

April 22, 2021

Dear Parents or Guardians of 7<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Students:

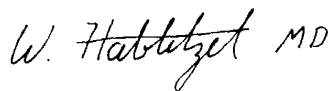
Every three years, the Adams County Health Department conducts a Community Health Assessment to identify the strengths and weaknesses of our community's health. This information is used to develop a community health improvement plan to help guide efforts in making Adams County a healthier and happier place to live and work.

As in 2017, part of this assessment makes use of the of the Youth Risk Behavior Survey developed by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. All 7<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade students in both the Ohio Valley and Manchester Local School Districts participate in the Youth Risk Behavior Survey. The survey is used in every state to better understand the health issues and challenges faced by our young people.

Some of the questions, by necessity, are personal in nature. If any question makes a student uncomfortable, it is perfectly acceptable to not answer that question. Please know that the survey is anonymous and no names will be collected or recorded. This year, survey will be electronic and use the same questions used in 2017 with a few additional questions related to the Coronavirus pandemic.

If you are interested, the survey may be viewed by visiting the High School office. You do have the ability to request that your child not participate in the Survey. If you do not want your child to participate, please fill out the form at the bottom of this letter, detach it, and return it to the High School office. Only return the form if you wish to exclude your child from taking the Survey.

Sincerely,



Richard Seas  
Superintendent

William E. Hablitzel, M.D.  
Commissioner, Adams County Health Department

Detach and return only if you do **not want** your child to take the Survey.

I do not want my child, \_\_\_\_\_, to participate in the  
Child's name

Youth Risk Behavior Survey.

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Parent signature

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Date