

May 10, 2016

Dear Parents or Guardians:

The Little Compton Prevention Coalition has received a grant from The Department of Behavioral Health, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals (RI BHDDH), to continue strengthening the town's capacity to address youth substance abuse. A requirement of this grant is that the community collects survey information about substance use attitudes and behaviors from students in grades 7-12. This survey will be administered on-line to students between May 16-May 20. The Survey has been approved by the RI Department of Education. This survey is being administered statewide and will be evaluated by researchers at the University of RI.

Confidentiality: Completing the survey is completely voluntary. There is no penalty of any kind if a student does not participate in the survey. The survey contains questions regarding attitudes, behaviors, and beliefs about alcohol and drug use in addition to basic demographic questions. **All answers are strictly confidential.** No names will appear on the survey.

Benefits: The information gained from the survey is used to:

- 1) improve the lives of our youth,
- 2) support program funding and resources to reduce youth high-risk behavior(s),

Risks: Questions concerning alcohol, tobacco and drugs are about substances which are illegal for youth and may make some youth feel uncomfortable. Your child may decline to answer any question(s).

Alternative: The alternative is not to complete the survey.

Thank you for helping us collect this needed information.

This form **ONLY** needs to be signed and returned to the WMS Main Office if you **DO NOT** want your child to participate in this survey by May 16,2016

Rhode Island Youth Support Survey ~ Wilbur McMahan School

Please **PRINT** Student's Name: _____

Grade: _____ Date: _____

I DO NOT grant my permission for my child to complete this survey.

Please **PRINT** Parent/Guardian's Name _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____