

Farragut Middle School

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Prevention Needs Assessment (PNA) Survey.

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Dear Parents,

The Hastings School District is continuing their participation in the Prevention Needs Assessment (PNA) Survey. This survey was distributed to Hastings students in 2017 and again in 2019. The PNA survey measures the need for prevention services among youth in the areas of substance abuse, delinquency, antisocial behavior, and violence. The survey also inquires about the use of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs. 8th grade, 10th grade, and 12th graders are joining with the other Rivertown in the coalition to participate in this survey which will be administered on 12/15/21.

The purpose of the study is to gather the information needed to plan important prevention and intervention programs to combat such problems as alcohol and other drug use and violence in our school communities. It will also help us to judge the effectiveness of our current prevention efforts. I have a copy of the survey instrument in my office, if you wish to stop by to review it.

The survey is entirely anonymous. Students will not put their names or any other identifying information on the survey. All results from the study will be presented only in group summary form, like many opinion polls.

Additionally, your child's participation in the survey is completely voluntary. Each child will be given the option of leaving blank any question that he or she prefers not to answer. You may decline to have your child participate, if you wish. If you do decline, your child will be allowed to read or participate in some other alternative activity while classmates are taking the survey.

The survey is being conducted under contract with Bach Harrison L.L.C., 116 S 500E, Salt Lake City, Utah, 84102, a nationally known research firm. If you have any questions regarding this survey, please contact Terry Frank, our school social worker at 914-478-6415 or Jake Trumbo with Bach Harrison L.L.C at 801-359-2064. Ext 111.

Please let Ms. Frank know in writing by 12/13/21 only if you do not wish your child to participate in the study.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Spirelli Terry Frank
Principal Social Worker