



Danvers Public Schools
64 Cabot Road
Danvers, MA 01923

Dear Parent,

On **November 20th, 2018** our school in partnership with Danvers CARES will be conducting a Youth Health & Behavior Survey with all students grades 7 and 8. The survey will gather information about health behaviors associated with the leading causes of illness, injury, and death among young people. The survey takes about 45 minutes to complete and will be administered during school time.

The information collected by this survey will help the Danvers school system improve school programs aimed at preventing and reducing health risk behaviors among youth. The school department has implemented this survey every two years since 2008.

This online survey is conducted on a secure school survey link and consists of multiple-choice questions. There are no physical tests or exams involved. Your child's participation is voluntary and anonymous; no names will ever be collected, used, or reported. The survey will ask about tobacco, alcohol, and other drug use; behaviors related to intentional and unintentional injuries; eating habits and physical activity.

Valid results depend on high participation rates among students, but participation is entirely voluntary. There will be no negative consequences for your child, you, or the school if your child does not participate.

Parents may view a copy of this survey at the **Holten Richmond Middle School Main Office from November 5th through November 19th, 2018.**

If you do **NOT** want your son/daughter to participate in the survey, sign the form and return this entire page to the **Holten Richmond Main Office no later than Monday November 19th, 2018 or email Principal Federico at federico@danvers.org.**

Thank you for your cooperation with this important research effort.

My son/daughter, _____, **may not** complete the Youth Health & Behavior Survey.

Date

Parent's signature

