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Dear Parent or Guardian:

Our local prevention coalition, East Lyme Youth Services, is the recipient of a grant to assist the community in identifying current factors that influence the healthy and positive development of our children and youth. A variety of community resources have joined together to form East Lyme Youth Services with the goal of reducing substance use among the youth in the East Lyme community.

To move forward in addressing the needs of our community, we need better information about our youth and their attitudes and behaviors regarding substance use and abuse. The East Lyme Survey is a computer-driven survey intended to provide East Lyme Youth Services with data about the youth in our community and the factors that influence them. With this information, our community can plan strategies and programs that strive to increase protective factors and decrease risk factors.

The survey will be administered to students in grades 7-12 the week of April 11th. Students will be asked to voluntarily participate in this brief survey during one class period at school. The survey is both anonymous and confidential. Students will not be asked for their names or any identifying information. Results will be provided only as a summary of responses. A copy of the survey is available for you to review at your principal's office. If you would like your child to be excluded from the survey, please contact your principal in writing on or before April 9th.

Thank you for your support of this important community initiative. Should you have any questions about the survey, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Annaliese Spaziano
Assistant Superintendent of Schools