



PALOS COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT 118

Dear Parent or Guardian:

During the last week of school, Palos South will be conducting a survey with all 6th grade students. The results will help us work together to help young people succeed and thrive in life.

The survey is titled the *Developmental Assets Profile*. The survey focuses on the strengths and supports that youth have and need in their lives. This survey will help our district work with you to ensure that the young people we work with have the opportunities they need to be successful in life. The survey focuses on young people's own perceptions of their strengths. It does not ask sensitive questions about potential high-risk behaviors.

Overview of Key Points

- The survey is not a test. It is a survey of your child's experiences and opinions. There are no right or wrong answers.
- There are no consequences if your child chooses not to participate. Students who do not participate will be asked to read or study quietly while the survey is administered.
- The survey will be completed online and will take less than 10 minutes to complete.
- **The survey is anonymous.** Your child's name will never be attached to his/her responses. We are requesting that each child uses a unique ID in order to look at growth in the self-reported strengths and supports of each youth. This data will only be made available to Palos 118 staff.
- Participation is completely voluntary. You may refuse participation on behalf of your child and your child can skip items if they choose and end their participation at any time.
- The survey asks about young people's own experiences and ideas as well as some information about themselves (e.g., age, gender, and race-ethnicity).

If you **DO NOT** want your child to participate, you must complete and return this letter by May 27, 2016. If no form is received, your child will be invited to participate in the study. If you have any questions, please contact Erin Deval at 708-761-5806. Thank you!

Developmental Assets Profile Participation REFUSAL Form

By completing and returning the form below, I am withdrawing my child from participation in the Developmental Assets Profile.

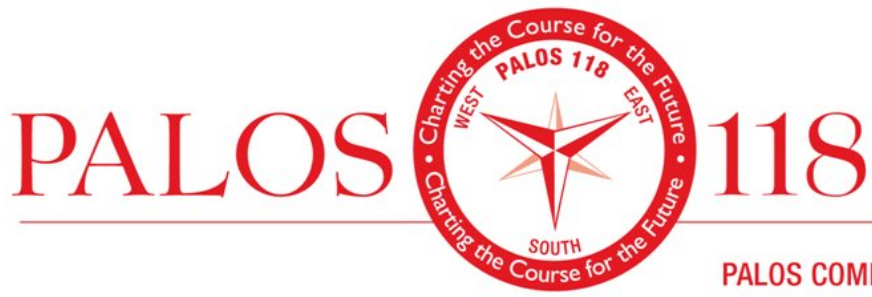
Child's name: (please print) _____

Parent or Guardian's name: (please print) _____

Parent or Guardian's signature: _____

Date: _____

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