SAMPLE
PASSIVE CONSENT NOTICE TO PARENTS
SCHOOL DISTRICT PLAN TO SURVEY STUDENTS
2013 Minnesota Student Survey

Our school district is asking students in the 5th, 8th, 9th and 11th grades to participate in the 2013 Minnesota Student Survey.

This survey is conducted in schools across our state every three years. The survey is given to get useful information from students about how things are going at school, with their peers and about health-related thoughts and behaviors. The information helps us develop and maintain effective programs and provide better services at school and through community groups. The statewide information assists in guiding our state programs. When we get the report in the fall, information from the students in our district will be shared with school staff, students, parents and the community.

Our school district has informed parents of such surveys in the past and now federal law also 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. These include the use of alcohol or other drugs, safety in and around the school, physical activity and nutrition, mental or emotional health (stress, feeling bad), illegal or anti-social behavior (theft, chemical use, fighting) and if religious beliefs affect personal decisions. Questions are asked only of 9th and 11th grade students regarding sexual behavior and attitudes. If students are not involved in an activity, they skip the related questions and go on to the next section. The survey also asks about how well school is going, future plans, how adolescents spend their time and about how the school, family and community support them.

The survey is anonymous and confidential. Students do not provide their names, student identification numbers or other personal information. No individuals or families can be identified. The results are reported on the school district's students as a whole. The privacy of the students is protected.

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 may decline to take any part of the survey or the whole survey and informed of that option by staff.

You are welcome to review a copy of the survey. To make an appointment, see below.
Date(s) the Minnesota Student Survey will be administered:_____ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _

If you have any questions about the survey, contact (person, phone, email) _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _
To review the survey, contact (person, phone, email) _
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To have your son or daughter opt out of taking the survey, complete this note:
Student's name_____Student's school_____Grade_____
at my request is not to participate in the 2013 Minnesota Student Survey.
Name (print please)_____Relationship to the student_____
Signature_____Date_____
Return this note to: (person, school address) _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ by (date)_ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _

NOTE: Modify as desired.
Translations of THIS VERSION ONLY of the PASSIVE PARENT CONSENT NOTICE will be available in **Spanish, Somali, Hmong** and **Russian.**