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Dear Administrator,

We are reaching out to you regarding your participation in the 2022 Illinois Youth Survey (IYS) and the importance of your schools’ participation.

The IYS surveys students in grades 8, 10 and 12 and provides local data regarding underage drinking and other drug use, bullying, community, school and interpersonal violence, as well as social and emotional learning challenges facing our youth.

The IYS, as you may know, is funded by the Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS), which uses the data to apply for federal funding through the Block Grant for prevention and early intervention services throughout the State of Illinois. The University of Illinois, School of Social Work, Center for Prevention Research and Development (CPRD) coordinates and process the results. The IYS is administered every even year since 1994 also it is now on the Illinois State Report Card as a simple yes or no regarding school participation.

In 2018 the Chicago Public Schools in Austin, North Lawndale, East Garfield Park and West Garfield Park had the highest participation in the City of Chicago ever, with 100 percent registration and 89 percent participation. We were again on the verge of a repeat but then COVID-19 stopped administration in March of 2020. All participating schools in the fall of 2022 will receive a confidential report on their schools which will be sent to the person who registered for your school. An aggregate report will also be sent to your Network Chief and will also be shared with you. We will use the aggregate data in securing funding to expand evidence-based programs addressing data driven needs.

The Westside Black Elected Officials (WBEO) is working closely with The Prevention Partnership, which serves as the lead agency for our West Side schools, providing support and technical assistance as needed. Please feel free to contact Albert Orsello, MS, Executive Director at 773 378-4195 extension 16 with any questions.
We encourage you to register [https://iys.cprd.illinois.edu/register](https://iys.cprd.illinois.edu/register) by December 15, 2021 and schedule your students to take the survey anytime between January and May 2022.

Respectfully,

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Secretary