



## STUDENT SURVEY OPT-OUT FORM

November 29, 2021

Dear Parent or Guardian:

This letter is to inform you of a student survey that will be administered at your child's school called the Prevention Evaluation Project (PEP) Survey. This survey was developed by Wright State University and has federal approval from SAMHSA (Substance Abuse/Mental Health Services Administration). The survey asks students about their experiences and attitudes toward drug use and school. This is not a new survey; Mahoning County has been collecting PEP data since 2006 from all public schools and the Diocese of Youngstown. This survey is only given to students in certain grades.

Having accurate information from students is vitally important for administrators when developing school improvement plans and to determine needed resources. Your student's identity will be completely confidential and no identifying information will be collected. No one will have access to your child's individual answers; your school district will only see response averages to the survey questions.

This year we are contracting with a global research firm to conduct the survey electronically. Your student will be able to answer the questions via computer or smartphone. All responses are voluntary and there is no requirement to give an answer.

Please be aware that under the Protection of Pupil Rights Act, 20 U.S.C. Section 1232(c) (1) (A), you have the right to review a copy of the questions asked of your student(s). Survey questions can be viewed in the Main Office of your student's school or on our website at [222.DrugFreeMahoningCounty.org/data](http://222.DrugFreeMahoningCounty.org/data). If you DO NOT want your daughter or son to participate, fill out the information below and return this sheet to the school's Main Office.

Thank you for your cooperation. Only return to Opt Out by December 3rd to Lab Teacher (12th grade) Mr. Wright/ Mrs. Kovach (10th grade).

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### PEP Survey Student Opt-Out Form

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I do not want my son/daughter to participate in the Prevention Evaluation Project (PEP) Survey.