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Consent for the California Healthy Kids Survey

Dear Parent:

Your child is being asked to be part of our school’s Healthy Kids Survey, sponsored by the California Department of Education. This is a very important survey that will help us promote better health among our community’s youth and combat problems such as drug abuse and violence. The following are facts to help you make your decision.

Survey Content- The survey will gather information on health-risk behaviors such as physical activity and nutritional habits; alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use; and violence, gang membership, and delinquency. There are also questions about communication and relationships in the school, home, and community. You may examine the questionnaire in the school office. It will take about one class period to complete.

Student Selection- All 7th, 9th and 11th grade students will take the survey.

It is Voluntary- Your child does not have to take the survey. There will be no actions or penalties against you or your child for not participating.

It is Anonymous & Confidential- Your child’s privacy is protected. No names will be recorded or attached to the survey. Survey administrators have signed pledges of confidentiality.

Potential Risks- There are no risks of physical harm to your child. The school’s staff will answer any questions or concerns that students might have from the survey.

Where to Turn for Further Information- If you have questions about this survey, or about your rights, you may call the Healthy Kids Survey center at no charge at (888)841-7536. The survey is being conducted by WestED, a public, non-profit educational institution.

If you wish to excuse your student, please return to the THS (grades 9 and 11) or TMS (grade 7) front office within three days.

Parent Signature_________________________________________ Date__________
Printed Name______________________________________________
Student’s Name_____________________________________________