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YOUTH RISK BEHAVIOR SURVEY

As a requirement of the federal NCLB enactment, the Danvers Public Schools will be taking part in the 2008 Youth Risk Behavior Survey. **Only students in grades 7-12 will be surveyed.** This research survey, sponsored by the Massachusetts Department of Education and very similar to the 2006 survey, will ask questions about the health behaviors of our students. Please see the other side of this form for more facts about the survey. The survey will ask about nutrition, physical activity, injuries, tobacco, alcohol, and other drug use. It also will ask about sexual behaviors that cause AIDS, other sexually transmitted diseases, and pregnancy. This survey has been developed by the **Center for Disease Control** (a federal agency) and is nationally recognized as an outstanding tool to discern student behaviors.

Students will be asked to fill out a questionnaire that takes about 45 minutes to complete. The survey will take place during an extended homeroom period on Wednesday, March 12, 2008.

Some students might find certain questions to be sensitive. The survey has been designed to protect your child's privacy. Students will **not** put their names on the survey. Also, no school or student will ever be mentioned by name in a report of the results. 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. Should students opt out of the survey there will be an appropriate educational setting and activity.

The results of this survey will help children in the future. We would like all students to take part in the survey, **but the survey is voluntary.** **No** action will be taken against the school, you, or your child, if your child does not take part.

Parents may preview the survey in the Curriculum Center at Danvers High School from 03/03/08 through 03/07/08, during school hours. The survey will also be available in the main office of the Holten Richmond Middle School for perusal in the evening on Thursday 03/06/08 from 7PM to 8PM. The results will be made public in the late spring of 2008 and will be used to help direct and improve student programming regarding the prevention of Risky Behaviors.

Please read the section below. If you do **not** want your child to take part in this survey, check the box and return the form to the main office of the appropriate school for your child no later than **March 10, 2008.**

Please feel free to contact Gary Nihan at 978-777-8932 with any questions. Thank you.

Child's name: _____ Grade: _____

My child may **not** take part in this survey.

Parent's signature: _____ Date: _____

Phone number: _____