

PASSIVE CONSENT NOTICE OF PLAN TO SURVEY STUDENTS TO: PARENTS OF NEW LONDON-SPICER SCHOOL DISTRICT

2023 PACT for Families - Project SHARE student survey

Our school district is asking students in grades 5, 7, 9, and 11 to participate in a student survey in combination with all the other school district members of the PACT for Families Collaborative. Data from the surveys helps the schools in their efforts to provide safe and healthy learning environments and support ongoing grant writing efforts to secure additional supports for youth and families.

The survey gathers useful information from students about how things are going at school with their peers and about health-related thoughts and behaviors. The information will help us determine the needs of our student population and assess any gaps in safety or health provisions in our schools. This information will be combined with other sources of information to assist with school district and collaborative planning.

Federal law requires us to notify parents of this school activity. There are frank questions on the survey about many topics relating to young people's lives. Students in grade 5 will be asked about school safety, bullying behaviors, and mental or emotional health (stress, feeling bad). Older students will also be asked about use/non-use of alcohol or other drugs, physical activity, and illegal or anti-social behavior (theft, chemical use, fighting).

The survey is anonymous and confidential. The privacy of students is protected. Students will not provide their names, student numbers, or other personal identifying information. No individuals or their families can be identified. Results are reported to the school district in combined form and not individually by student.

The survey is voluntary. You may choose to have your son or daughter not take the survey by completing and returning the form below. Students and/or their parents may decline to take any part of the survey or the whole survey and are informed of that option by staff. **You are welcome to review a copy of the survey.** Please contact Joe Maffit at PACT for Families (320) 231-7030 ext. 2974 or joe.maffit@pactforfamilies.org if you would like to do so.

Date(s) the SHARE student survey will be administered: Week of April 10th -14th, 2023

For more information about the implementation of this survey at NLS, contact: Jenny Marxhausen, High School Counselor: Ext. 2605 or Liz Kruger, Middle School Social Worker: Ext. 2430

Parent request for student to not participate in the survey should be sent to Jenny Marxhausen or Liz Kruger by April 7th 2023, at marxhausenj@isd345.org or krugere@isd345.org.

If you **do not** want your son or daughter to take this survey, **please complete this note.**
If you approve of your child taking this survey, you do not need to do anything at this time.

Student's name _____ Student's school _____ Grade _____, at my request is not to participate in the 2023 PACT for Families - Project SHARE student survey.

Name (print please) _____ Relationship to student: _____

Signature _____ Date: _____

Return this note to: Jenny Marxhausen, marxhausenj@isd345.org, or Liz Kruger, krugere@isd345.org, by April 7th, 2023.