



## YOU ASKED

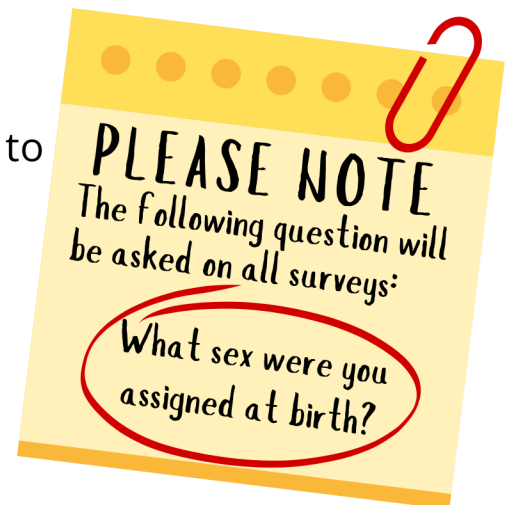


## WE LISTENED

The 2022 IYS included expanded sexual identity questions. We received feedback that some schools preferred these new questions to be optional. We respect your school's choice in this matter, so the following changes will be made to the Illinois Youth Survey.

In 2024, **individual schools will be able to decide** during registration if they would like to include the following questions:

- *Does your current gender identity match your sex assigned at birth?*
- *What sexual orientation do you most identify with?*



### *Why do we ask about gender identity and sexual orientation?*

The main reason for these questions is to identify at-risk students. National studies show a strong correlation between bullying and sexual orientation as well as substance use and sexual orientation. Our wording for this question was taken directly from the YRBS (Youth Risk Behavior Survey), which is one-such national study funded by the CDC.