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March 26, 2024

To whom it may concern:

On behalf of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Division of Behavioral Health (DBH), Bureau of Drug and Alcohol Services (BDAS) I am pleased to provide this letter of support for the 2025 National Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS), which gathers nationally representative data from the State of New Hampshire students grade 9 through 12 on priority health risk behaviors. Information gathered from the 2025 YRBS is essential for measuring the effectiveness of prevention and education programs in the State of New Hampshire, ensuring accountability, and providing an index and trend data against which states may compare their own local YRBS results.

The data produced by the New Hampshire YRBS allow for multiple initiatives that include: assessing trends in priority health risk behaviors among middle and high school aged youth, enabling schools and communities to understand risks and health behaviors of area youth, evaluations to the impact of broad school and community interventions, development of programs or policies to reduce risk and promote health, and to monitor whether health outcomes among youth are improving or deteriorating.

The State of New Hampshire benefits through numerous uses of the YRBS data that include; measurement and planning through schools, life of an athlete, student assistance, and drug free communities; funding of an array State of New Hampshire city, county, and public health region grants; emerging issues that can be identified from the YRBS data that directly affect the youth of the State of New Hampshire; Outcome data that can provide information on the success or failure of programs and policies targeted toward the YRBS audience; and Education and awareness can be garnered through YRBS data and distributed throughout the State of New Hampshire.

In New Hampshire, the YRBS is jointly administered by the Departments of Health & Human Services and Education. High schools are given the opportunity to participate in the random state survey, a comprehensive school-level census survey, or both. The data from the YRBS are used extensively by health departments, schools, and local area agencies to define areas of high health risk and to secure the resources necessary to address any identified issues. We encourage and recommend voluntary participation from the schools located throughout the State of New Hampshire.

Sincerely,

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Michael Rogers
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To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the NH Tobacco Cessation and Prevention Program, we are pleased to provide this letter of support for the 2025 National Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS), which gathers nationally representative data from the State of New Hampshire students grade 9 through 12 on priority health risk behaviors. The information generated from the 2025 YRBS is essential for measuring the effectiveness of prevention and education programs, ensuring accountability, and providing an index against which states may compare their own local YRBS results. These results are critical to understanding the health status and needs of our youth. The results of this comprehensive survey add great insight into the world of our youth and the environment in which our young people spend the majority of their time.

In New Hampshire, the YRBS is administered by the Department of Health & Human Services. High schools are given the opportunity to participate in the random state survey, a comprehensive school-level census survey, or both. The data from the YRBS are used by the Tobacco Cessation and Prevention Program to define areas of high health risk and to secure the resources necessary to address tobacco and electronic vapor product issues. We encourage and recommend voluntary participation from the schools located throughout the State of New Hampshire.

Sincerely,

Tanya Dumont, MS

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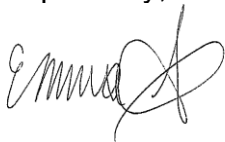
March 28, 2023

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of New Futures, we are pleased to provide this letter of support for the 2025 National Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS), which gathers nationally representative data from the State of New Hampshire students grade 9 through 12 on priority health risk behaviors. The information generated from the 2025 YRBS is essential for measuring the effectiveness of prevention and education programs, ensuring accountability, and providing an index against which states may compare their own local YRBS results.

In New Hampshire, the YRBS is administered by the Department of Health & Human Services. High schools are given the opportunity to participate in the random state survey, a comprehensive school-level census survey, or both. New Futures provides strategic, data-driven resources and policy expertise to advance health policy. New Hampshire Kids Count provides the best available state-wide and county-level data to measure and track the demographics, economic well-being, education, early childhood, health and safety of New Hampshire's children and young adults. Using key takeaways from the YRBS data, New Futures is best able to provide evidence-based policy recommendations to our legislators. We believe the future prosperity of New Hampshire depends on our ability to foster the health and well-being of the next generation and that efforts to improve care must be done together, across the public and private sectors. We encourage and recommend voluntary participation from the schools located throughout the State of New Hampshire.

Respectfully,



Emma Sevigny, Esq.
Children's Behavioral Health Policy Coordinator
New Futures, Inc.

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the New Hampshire Regional Public Health Network, we are pleased to provide this letter of support for the 2025 National Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS). This survey gathers nationally representative data from students in grade 9 through 12 within the state of New Hampshire and focuses on priority health risk behaviors. The information that will be generated from the 2025 YRBS is essential for measuring the effectiveness of prevention and education programs, ensuring accountability, and providing an index against which states may compare their own local YRBS results.

In New Hampshire, the YRBS is administered by the Department of Health and Human Services. High schools are given the opportunity to participate in the random state survey, a comprehensive school-level census survey, or both. The data collected and analyzed from the administration of the YRBS within New Hampshire enables and aids schools, communities, and Regional Public Health Networks to understand risks and health behaviors of the youth in their areas to then develop programs or policies to reduce risk and promote health.


The New Hampshire Regional Public Health Network utilizes YRBS data in various ways including some examples below:

- Getting to Y, an evidence-based best practice to increase youth health literacy, self-efficacy, community engagement, knowledge, and protective factors, in two public high schools.
- Collaborating with other prevention providers and partners to provide programming and initiatives to help reduce risk factors while increasing protective factors among area youth.
- Partnering with Growth Partners LLC to develop infographics and collateral materials for community members to increase knowledge and enact change.
- Increasing awareness for educational purposes, such as social media posts, strategizing with regional/community leadership teams, and presentations to other stakeholders.


The New Hampshire Regional Public Health Network consists of thirteen different regions and were devised and formed to amplify the needs at the local levels of communities as well as increase and influences the support and services for vulnerable populations. New Hampshire encourages and recommends voluntary participation from the schools, and Regional Public Health Network assist with explaining the purpose and value of the YRBS data within their regions. Given the vital and valuable data generated from the NH YRBS, we wholeheartedly provide this letter of support.



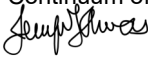
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Dear Dr Ethier:

On behalf of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), I am pleased to provide this letter of support for the 2025 National Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS), which will gather nationally representative data from students in grades 9 through 12 on priority health risk behaviors.

Participating in the YRBS is both easy and important. It allows students to anonymously share their voices and provides essential insights to improve student outcomes and understand youth risk trends. The 2025 YRBS results are essential for assessing the effectiveness of prevention and education programs, ensuring accountability, and offering a benchmark for states to compare their local YRBS results.

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The AAP supports the CDC's efforts in conducting the Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS). The AAP is a 501(C)(3) non-profit organization of 67,000 pediatricians, pediatric medical subspecialists, and pediatric surgical specialists, dedicated to the health, safety, and well-being of infants, children, adolescents, and young adults. The data that the YRBS collects is critical to the adolescent health care work of the AAP, particularly as it relates to policy development and advocacy. Identification of risk behaviors among youth is critical in helping guide our efforts to reduce these behaviors and improve health outcomes of the nation's adolescents and young adults. CDC's dedication to maintaining the YRBS system at all levels (local, state, and national) is important in raising awareness of the kinds of risky behaviors in which adolescents engage, and the role of the pediatrician and other health care providers in reducing these unhealthy and risky behaviors. The issues identified in the YRBS impact many facets of adolescents' lives that can result in long-term consequences ranging, for example, from unintended pregnancies, sexually transmitted infections, poorer school performance, and unhealthy lifestyle choices.

We understand the rights and anonymity of all students are protected, and that the data will not be reported by school, district, or state, but rather it will be presented as representative data of the nation. We urge selected states, school districts, and schools to participate voluntarily in this important student health initiative.

Sincerely,

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Dear Dr. Ethier:

On behalf of the AASA, The School Superintendent Association, I am pleased to provide this letter of support for the 2025 National Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS), which will gather nationally representative data from students in grades 9 through 12 on priority health risk behaviors.

Participating in the YRBS is both easy and important. It allows students to anonymously share their voices and provides essential insights to improve student outcomes and understand youth risk trends. The 2025 YRBS results are essential for assessing the effectiveness of prevention and education programs, ensuring accountability, and offering a benchmark for states to compare their local YRBS results.

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AASA has been a long-time partner with CDC in several health education efforts, including collecting data for the YRBS. This information is vital to the creation of effective and appropriate health education content, tools, and training to protect the health and well-being of the next generation.

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Sincerely,

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David R. Schuler
Executive Director

June 1, 2024

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Dear Dr. Ethier:

On behalf of the Advocates for Youth (Advocates), I am pleased to provide this letter of support for the 2025 National Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS), which will gather nationally representative data from students in grades 9 through 12 on priority health risk behaviors. Participating in the YRBS is both easy and important. It allows students to anonymously share their voices and provides essential insights to improve student outcomes and understand youth risk trends.

The 2025 YRBS results are essential for assessing the effectiveness of prevention and education programs, ensuring accountability, and offering a benchmark for states to compare their local YRBS results. To reduce the burden on any one school, only a small number of classes (one or two per grade) will be selected randomly within each selected school from required courses. Questionnaires will be administered via tablets by specially trained field staff during one regular class period.

Advocates envisions a society in which all young people are valued, respected, and treated with dignity; sexuality is accepted as a healthy part of being human; and youth sexual development is normalized and embraced. In such a world, all youth and young adults are celebrated for who they are and afforded honest, affirming, inclusive sex education; access to confidential, universal sexual health services; and the economic, educational, and social power to exercise their bodily autonomy and make informed decisions regarding their health and well-being.

For more than a decade, Advocates has amplified YRBS data by leading an LGBTQ+ YRBS data coalition known as the [All Students Count Coalition](#), conducting groundbreaking research on transgender and gender-expansive youth, and expanding education, awareness, and advocacy opportunities for state and local education agencies and/or health departments (sites), and youth-serving organizations. Our findings from YRBS data have allowed us to impact many lives and paved the way for increased LGBTQ+ inclusivity, safety, and equity in schools. Our advocacy and partnership work, with sites, led to the inclusion of both the sexual identity and sex of sexual contacts questions on the 2015 national YRBS and the increase of sites asking the gender

expression question and recommended transgender identity question as an optional question in 2017. We have educated these sites on question availability, heard from job-alikes on the use of the data in their state or districts, and outlined the importance of asking the YRBS through technical assistance. We continue to publish research and host educational opportunities to inform various audiences about the YRBS and the gender expression and transgender identity questions.

The YRBS is the only federal survey collecting data on gender-expansive and transgender youth. Through these data, sites have understood the linkage between health disparities and academic performance. In response, these entities continue to identify and implement programs to redress the disparities and improve academic success among students. Programs that address harassment and discrimination, promote inclusive education, and foster school safety can continue to impact young people's health and wellbeing positively.

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Sincerely,

Jennifer Augustine
Jennifer Augustine, MPH
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July 17, 2024

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Dear Dr. Ethier:

On behalf of the American Psychological Association (APA), I am pleased to provide continued support for the National Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS), as new data is set to be released in 2025. The Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System – sponsored by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Division of Adolescent and School Health – is the primary source of information on the most important health risk behaviors of high school students in this country. Information generated from the survey is essential for measuring the effectiveness of prevention and education programs, ensuring accountability, and providing an index against which states can compare their own local YRBS results.

The national YRBS provides researchers and policymakers with rich information to better understand and address the causes of, and detect disparities in, the occurrence of unhealthy behaviors among youth. Recent federal investments in youth mental health, throughout the COVID-19 pandemic and via the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act, have been instrumental in beginning to address the youth mental health crisis. However, we cannot stop here and much more needs to be done.

We are thankful for the survey's inclusion of gender diverse, transgender students/youth in the dataset. We encourage extending data collection to include those who self-report as nonbinary, intersex and two spirit. Anti-LGBTQ+ legislation in various states utilizes

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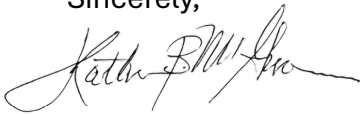
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mis/disinformation on this population. Better data would be beneficial in addressing the critical health care needs of LGBTQ+ youth while providing evidence-based information to combat these harmful state laws.

APA conducts robust advocacy with Congress to sustain the federal investment in the YRBS and encourages full voluntary state and local participation to achieve reliable national estimates. Many state and local jurisdictions conduct their own school-based surveys of youth behaviors. However, with the variety of such surveys, it is impossible to compare or combine results. Participation in the YRBS will ensure consistent and reliable data collection that will help us continue to make the case for further investment in the health and well-being of our nation's youth.

Sincerely,

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Katherine B. McGuire

Chief Advocacy Officer



May 29, 2024

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Dear Dr. Ethier:

The American School Counselor Association is pleased to provide this letter of support for the 2025 National Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS), which will gather nationally representative data for students in grades 9 through 12 on priority health risk behaviors. The information generated from the 2025 YRBS is essential for measuring the effectiveness of prevention and education programs, ensuring accountability, and providing an index against which states may compare their own local YRBS results.

We understand that to reduce the burden in any one school, only a small number of classes (one or two per grade) will be selected randomly within each selected school from required courses. Questionnaires will be administered via tablets by specially trained field staff during one regular class period.

As the national organization for school counselors, school counselors in training and school counseling faculty, ASCA has a significant interest in the YRBS data. School counselors work on the front lines to help our nation's students be successful in school and life. The YRBS provides an important barometer of student health and wellness.

We understand that the rights and anonymity of all students are protected and that data will not be reported by school, district, or state, but rather presented as representative data of the nation as a whole. We encourage states, school districts, and schools to participate voluntarily in this important activity.

Sincerely,

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Jill Cook, CAE
ASCA Executive Director

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Dear Dr. Ethier:

On behalf of the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials, I am pleased to provide this letter of support for the 2025 National Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS), which will gather nationally representative data for students in grades 9 through 12 on priority health risk behaviors.

Participating in the YRBS is both easy and important. It allows students to anonymously share their voices and provides essential insights to improve student outcomes and understand youth risk trends. State health agencies use this data to inform public education campaigns, school policies, and standards promoting healthy lifestyles, nutrition, physical activity, and mental health awareness. They are developing programs to empower youth, foster competence, belonging, and building diverse youth inclusion in leadership. The 2025 YRBS results are essential for assessing the effectiveness of prevention and education programs, ensuring accountability, and offering a benchmark for states to compare their local YRBS results.

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ASTHO's mission is to support, equip, and advocate for state and territorial health officials in their work of advancing the public's health and wellbeing. The YRBS is an integral tool for collecting information about the health behaviors of high school youth, including risk-taking and risk avoidance. This data is critical for key public health decision makers to identify public health issues affecting youth, including mental wellbeing, chronic diseases, and substance use. The information is supportive of the development of policies, interventions and evaluation at the state, local, and national levels.

ASTHO understands the rights and anonymity of all students are protected and that data will not be reported by school, district, or state, but rather presented as representative data of the nation. Therefore, we encourage and recommend that selected states, school districts, and schools participate voluntarily in this important student health initiative.

Sincerely,



Joseph M. Kanter, MD, MPH
Chief Executive Officer, Association of State and Territorial Health Officials



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May 30, 2024

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Dr. Ethier,

On behalf of Boys & Girls Clubs of America we are pleased to provide this letter of support for the 2025 National Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS), which will gather nationally representative data for students in grades 9 through 12 on priority health risk behaviors.

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The mission of Boys & Girls Clubs of America is to enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens. Our vision is to provide a world-class Club Experience that assures success is within reach of every young person who enters our doors, with all members on track to graduate from high school with a plan for the future, demonstrating good character and citizenship, and living a healthy lifestyle.

Our Health and Wellness programming develop young people's capacity to engage in positive behaviors to nurture their well-being, set personal goals and grow into self-sufficient adults. Our Clubs develop a healthier generation through programs, practices and experiences that support overall wellness and enable youth to:

- **Build Foundational Social-Emotional Skills:** Youth practice and build social-emotional skills through participation in Club programming and interactions with caring adult staff. Essential skills include healthy decision-making, stress management and perseverance.
- **Make Healthy Choices:** Youth make healthy choices such as participating in a healthy cooking competition, learning positive ways to manage stress, or preparing campaigns encouraging their peers to avoid unhealthy behaviors such as substance use.
- **Engage in Physical Activity:** Youth have opportunities throughout the Club Day to engage in physical activity during check-in, transition times between activities, in the gym or outdoors, and within varied program sessions that encourage movement.

Every year we collect data on the experience of youth in our Clubs via our National Youth Outcomes Initiative (NYOI). This is a system grounded in our theory of change that is built to measure the impact of Clubs using a common set of research-informed indicators of outcomes in our three priority outcome areas (Academic Success, Character & Leadership and Healthy Lifestyles). We use the YRBS data as a comparative data set when we look at trends across Club youth and youth Nationally.



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Over the past decade we have been able to use our NYOI data and the YRBS data to continue to evolve our theory of change and create a much stronger, more nuanced Boys & Girls Club approach to positive youth development.

We understand that the rights and anonymity of all students are protected, and that data will not be reported by school, district, or state, but rather it will be presented as representative data of the nation as a whole. Therefore, we encourage and recommend that states, school districts, and schools participate voluntarily in this important activity.

Sincerely,

James L. Clark
President and CEO

July 3, 2024

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Dear Dr. Ethier:

On behalf of the Council of Chief State School Officers, I am providing this letter of support for the 2025 National Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS), which will gather nationally representative data for students in grades nine through 12 on priority health risk behaviors. The information generated from the 2025 YRBS is essential for measuring the effectiveness of prevention and education programs, ensuring accountability and providing an index against which states may compare their own local YRBS results.

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CCSSO believes that tending to students' mental and physical wellbeing and connection is important in our efforts to support them to be successful in college, careers and life. States continue to benefit from having access to national data on students' wellbeing to compare to their own state-level data.

We appreciate the Centers for Diseases Control and Prevention continuing to make this survey voluntary for states, school districts and schools to participate. It is imperative that any participating entities understand that the rights and anonymity of all students are protected, and that data will not be reported by school, district or state, but rather it will be presented as representative data of the nation as a whole. For these reasons, I encourage the state members of CCSSO to review the YRBS materials and consider participation in this important activity.

Sincerely,



Carissa Miller
Chief Executive Officer
Council of Chief State School Officers



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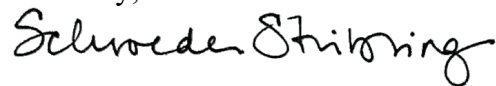
Mental Health America (MHA) is pleased to provide this letter of support for the 2025 National Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS). The YRBS gathers one of the only nationally representative datasets available on priority health risk behaviors and student experiences, including information on substance use and mental health, among students in the U.S. According to data from the 2021 YRBS, 42.3% of high school students in the U.S. reported feeling sad or hopeless, and 39% reported that they did not feel close to people at their school. The results of this survey are critical to understanding the ongoing youth mental health crisis and generating resources for schools to promote student health, wellbeing, and connectedness.

Communities that participate in the YRBS can be better equipped to understand risk factors among their student populations and demonstrate the need for additional federal or state funding to support their students. The YRBS allows students to anonymously share their experiences in school, so school policies and programming can be tailored to the specific needs of students based on their lived experience. The results of the YRBS can also be used to monitor whether school-based interventions are effective over time.

MHA – founded in 1909 – is the nation’s leading community-based nonprofit dedicated to the promotion of mental health, well-being, and illness prevention for all people living in the U.S. With nearly 200 affiliate organizations in 41 states, our work is driven by our commitment to promote mental health as a critical part of overall wellness, including prevention services, early identification, integrated care, behavioral health services, and supports. Gathering data through the YRBS ensures our network can better understand youth mental health needs within their states and can advocate for additional resources for the communities in greatest need of supports.

We understand that the rights and anonymity of all students are protected, and that data will not be reported publicly by school, district, or state, but rather it will be presented as representative data of the nation. We urge selected states, school districts, and schools to participate in this important initiative to improve the health and wellbeing of our nation’s youth.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Schroeder Stribling". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Schroeder Stribling
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National Association of County & City Health Officials

The National Connection for Local Public Health

June 7, 2024

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Dear Dr. Ethier:

On behalf of the National Association of County and City Health Officials, I am pleased to provide this letter of support for the 2025 National Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS), which will gather nationally representative data for students in grades 9 through 12 on priority health risk behaviors.

Participating in the YRBS is both easy and important. It allows students to anonymously share their voices and provides essential insights to improve student outcomes and understand youth risk trends. The 2025 YRBS results are essential for assessing the effectiveness of prevention and education programs, ensuring accountability, and offering a benchmark for states to compare their local YRBS results.

To reduce the burden on any one school, only a small number of classes (one or two per grade) will be selected randomly within each selected school from required courses. Questionnaires will be administered via tablets by specially trained field staff during one regular class period.

NACCHO is the voice of the more than 3,300 local health departments (LHDs) across the country which work to protect and improve the health of all people and all communities. NACCHO's vision is to improve the public health system at the local level to create the conditions for optimal health, equity, and security for all people. NACCHO supports LHDs in developing and implementing public health policies and practices that afford communities access to vital programs and services that protect them from disease and disaster. The YRBS is an important resource for both NACCHO and its members to identify trends and highlighting health behaviors of high school students.

NACCHO understands that the rights and anonymity of all students are protected, and that data will not be reported by school, district, or state, but rather it will be presented as representative data of the nation as a whole. Therefore, we encourage and recommend that states, school districts, and schools participate voluntarily in this important activity.

Sincerely,



Lori Tremmel Freeman, MBA
Chief Executive Officer



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National Association of
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June 18, 2024

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Dear Dr. Ethier:

The National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) is a national nonprofit that exists to serve and strengthen state boards of education in their pursuit of high levels of academic achievement for all students. NASBE relies heavily on current, unbiased, well-researched data to support our members in making informed policy decisions to best address their state's needs. NASBE is pleased to provide this letter of support for the 2025 National Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS).

Over the years, YRBS has proven to be a valuable and unique source of crucial state and national level information about the behaviors affecting the healthy growth and full development of our nation's children and youth. NASBE utilizes YRBS data to inform and assist education policy makers and practitioners in their efforts to develop policies and programs that foster health promoting schools by providing nationally representative data on the health risk behaviors among adolescents. The 2025 YRBS results are essential for assessing the effectiveness of prevention and education programs, ensuring accountability, monitoring trends over time, and offering a benchmark for states to compare their local YRBS results.

NASBE strongly supports the protection of the rights and anonymity of all students under the execution of the YRBS. NASBE understands that participation in the YRBS is entirely voluntary, and that data is not reported by school, district, or state, and that a high participation rate in the survey leads to more accurate, nationally representative data. Thus, NASBE supports the implementation of the YRBS nationally, in every state, and in as many localities as possible.

Thank you for your efforts to provide state boards with the critical data they need to make informed policy decisions by conducting the YRBS. Please do not hesitate to contact me if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,



Paolo DeMaria
President and CEO



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Dear Dr. Ethier:

On behalf of the National Association of School Nurses I am pleased to provide this letter of support for the 2025 National Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS), which will gather nationally representative data from students in grades 9 through 12 on priority health risk behaviors.

Participating in the YRBS is both easy and important. It allows students to anonymously share their voices and provides essential insights to improve student outcomes and understand youth risk trends. The 2025 YRBS results are essential for assessing the effectiveness of prevention and education programs, ensuring accountability, and offering a benchmark for states to compare their local YRBS results.

To reduce the burden on any one school, only a small number of classes (one or two per grade) will be selected randomly within each selected school from required courses. Questionnaires will be administered via tablets by specially trained field staff during one regular class period.

The behaviors the YRBS measures contribute to the leading causes of mortality and morbidity during both youth and adulthood. School nurses use these youth risk data to advocate for and improve school health policies and programs. NASN's work to help school nurses reduce youth vaping and avoid opioid overdose are just two examples of our efforts in this regard.

NASN understands that the rights and anonymity of all students are protected, and that data will not be reported by school, district, or state, but rather it will be presented as representative data of the nation. We urge selected states, school districts, and schools to participate voluntarily in this important student health initiative.

Sincerely,

Terri Hinkley, EdD, MBA, BScN, RN, CAE
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Dear Dr. Ethier:

On behalf of the National Association of School Psychologists (NASP), I am pleased to provide this letter of support for the 2025 Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS), which will gather nationally representative data for students in grades 9 through 12 on priority health risk behaviors. The information generated from the YRBS is essential for measuring the effectiveness of prevention and education programs, ensuring accountability, and providing an index against which states may compare their own local YRBS results. Over the past few years, we have seen increases in youth mental health challenges, making it even more important to have data that help us understand whether our efforts to address this crisis are effective.

NASP is a non-profit professional association representing around 24,000 school psychologists. School psychologists are specially trained to address the links between mental health and academic success. We work with parents, educators, and other mental health service providers to help each child develop resilience, competence, and other skills needed for success in school, at home, and throughout life. Our members include practitioners, researchers, and graduate students. The YRBS provides essential information to researchers in planning, implementing, and evaluating prevention and intervention programs for youth. Without these data, the task of identifying effective interventions and benchmarking our progress will be much more difficult.

I understand that the rights and anonymity of all students are protected, and that data will not be reported by school, district, or state, but rather it will be presented as representative data of the nation as a whole. In addition, steps are taken to minimize disruption to the school day for those who participate. The survey results provide an essential tool for helping all children thrive. Therefore, we encourage and recommend that states, school districts, and schools participate voluntarily in this important activity.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Minke, PhD, NCSP
NASP Executive Director



July 19, 2024

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Dear Dr. Ethier:

On behalf of the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP), I am providing this letter of support for the 2025 National Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS), which will gather nationally representative data for students in grades 9 through 12 on priority health risk behaviors. The information generated from YRBS is essential for measuring the effectiveness of prevention and education programs, ensuring accountability, and providing an index against which states may compare their own local YRBS results.

Participating in the YRBS is both easy and important. It allows students to anonymously share their voices and provides essential insights to improve student outcomes and understand youth risk trends. The 2025 YRBS results are essential for assessing the effectiveness of prevention and education programs, ensuring accountability, and offering a benchmark for states to compare their local YRBS results.

To reduce the burden on any one school, only a small number of classes (one or two per grade) will be selected randomly within each selected school from required courses. Questionnaires will be administered via tablets by specially trained field staff during one regular class period.

As the leading organization of principals and other school leaders across the United States and the parent organization for the National Honor Society (NHS), National Junior Honor Society (NJHS), and National Student Council, our vision is great leaders in every school committed to the success of each student. We also promote the intellectual growth, academic achievement, character and leadership development, and physical well-being of youth. NASSP is proud to promote supportive and inclusive schools for all students, and the data provided by the YRBS survey is integral to our efforts.

We understand that the rights and anonymity of all students are protected and that data will not be reported by school, district, or state, but rather it will be presented as representative data of the nation as a whole. Therefore, we encourage and recommend that states, school districts, and schools participate voluntarily in this important activity.

Sincerely,

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Jen Silva
Director, External Relations
National Association of Secondary School Principals



June 3, 2024

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Dear Dr. Ethier:

On behalf of the National Catholic Educational Association, I am pleased to provide this letter of support for the 2025 National Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS), which will gather nationally representative data from students in grades 9 through 12 on priority health risk behaviors.

Participating in the YRBS is both easy and important. It allows students to anonymously share their voices and provides essential insights to improve student outcomes and understand youth risk trends. The 2025 YRBS results are essential for assessing the effectiveness of prevention and education programs, ensuring accountability, and offering a benchmark for states to compare their local YRBS results.

To reduce the burden on any one school, only a small number of classes (one or two per grade) will be selected randomly within each selected school from required courses. Questionnaires will be administered via tablets by specially trained field staff during one regular class period.

Since the important information generated from YRBS is essential for measuring the effectiveness of prevention and education programs nationwide, including private schools, NCEA welcomes the opportunity for Catholic schools to contribute to this comprehensive assessment.

We understand that the rights and anonymity of all students are protected, and that data will not be reported by school, district, or state, but rather it will be presented as representative data of the nation. We urge selected states, school districts, and schools to participate voluntarily in this important student health initiative.

Sincerely,

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Lincoln Snyder
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June 18, 2024

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Dear Dr. Ethier:

On behalf of the National Coalition of STD Directors (NCSDDC), I am pleased to provide this letter of support for the 2025 National Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS), which will gather nationally representative data from students in grades 9 through 12 on priority health risk behaviors.

Participating in the YRBS is both easy and important. It allows students to anonymously share their voices and provides essential insights to improve student outcomes and understand youth risk trends. The 2025 YRBS results are essential for assessing the effectiveness of prevention and education programs, ensuring accountability, and offering a benchmark for states to compare their local YRBS results.

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NCSDDC works in collaboration with other national organizations to support state leadership teams in assessing, developing, monitoring, evaluating, and implementing adolescent health policy and practice. We build the capacity of these state teams by strengthening state leaders' knowledge and understanding of adolescent health issues. YRBS data is critical in this work, as it allows us to facilitate important conversations about adolescent health and health education that can ensure informed decision-making.

I understand that the rights and anonymity of all students are protected, and that data will not be reported by school, district, or state, but rather it will be presented as representative data of the nation. We urge selected states, school districts, and schools to participate voluntarily in this important student health initiative.

Sincerely,

David C. Harvey
Executive Director



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Dear Dr. Ethier:

On behalf of the National Education Association, I am pleased to provide this letter of support for the 2025 National Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS), which will gather nationally representative data for students in grades 9 through 12 on priority health risk behaviors.

Participating in the YRBS is both easy and important. It allows students to anonymously share their voices and provides essential insights to improve student outcomes and understand youth risk trends. The 2025 YRBS results are essential for assessing the effectiveness of prevention and education programs, ensuring accountability, and offering a benchmark for states to compare their local YRBS results.

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As the nation's largest educator organization, the National Education Association recognizes the importance of student health in ensuring that children come to school ready to learn. Having high-quality data on teen risk behaviors helps NEA and its affiliates advocate for effective physical and mental health programs and provide teachers, education support professionals, and other school staff with the tools they need when working with students engaging in or considering health risk behaviors.

The National Education Association understands that the rights and anonymity of all students are protected and that data will not be reported by school, district, or state, but rather it will be presented as representative data of the nation. We encourage selected states, school districts, and schools to participate voluntarily in this important student health initiative.

Sincerely,

Stacey Pelika, Ph.D.
Director of Research
National Education Association



June 11, 2024

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Dear Dr. Ethier:

On behalf of the National Rural Health Association, we are pleased to provide this letter of support for the 2025 National Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS), which will gather nationally representative data from students in grades 9 through 12 on priority health risk behaviors.

Participating in the YRBS is both easy and important. It allows students to anonymously share their voices and provides essential insights to improve student outcomes and understand youth risk trends. The 2025 YRBS results are essential for assessing the effectiveness of prevention and education programs, ensuring accountability, and offering a benchmark for states to compare their local YRBS results.

To reduce the burden on any one school, only a small number of classes (one or two per grade) will be selected randomly within each selected school from required courses. Questionnaires will be administered via tablets by specially trained field staff during one regular class period.

NRHA is a national nonprofit membership organization with more than 21,000 members. Our mission is to provide leadership to rural health issues through advocacy, communications, education, and research. NRHA membership consists of individuals and organizations in rural health. The health education of our nation's youth plays an integral part in the overall health of rural communities. The YRBS data will create a clearer understanding of the health risk behaviors that should be addressed within rural communities through advocacy and education.

We understand that the rights and anonymity of all students are protected, and that data will not be reported by school, district, or state, but rather it will be presented as representative data of the nation. We urge selected states, school districts, and schools to participate voluntarily in this important student health initiative.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alan Morgan", is written over a light gray circular stamp that contains the text "National Rural Health Association".

Alan Morgan
Chief Executive Officer
National Rural Health Association



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Dear Dr. Ethier:

On behalf of the National School Boards Association (NSBA), we are pleased to provide this letter of support for the 2025 National Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS), which will gather nationally representative data from students in grades 9 through 12 on priority health risk behaviors.

The 2025 YRBS results are essential for assessing the effectiveness of prevention and education programs, ensuring accountability, and offering a benchmark for states to compare their local YRBS results. To reduce the burden on any one school, only a small number of classes (one or two per grade) will be selected randomly within each selected school from required courses. Questionnaires will be administered via tablets by specially trained field staff during one regular class period.

Serving school boards across the country, the NSBA focuses on supporting all students to have high-quality public education, and believes that accurate, objective information is essential to building support for public schools and creating effective programs to prepare all students for success. The NSBA's Center for Safety Schools provides resources, information, and best practices on how to accurately identify and support an individual's physical, mental, emotional, and overall well-being for success in academics, life, and career. Using federal data, including YRBS data, the NSBA's Center for Public Education informs school leaders, educators, and parents of issues related to students' mental health and explores ways to improve student achievement and engage support for public schools.

We understand that the rights and anonymity of all students are protected, and that data will not be reported by school, district, or state, but rather it will be presented as representative data of the nation. We urge selected states, school districts, and schools to participate voluntarily in this important initiative.

Sincerely,

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Verjeana McCotter-Jacobs
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The leading advocate for public education



**National
Urban League**

*Empowering Communities.
Changing Lives.
For An Equitable Future.*

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June 17, 2024

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Dear Dr. Ethier:

On behalf of the National Urban League, I am pleased to provide this letter of support for the 2025 National Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS), which will gather nationally representative data for students in grades 9 through 12 on priority health risk behaviors. The information generated from the 2025 YRBS is essential for measuring the effectiveness of prevention and education programs, ensuring accountability, and providing an index against which states may compare their own local YRBS results.

To reduce the burden in any one school, only a small number of classes (one or two per grade) will be selected randomly within each selected school from required courses. The survey will take one regular 45-minute class period to complete and will be administered by specially trained field staff.

The National Urban League (NUL) is an historic civil rights organization dedicated to providing economic empowerment and opportunity, and the guarantee of civil rights for the systemically marginalized in America. Founded in 1910 and headquartered in New York City, the National Urban League has 92 affiliates serving 300 communities in 36 states and the District of Columbia, providing direct services that impact and improve the lives of more than two million people nationwide each year.

Core to our mission is assuring that the communities we serve are healthy and have access to the health resources that they need. We serve thousands of young people in our education, youth mentoring and job training programs. The YRBS survey provides necessary and valuable data about the needs of the young people we serve and how we can more accurately provide them support. Having communities of color participate in this endeavor allows for us to better understand the challenges and barriers that our youth face and can lead to improved services and programming.



I understand that the rights and anonymity of all students are protected, and that data will not be reported by school, district, or state, but rather it will be presented as representative data of the nation as a whole. Therefore, we encourage and recommend that states, school districts, and schools participate voluntarily in this important activity.

Sincerely,



Marc H. Morial
President and Chief Executive Officer
National Urban League

June 18, 2024

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Dear Dr. Ethier:

On behalf of the National Parent Teacher Association (National PTA), the oldest and largest child advocacy association in America, we are pleased to provide this letter of support for the 2025 National Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS).

This survey will gather nationally representative data for students in grades 9 through 12 on priority health risk behaviors. The information generated from the 2025 YRBS will be essential for measuring the effectiveness of prevention and education programs related to student health, ensuring accountability, and providing an index against which states may compare their own local YRBS results. The results of this comprehensive survey add great insight into the world of our youth and the environment in which our young people spend most of their time. National Youth Risk Behavior Survey results are critical to understanding the health status and needs of our youth across the country and help inform critical decisions about addressing those needs.

National PTA appreciates that the rights and anonymity of all students will be protected in this survey and that data will not be reported by school, district, or state, but rather presented as representative data of the nation as a whole. We also appreciate the CDC's efforts to reduce the burden in any one school by randomly selecting only a small number of classes (one or two per grade) within each selected school from required courses to participate.

National PTA is committed to improving the overall health and well-being of families across the country because we know living a healthy lifestyle is a key component to our students' ability to thrive. Our national Healthy Lifestyles initiative offers educational resources and engagement opportunities that empower students and families to make better-informed health decisions, and our PTA Healthy Minds Program helps families make mental health an everyday priority across the country. National PTA continues to

be a relevant voice for all children by supporting and advocating for key education and health issues that significantly impact students and families.

For the reasons outlined above, we encourage and recommend that states, school districts, and schools participate voluntarily in this important activity.

Sincerely,



Nathan R. Monell, CAE

Executive Director
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June 17th, 2024

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Dear Dr. Ethier:

On behalf of SIECUS: Sex Ed for Social Change we are pleased to provide this letter of support for the 2025 National Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS), which will gather nationally representative data from students in grades 9 through 12 on priority health risk behaviors.

At SIECUS we are committed to promoting lifelong sexual health and well-being and advocating for the rights of all people to access accurate and comprehensive sex education and sexual and reproductive health services. By identifying and tracking factors that may affect the health of high school students, the YRBS is indispensable to improving our schools' health education policies and programs, including sex education. The data collected will provide crucial information on the prevalence of health risk behaviors among high school students and how these change over time, as well as evaluate the impact of national, state, and local initiatives targeting these risks. As such, we believe that the YRBS will help support our goal of fostering the lifelong sexual health and well-being of young people across America.

Participating in the YRBS is both easy and important. It allows students to anonymously share their voices and provides essential insights to improve student outcomes and understand youth risk trends. The 2025 YRBS results are critical for assessing the effectiveness of prevention and education programs, ensuring accountability, and offering a benchmark for states to compare their local YRBS results.

We understand that the rights and anonymity of all students are protected, and that data will not be reported by school, district, or state, but rather it will be presented as representative data of the nation. We urge selected states, school districts, and schools to participate voluntarily in this important student health initiative.

Sincerely,

Christine Soyong Harley
President and Chief Executive Officer
SIECUS: Sex Ed for Social Change



For Young LGBTQ+ Lives

July 16, 2024

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Dear Dr. Ethier:

On behalf of The Trevor Project, I am pleased to provide this letter of support for the 2025 National Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS), which will gather nationally representative data from students in grades 9 through 12 on priority health risk behaviors.

Participating in the YRBS is both easy and important. It allows students to anonymously share their voices and provides essential insights to improve student outcomes and understand youth risk trends. The 2025 YRBS results are essential for assessing the effectiveness of prevention and education programs, ensuring accountability, and offering a benchmark for states to compare their local YRBS results.

To reduce the burden on any one school, only a small number of classes (one or two per grade) will be selected randomly within each selected school from required courses. Questionnaires will be administered via tablets by specially trained field staff during one regular class period.

At The Trevor Project, we know that reliable data on youth health outcomes is essential to informing sound public health interventions. This is particularly critical for young people who experience heightened levels of risk for specific health outcomes, such as LGBTQ+ young people. The Trevor Project recently released our sixth annual [U.S. National Survey on the Mental Health of LGBTQ+](#)

Young People, which reveals key insights into the mental health and suicide risk of LGBTQ+ youth. Questions on considering and attempting suicide in the past year are taken from the YRBS survey to allow for comparisons to the YRBS nationally representative sample. This data is vital in underscoring the association between anti-LGBTQ+ victimization and disproportionately high rates of suicide risk, and how LGBTQ+ young people's experiences compare to those of their cisgender and heterosexual peers.

I understand that the rights and anonymity of all students are protected, and that data will not be reported by school, district, or state, but rather it will be presented as representative data of the nation. We urge selected states, school districts, and schools to participate voluntarily in this important student health initiative.

Sincerely,



Dr. Ronita Nath
Vice President of Research
The Trevor Project