



Gatesville Independent School District

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Dear 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents,

Yesterday, most 6<sup>th</sup> grade students received a health survey during their physical education class. The twenty-one question survey, developed by the County Health Department, asked questions regarding personal health and safety issues. The students were instructed not to write their name on the survey as to keep the results anonymous. The district was not obligated to administer the survey, but we felt the data could also help the district pinpoint areas of needed instruction. For example, at times we invite guests to speak on the dangers of unsafe driving, bullying, substance abuse, etc.

Although the survey was intended for 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade students, the sensitive nature of some of the questions could be troublesome for our students and their families and for that we are truly sorry. In hindsight, we should have sent a permission letter home to parents informing them of the survey and the nature of the questions. The parents could have then made an informed decision as to whether or not to have their child participate in the survey.

Any surveys that were collected yesterday will be disposed of and we ceased administering the survey immediately. In addition, the survey will not be administered in the future. We try to honor the values of our students and families, so we apologize again for not informing our parents in advance of this survey.

Sincerely,

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