



PAOLA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #368

1115 E 303rd St.
Paola, KS66071

Phone: (913)294-8000
Fax: (913)294-8001

www.usd368.org

Judy Welter
Superintendent

W. Matthew Meek
Asst. Superintendent

Jimmy Hay
Director of Finance

Brenda Caldwell
Director of Human Resources

Dear Parents:

Our school district will administer the *Kansas Communities That Care Student Survey** in January 2018. This survey is given to 6th, 8th, 10th and 12th grade students statewide. This survey is a valuable tool to help us understand how students behave, think and feel about alcohol, marijuana and other drug use, bullying and school safety. The KCTC survey measures teen substance use, delinquency, and related problem behaviors and the factors that predict those problems in schools and communities. In addition, it provides a baseline for participation in, perception of, and attitudes toward positive behavior. The survey gives us insight into the problems students face and shows what we can do to help them succeed. The information is essential for planning effective prevention programs in our school and community and provides data for local and state grant funding and reporting.

The survey is available to view at <http://tiny.cc/kctcsurvey>. You may also be interested to know the following:

- 1. It is completely anonymous.** Students will not be asked for their names on the questionnaire, nor will anyone be able to connect any individual student with his/her responses. School staff will not see any one student's responses, but only summaries of results. To further guarantee anonymity, results will not be reported on any particular question without sufficient response from enough students.
- 2. Participation is entirely voluntary.** Your child may decline to participate in the survey, or may simply skip any particular question they do not wish to answer.
- 3. Annual participation is important.** Even if your child has participated in previous surveys, annual data is extremely helpful in determining the effectiveness of previous efforts and changes in program areas.

I hope you will allow your child to participate. Please check the appropriate box below. ***All parents must sign and return this form to school by December 20, 2017.*** Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

W. Matthew Meek
Asst. Superintendent

Please check one:

- Yes, I give permission** for my child to participate in the *Kansas Communities That Care Student Survey*.
- No, I do not** give permission for my child to participate in the *Kansas Communities That Care Student Survey*.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Printed Parent/Guardian Name

Printed Name of Child

Date

*The survey is provided by the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services Behavioral Health Services and administered by the Southeast Kansas Education Service Center Grants and Evaluation Department.

USD #368 does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, color, national origin or ancestry, age, handicap or political affiliation. USD #368 is an Equal Opportunity Employer.