

October 30, 2009

RE: Pennsylvania Youth Survey

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Riverside's 8<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Grade students are taking part in the 2009-2010 Pennsylvania Youth Survey sponsored by the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency. The survey will ask questions about the behaviors of high school students, including questions about violence, weapons usage, and substance abuse. You can view the entire survey at the Commission's website ([www.pccd.state.pa.us](http://www.pccd.state.pa.us)). A sample of students will be asked to fill out a questionnaire that takes about 45 minutes to complete.

The survey has been designed to protect each student's privacy. Students will not put their names on the survey. Also, no school or student will ever be mentioned by name in the reported results. Participation in this online survey is completely voluntary and will not cause any perceived risk to students. The only potential risk is that some students might find certain questions to be sensitive in nature. The results of this survey will help schools and agencies better plan and implement services to those who need help. We would like all selected students to take part in the survey, **but the survey is voluntary. No action** will be taken against the school, you, or any student if the student does not participate. 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 read the section below. If you do **NOT** want your child to take part in the survey, check the box and return the form to the school no later than Friday, November 6th. Again, only return the form if you do **NOT** want your child to participate. Please feel free to contact your son/daughter's principal or guidance counselor with any question about the survey. Thank you.

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Student's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

I have read this form and know what the survey is about.

The student may **NOT** participate in this survey.

Parent/Guardian signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_