

Dear parents:

Our school will soon be administering the *Kansas Communities That Care Student Survey*\*. This survey is taken by 6th, 8th, 10th, and 12th grade students statewide. I believe this survey is a valuable tool to help us understand how the students behave, think and feel about alcohol, marijuana, and other drug use, bullying and school safety. The KCTC survey measures teen substance use, delinquency, and related problem behaviors and the factors that predict those problems in schools and communities. In addition, it provides a baseline for participation in, perception of, and attitudes toward positive behavior. The survey gives us insight into the problems students face and shows what we can do to help them succeed. The information is essential for planning effective prevention programs in our school and community and provides data for local and state grant funding and reporting.

The survey is available to view at <http://tiny.cc/kctcsurvey>. You may also be interested to know the following:

- **It is completely anonymous.** Students will not be asked for their names on the questionnaire, not will anyone be able to connect any individual student with his/her responses. School staff will not see any one student's responses, but only summaries of results. To further guarantee anonymity, results will not be reported on any particular question without sufficient response from enough students.
- **Participation is entirely voluntary.** Your child may decline to participate in the survey, or may simply skip any particular question they do with to answer.
- **Annual participation is important.** Even if your child has participated in previous surveys, annual data is extremely helpful in determining the effectiveness of previous efforts and changes in program areas.

I hope you will allow your child to participate. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,  
Todd Flinn  
Principal