Q: How is student identity protected?
A: Students will not write their names on the survey. There are no codes or information to match a survey to a student. No one from the school will look at their answers. Students will put completed surveys into a sealed envelope before it leaves the classroom. Survey results will not identify any student.

Q: How are the survey results used?
A: Schools, school districts, counties and state agencies use the results to understand our students and to provide them with the services they need. Results are used for planning, evaluating, improving programs, and getting the money to support them. Data sets are also shared with local health departments and approved researchers.

Need More Information?
If you have any questions about the purpose of the survey or survey procedures:

• Call toll-free 1-877-HYS-7111
• Email healthy.youth@doh.wa.gov

Information about the Healthy Youth Survey can be found at: www.AskHYS.net

The Washington State Institutional Review Board has approved the procedures for the Healthy Youth Survey that are described in this letter. If you believe these procedures have not been followed, please call 1-800-583-8488. You do not have to leave your name. All messages will be returned.

Students have been taking the Healthy Youth Survey since 1988. The number of students has grown from only a few thousand students to over 200,000 in 2016.

Thank you for reviewing this information and talking with your student!

The Healthy Youth Survey is sponsored by the following state agencies: Department of Social and Health Services, Department of Health, Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, and Liquor and Cannabis Board.