

# WARREN E. McCAIN MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

St. Luke’s Coalition for Drug Free Youth (SLDFY) will be conducting a survey of youth in your area in October of this year. The purpose of this survey is to calculate the frequency in which youth in our community use controlled substances and alcohol. In addition, we would like to know the attitudes and beliefs that youth have regarding the use of drugs and alcohol. This study is being led by Professor Royce Hutson of Boise State University and is funded by the Idaho Office for Drug Policy. The purpose of the survey is to help public health professionals prevent the use of drugs and alcohol by youth in our community. SLDFY, in partnership with the Idaho Office for Drug Policy, is currently in the planning and implementation stages of a comprehensive prevention strategy for our area. They will use the results to inform the prevention strategy and to begin to understand the severity of the problem in our area.

The survey will be administered via computer at McCain Middle School. Because we are using a computer-aided survey, all responses will be both anonymous and confidential. Neither the researchers nor anyone associated with the project, including law enforcement, teachers, and school administrators, will be able to identify which youth had answered a particular way. The only demographic information we will be collecting is year in school, age, and gender. No names will be assigned to any survey. The survey responses will be confidential as well; with only Dr. Hutson and his team having access to the individual responses.

Though we hope that parents will be willing to allow their child to take this 15 minute survey, if you do not want your child to take this survey, please merely return this letter with your signature stating that you do not consent for your child to take this survey. Students who do not participate will not be penalized in any way.

If you would like a copy of the survey or have any additional questions, please contact Kahren Davis, Coordinator, SLDFY at [daviska@slhs.org](mailto:daviska@slhs.org) or call at 208-740-4974. You can also contact Dr. Royce Hutson at 208-426-1533 or email him at [roycehutson@boisestate.edu](mailto:roycehutson@boisestate.edu) if you have further questions

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this important initiative in our area, it is greatly appreciated.

St. Luke’s Coalition for Drug Free Youth (SLDFY)

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Student Full Name

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Parent Signature

*Please return this form to the main office by November 1<sup>st</sup> if you do **not** want your child to take the survey.*