

Dear Parent or Guardian:

The Wayland-Cohocton Central School District has been selected to participate in the 2021 Prevention Needs Assessment Survey. This survey is designed to measure the need for prevention services among youth in the areas of substance abuse, delinquency, antisocial behavior, violence, mental health, eating disorders and sexuality. The information the students provide can help us all take steps to reduce and prevent these problems in our school district. The survey will be administered to 8<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 12th grade students on Friday, November 12th. The survey is sponsored by the Steuben Prevention Coalition, a group working to build healthier communities.

The following are facts about the survey:

1. It is totally **voluntary**. Your child does not have to participate. You do not have to give a reason for not participating. Students are not required to answer 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 Wayland-Cohocton School District and the Steuben Prevention Coalition will use the school survey results to plan better prevention efforts.
4. The Prevention Needs Assessment Survey has been scientifically tested and is valid and reliable. Developed in 2001, it has been given to over 1 million students in schools across the United States without difficulty over the past eleven years.
5. The summary of the county report will be sent to area newspaper outlets to notify the public.

A copy of the survey is available at the Principal's Office of your child's school for review.

If you do not want your child to participate, simply send a note or call my office by Wednesday, November 10th.

Thanks for your help. This survey is an important part of Wayland-Cohocton Central School and the Steuben Prevention Coalitions effort to keep our children healthy and safe. I hope you will allow your child to participate.

Sincerely,

Jason Oliver

*Principal*  
Wayland-Cohocton High School