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Dear Parent or Guardian:

The Newark Central School District has been selected to participate in the 2017 Evalumetrics Youth Survey. This survey of 6<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders is designed to improve our understanding of the risk and protective factors impacting the environment around our young people. The survey is sponsored by the Wayne County Partnership for Strengthening Families ([www.wcpsf.org](http://www.wcpsf.org)), a group with which we are working to build healthier communities. The 2013 and 2015 surveys have been used to demonstrate the need and planning capacity required to access over \$15 million dollars in competitive grant funds for Wayne County. This data will continue the partnerships between schools and community agencies and help maintain and improve youth development efforts. The following are facts about the survey:

1. It is **voluntary**. Your child does not have to participate. Neither you nor your child need to give a reason for not participating. Students are not required to answer any or all questions, only those that they want to answer.
2. It is **anonymous**. The survey is designed to protect your child's and your school's privacy. No names or any other identifying information will ever be recorded. All of the surveys are carefully protected.
3. The School District and the WCPSF will use the survey results to plan better prevention efforts and services for youth.
4. The Evalumetrics Youth Survey has been scientifically tested and is valid and reliable. Originally developed in 1995, it has been given to over 100,000 students in schools across the New York without difficulty.

A copy of the survey is available for review upon request. You may e-mail Jay Roscup at [jroscup@lyoncsd.org](mailto:jroscup@lyoncsd.org) for more information or call Jay's cell phone at 315-527-6546. Jay is the co-chair of the WCPSF. This memo is a standard notification and form of passive consent. Only respond if you **do not want your child to participate**. To exempt your child, simply send a note or call the NHS main office by Friday, February 17. If you choose, your child will be given an alternative activity to do during the survey period. Thanks for your help. This survey is an important part of a community effort to keep our children healthy and safe.

Sincerely,

Thomas C. Roote, Principal