Kansas Communities That Care Student Survey*.

No, I do not give permission for my child to participate in the *Kansas Communities That Care Student Survey*.

Name of Student

Parent/Guardian Signature

*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.