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Dear Iowa Youth Survey School Coordinators:

Thank you for joining Iowa school districts across the state in administering the Iowa Youth Survey (IYS) to your students this fall. This survey collects valuable youth health behavior data that drives funding, program and policy decisions in communities across the state. We value your participation. Administration of the survey will occur from September 25 to November 3, 2023.

We have received your superintendent's signed Parental Consent Fulfillment Attestation form. You may now proceed with survey administration. As a reminder, every student participating in the survey must have on record the informed written consent of a parent or legal guardian. Any and all students for whom you have not received written consent are ineligible to take the survey. *It is your responsibility to coordinate the notification of classroom teachers of which students may take the survey and which students may not. Students without parental consent should be provided with an alternate activity.*

This packet contains 1) the Instructions & Script for Classroom Teachers and 2) the online survey access links for your district. If you experience problems with the survey link on administration day, please contact our survey administration partner, the Center for Social and Behavioral Research at the University of Northern Iowa, at (319) 273-3117. If you have other questions or concerns about the Iowa Youth Survey process, please send an email to iowayouthsurvey@idph.iowa.gov.

You will receive a report of the survey findings for your district in Spring 2024. This report will be sent via email to those contacts provided in your registration for the IYS. If you'd like to add additional staff members to this list, please send the names and email addresses from your superintendent's email address to iowayouthsurvey@idph.iowa.gov. Other IYS reports, including the state report, will be available at the Iowa Youth Survey website.

We hope you have a successful administration of the 2023 Iowa Youth Survey. We recognize the competing demands experienced by school districts and deeply value your participation in the Iowa Youth Survey. Thank you for all you do to support the health and well-being of students, staff and your community.

Sincerely,

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