



HOOVER
CITY SCHOOLS

February 14, 2013

Dear Parents,

It is mandated by Federal Law that each school system in Alabama measure illicit drug use in grades 6-12. The Pride Survey has been recognized by the State of Alabama as meeting the evaluation criteria by the U.S. Department of Education as expressed in NCLB legislation – Principles of Effectiveness. Our students have taken the Pride Survey since the spring of 2004. We will administer the survey this year in order to track multi-year comparisons of the survey data. The multi-year analysis will enable our schools to assess the changes in data over extended periods of time. The data provides direction to our principals and counselors when planning drug prevention programming for each school.

The Pride Survey is used by more than 8,000 schools across the nation to gather student data on tobacco, alcohol, illicit drug use and related behaviors over the past two decades. Questions on violence explore the relationship between students who use various drugs and their level of involvement in violent behaviors. The survey takes approximately 30 minutes to complete and is available in the principal's office if you would like to review its content. A summary of the information gathered will be shared with parents when the results have been evaluated by district personnel.

This is an **anonymous** survey. If you prefer that your child **not participate**, please inform your school's designee by signing the bottom portion of the form and returning it to the main office. The survey will be administered between February 27 and March 8, 2013. Only sign the form if you prefer that you child **not participate**.

Thank you for supporting our efforts to help students understand that alcohol and drug use can be harmful to their health and safety.

I do not want _____ to participate in the PRIDE Survey.
Child's Name

Parent Signature

Date