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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Our school is taking part in the Wisconsin Online Youth Risk Behavior Survey sponsored by UW-Extension, CESA #3 and the Department of Public Instruction. The survey will ask about the health behaviors of Grade 7 through Grade 12 students. The survey will ask about behaviors that result in unintentional and intentional injuries, tobacco use, alcohol and other drug use, dietary behavior and physical activity. High school students will also respond to questions about sexual behaviors.

Students will be asked to fill out a computer-based questionnaire that takes about 45 minutes to complete. They will take the survey during regular class time.

Completing this anonymous survey will cause little or no risk to your child. The only potential risk is that some students might find certain questions to be sensitive. The survey has been designed to protect your child's privacy. Students will not put their names on the survey. Also, no class or student will ever be mentioned by name in a report of the results. Your child will get no benefit right away from taking part in the survey. However, the results of this survey will help children in the future by influencing health and safety programs. We would like all selected students to take part in the survey, **but the survey is voluntary**. No action will be taken against you, or your child, if your child does not take part. Students can skip any question that they do not wish to answer. In addition, students may stop participating in the survey at any point without penalty.

Please see the other side of this form for facts about the survey. If your child's teacher or principal cannot answer your questions about the survey, call or email me at (608) 585-2311 Ext. 302 or bevamer@ithaca.k12.wi.us.

If you do not want your child to take part in the survey, contact the school office by September 22, 2017. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Meredith Bevan
Ithaca School Counselor