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Dear Parents,

I am writing to inform you that the Shelton Public Schools will again be participating in a comprehensive survey of every 7th, 9th, and 11th grader in the Valley public and private schools. The survey, compiled by the Alliance for Prevention & Wellness, a program of BHCares, is the ONLY Valley-specific survey of youth substance use and was last completed in 2017. The survey should only take about 20 minutes to complete and will be given during the school day. The results are COMPLETELY anonymous; it does not ask for the student's name, nor is a respondent's information tracked individually in any way. Only combined Valley data is reported back to the town.

The survey is extremely thorough...not only does it gauge actual substance abuse usage rates and non-usage rates, but also vital secondary information. For example, it provides insight into why students use, **why they don't**, when usage is most likely, their knowledge of school anti-drug policies, as well as additional information.

The survey is being completed by more than 3,000 young people in every Valley town and provides the community with vital information about its young people. However, if you choose to not have your child participate in the survey, please contact the main office of your student's school before the date of the student survey completion. You will receive a communication from your student's school when the student survey is scheduled for completion. Furthermore, if you have questions about the survey itself, please call APW at 736-8566 and ask for the agency's Director, Pamela Mautte or the Prevention Coordinator Lorrie McFarland. You may also email me them at pmautte@bhcare.org or lmcfarland@bhcare.org. A copy of the survey can be viewed in person at our Board of Education Office or on-line at www.sheltonpublicschools.org.

We thank you for your support and look forward to sharing the results with you.

Sincerely,

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