



Deer Path Middle School

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Striving for Excellence; Seeking a Balance

January 6, 2012

Dear Parent:

Your child's class has been chosen to participate in the Illinois Youth Survey. This survey is being offered to our school at no cost through the Illinois Department of Human Services. The purpose of this survey is to gather information needed to plan important prevention and intervention programs to reduce youth drug use and associated risk behaviors.

The survey is entirely anonymous. Students will not put their names or any other identifying information on the survey booklet. Deer Path Middle School will receive a report of overall results, but Deer Path Middle School will not know which students gave which responses. All results from the survey will be presented in a group summary format only, similar to many opinion polls.

The survey is voluntary, so your child will participate only if you and your child agree to do so. If you wish to exclude your child from taking the survey, please submit this request in writing to me no later than January 19, 2012. There is no penalty for you or your child choosing not to participate in the survey. The survey will be finished during one class period during your child's Health/Wellness class during the week of Feb. 6th. Students who choose not to take the survey will be assigned an alternate activity.

A blank copy of the survey will be available for your review at both the DPM-E and DPM-W office and is available at <http://iys.cprd.illinois.edu/surveying/survey-content>. If you have any questions about the Illinois Youth Survey, please do not hesitate to contact me at 847-604-7406 or rleafman@lfschools.net

It is our desire that most or all students in grades 6, 7, and 8 will participate in the survey in order to obtain the most valid results. Thank you.

Best regards,

Rebecca Leafman
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