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Dear parent or guardian,

Chesterfield County Public Schools, Chesterfield County government and Substance Abuse Free Environment Inc. are partnering to conduct a prevention needs assessment survey in middle and high schools. This survey will be given in November to randomly selected classrooms in grades 8, 10 and 12 in all Chesterfield middle and high schools. Approximately one-third of the classes in these three grades will be selected to participate.

We are requesting permission for your child to participate in this survey if your child's class is selected. The survey will not identify your child, and information about specific schools will not be reported. The results will be used to form a profile of Chesterfield County youth. Information will then be used in applications for local, state and federal grants to support programs for our students. We plan to administer this survey again in two years to provide information about the effectiveness of our programs in reducing risky behavior.

The survey asks questions related to substance abuse and school and community connections. It does not ask questions of a sexual nature. You may read the entire survey at www.chesterfieldsafe.org. Copies of the survey are also available for review at all Chesterfield County middle schools, high schools and libraries.

Participation in the survey is voluntary and confidential. No information will be collected to identify your child individually. The names of students taking part are not recorded, and your child's grades or progress in school will not be affected by taking or by not taking the survey. The online survey takes about 45 minutes and will be conducted in one class period. A commercial evaluator in another state will process the surveys for scoring and reporting. Reports of all surveys, including the current survey when available, can be accessed by the public at www.chesterfieldsafe.org.

By not returning this form, you are giving permission for your child to take the survey. If you do not want your child to participate in this survey, then return this completed form to school by October 23, 2023. Students not taking the survey will be allowed to read or do other work while the survey is in progress. Questions about this

survey may be directed to Kathy Reed of SAFE at (434) 264-4150. We appreciate the participation of every student and thank you in advance for your support of this project.

Sincerely,



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_____ I do not give my permission for my child, _____,
to participate in the prevention needs assessment survey in October/November 2023.

Signature of parent or guardian

Date