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Dear Parents:

The Bernards Township Health Department and Ridge High School will be conducting a survey of alcohol and other drug use among students in 10th and 12th grade at Ridge High School on **Tuesday, December 6th, 2016 and Thursday, December 8th, 2016**, respectively.

The Bernards Township School System has been administering this survey every other year since 1991. Dr. Kirk Harlow, a Public Health specialist who has worked with Bernards Township on several surveys, will be tabulating the results of the American Drug and Alcohol Survey. The intent of this survey is to measure the usage of drugs and alcohol of Bernards Township youth, as well as their views on the dangers of drugs and alcohol.

The survey is **anonymous**. Students will complete the survey via SurveyMonkey. This district will not track individual, specific student responses. No district employee will know how any individual student responds, and staff will not see the surveys when they are completed. The survey results will be tabulated, compiled, and analyzed via the research firm of Dr. Harlow. Your child may refuse to answer any question, simply by leaving the question blank on his/her form. The entire survey takes about 30 minutes to complete.

Because your child is a minor, New Jersey law requires that you give permission for your child to take this survey. Whether or not you wish for your child to participate, it is critical that you complete the enclosed form and return it to the school by Monday, November 28th.

They survey can be previewed in the main office at Ridge High School or in the November 18th Friday Folder. If you have any questions you may contact Student Assistance Counselor, Chad Gillikin at (908) 204-2585 ext. 616.

Again, all parents must sign and return the enclosed form to the school no later than Monday, November 28th.

Thank you in advance for your support and cooperation,

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Permission Form

Required for Minors re: The American Drug and Alcohol Survey

Participation: I understand that my child's participation in this survey on drug and alcohol use is anonymous and voluntary, and that I may withdraw my consent at any time before the class period during which the survey is given.

_____ *Yes, I give permission for my child,*

(print child's name), who is in _____ (grade) to fill out The American Drug and Alcohol Survey with his/her class at Ridge High School on **Tuesday, December 6th, 2016 (10th grade students) or Thursday, December 8th (12th grade).**

_____ *No, I do not give permission for my child*

(print child's name), who is in _____ (grade) to fill out The American Drug and Alcohol Survey with his/her class at Ridge High School on **Tuesday, December 6th, 2016 (10th grade students) or Thursday, December 8th (12th grade).**

Please print your name (Parent or Guardian)

Signature (Parent or Guardian)

Date

Name of Homeroom Teacher

Grade

Please return this form to your child's *English teacher* as soon as possible.

All forms must be returned whether or not you wish your child to participate by Monday, November 28th, 2016.