

# Lucas County 2010 **YOUTH SURVEY**

Dear Parents,

Every other year since 1990, Lucas County area schools have participated in a survey of students in grades 5 through 12 focusing on risk behaviors, such as alcohol, tobacco and other drug use as well as delinquency and violence. The survey also seeks to identify youth attitudes and explores access to substances. Information received through this survey has been very valuable in helping community organizations, coalitions and schools develop needed research-based prevention and intervention services throughout the county.

Please know this survey has and always will be anonymous. No personal identification information is requested nor can any response be linked to any individual student. The purpose of the survey is to determine overall patterns of behavior and attitudes about alcohol, tobacco, prescription and other drugs by youth of various ages – not to identify what any one individual is or is not doing.

While students have always had the option of choosing not to participate in the survey, the *No Child Left Behind* legislation requires parents be advised when surveys such as this will be conducted in their children's schools. The purpose of this letter is to inform you that the 2010 Youth Survey is scheduled to be implemented in early December of this year. We hope you will permit your son or daughter to participate along with the tens of thousands of others who have done so in the past. A copy of the survey is available at The Community Partnership's website: <http://www.communityprevention.org>

***Kindly note, you do not have to do anything if you agree to your child's participation.*** If you prefer not, please fill out the section below the dotted line and return it to your school principal by \_\_\_\_\_ to indicate the same. For access to the aggregate results of this survey, you may check The Community Partnership's web-site in early spring (2010) or you may attend a community forum scheduled for your area.

Thank you for your time and consideration. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the school.

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I do not wish my son/daughter to participate in the 2010 Youth Survey.

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Room Teacher/Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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(Parent/Guardian Signature)

(Date)