

December 14, 2022

Hello,

Essex North Shore Agricultural & Technical School has partnered with the <u>JED Foundation</u> and <u>JED High School</u> "to assess needs, develop a customized strategic plan to build on existing strengths, and implement tools, strategies, and techniques that lead to measurable improvements in student mental health."

This coming January 2023, Essex Tech will administer a school-wide survey about student health and well-being as part of our work with JED High School. Our student survey will be administered the week of January 9-13, 2022. Students' responses will help to inform how Essex Tech can enhance or improve our efforts to support student health, wellness, and mental health.

Your child is being invited to complete the JED High School Student Survey in January. The survey takes approximately 30 minutes. Please be assured that the JED High School Student Survey has been designed to protect student's privacy. Students' responses will be confidential and will not be connected with their name, email, or any other information that identifies them. Furthermore, no individual students' responses will be shared with any Essex Tech staff members or our Essex Tech JED High School Team.

You have the right to choose for your child not to participate in the JED High School Survey. Should you opt for your child not to participate, please complete this form **by Wednesday**, **January 4, 2023**: **JED High School Survey OPT OUT FORM**. Additionally, this survey is voluntary. Students may choose to opt-out of participating on the day of administration and/or they may choose not to answer some or all of the questions if they begin the survey.

Should you have any questions about this partnership and work, or specifically the JED High School Student Survey, please reach out. For more information about the JED Foundation and JED High School, click **HERE**.

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