

**PARENT PERMISSION LETTER**

Dear Parent:

Our Lifeways advisor is implementing a new program called Project SUCCESS. This program is funded by a national and state grant from the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention and State Division of Behavioral Health. The goals of this program are to prevent and reduce alcohol, tobacco and other drug use and to improve school performance. To accomplish these goals, students will have the opportunity to participate in additional school-wide awareness programs, classroom discussions, extracurricular activities, small groups and individual meetings to correct erroneous perceptions about substance use and learn skills to identify and resist social and situational pressures to use substances. Parent meetings and workshops will also be available to assist you in prevention efforts.

Bob Burke, our Lifeways advisor will be responsible for implementing and coordinating Project Success prevention and education activities at Southwest Middle School. Bob has his Bachelor's degree in Social Science; he is a Certified Chemical Dependency Counselor, he has 10 years experience working with adolescents, and receives ongoing specialized training in prevention and early intervention strategies.

In order to assess the effectiveness of Project SUCCESS, we will be asking students to participate in a survey to measure changes in attitudes and behaviors that decrease the risk for substance abuse. Here are some facts about the survey:

Developed in 1990, the survey has been given out to over 100,000 students in the United States. Student's participation in the survey is voluntary. Your child does not have to participate and you do not have to provide a reason. Students can answer as many questions as they wish and do not have to answer any question they do not want to answer. The survey will be given over the course of one class period. The survey is confidential. Your child's and the school's privacy are protected. No names are on the survey, each survey is put into a sealed envelope. No one at the school will see the completed survey. The results of the survey will be used by Lifeways and the Division of Behavioral Health to evaluate the program's effectiveness. A copy of the survey is available at your child's school for your review.

If you do not want your child to participate, please return the form below to the main office by 09/9/2013, your child will be given an alternative activity to do during the survey period.

We are hopeful that Project SUCCESS will be effective and hope you will allow your child/children to participate in the survey this month and again at the end of the year as we work together to prevent substance abuse.

Sincerely,

Jackie Talley, Principle Southwest Middle School

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**Project SUCCESS Survey**

***Parent/Guardian Refusal Form***

If you **DO NOT** wish your child(ren) to participate, please complete and sign this form:

I do not give consent for my child(ren) 1. \_\_\_\_\_, (child's name)  
2. \_\_\_\_\_, (child's name) to participate in the 2013-14 Project SUCCESS survey.

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

(Please Print)

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Thank You!**