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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Your child is being asked to take part in the Healthy Kids Survey, sponsored by the California Department of Education. This is a very important survey that will help us promote better health and ensure safe schools for our students. The survey has also been approved by the Office of the Attorney General, the Department of Health Services, and the Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs. **Your written permission on the attached form is required for your child to take the survey.** The following information is included to help you make your decision:

Survey Content The Survey will gather information on health behaviors such as physical activity and nutritional habits; alcohol, tobacco and other drug use; and school safety and environmental factors. It will take about 45 minutes to complete.

Student Selection All grade seven students in the District are being asked to take the Healthy Kids Survey. The Survey will be given during the week of April 12-16 in your child's regular seventh grade class.

Voluntary Participation We hope that all students will take the Healthy Kids Survey so that we can gather important information to help us in planning our instructional program; however, there will be no penalties against you or your child for not participating. Students will be asked to answer only the questions they want to answer; they may stop taking the survey at any time.

Anonymous and Confidential Your child's privacy will be protected. No names will be requested or written on the Survey. Survey administrators will sign pledges of confidentiality.

Where to Review the Survey Copies of the Healthy Kids Survey will be available for parent/guardian review at all middle school offices during school hours, March 29 – April 2, 2010.

Parent/Guardian Consent Parent/guardian consent is required before any seventh grader participates in the Survey. Please complete the attached form and return it to school with your child. Consent forms must be received by each student's teacher by Friday, April 2, 2010.

Thank you for helping the District gain more information about our students' general health behaviors. We are working to ensure healthy, safe environments for all our students. Please call me should you need more information about the California Healthy Kids Survey.

Sincerely,

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