

Dear Parent/Guardian:

You might have heard that there are new laws in place to protect students from school bullying. Schools in New Jersey are trying to develop programs to prevent bullying.

In Secaucus we are very concerned about **keeping your child's school safe** for everyone, and we have taken part in the Rutgers Bullying Prevention Institute. Schools that participated in the Institute have been given an opportunity to conduct a student survey, the School Climate and Bullying Prevention Survey that will help us find out what we need to do to make sure that all students in our school are safe from bullying. The survey was designed by the School Environmental Equity Consulting Division of Spectrum Diversity LLC, and has been used by many schools to assess school climate and prevent bullying.

This survey is **not an assessment of your child**; *this is a survey that will be used to measure the effectiveness of the bullying prevention programs* that will be used at your child's school. This survey is a students' chance to give their opinions and ideas about bullying. Students **will not be asked** any personal questions about their families, their religious or political beliefs, etc. The survey is for students in grades 9-12.

This survey is **anonymous**; that means, **NO NAMES WILL BE COLLECTED**. During school hours, your child will be given an opportunity to answer some questions on a computer **without writing her or his name**, and the answers will be sent directly to the independent consultant, who will summarize them for the school.

The questionnaire that will be used in this survey will be available in the main office prior to the date on which the survey is given in your child's school. You are welcome to visit your child's school if you would like to review the questionnaire prior to the date on which the survey will be done.

_____ I **DO** want my child to participate in the School Climate and Bullying Prevention Survey.

_____ I request that my child **NOT be permitted** to participate in the School Climate and Bullying Prevention Survey. I understand that my child might have to be taken out of his/her regular classroom while other students are doing the survey.

Name of Child: _____ Grade: _____
(Print)

(Printed name of Parent/Guardian)

(Signature of Parent/Guardian)

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