

Parental Exclusion Letter for Weight Status Survey

As part of a required school health examination, a student is weighed and his/her height is measured. These numbers are used to figure out the student's body mass index or "BMI." The BMI helps the doctor or nurse know if the student's weight is in a healthy range or is too high or too low. Recent changes to the New York State Education Law requires that BMI and weight status groups be included as part of the student's school health examination. A sample of school districts will be selected to take part in a survey by the New York State Department of Health. If our school is selected to be part of the survey, we will be reporting to the New York State Department of Health information about our students' weight status groups. Only summary information is sent—no names or information about individual students. However, you may choose to have your child's information excluded from this survey report.

The information sent to the New York State Department of Health will help health officials develop programs that make it easier for children to be healthier.

If you do NOT wish to have your child's weight status group information included as part of the Health Department's survey this year, please print and sign your name below and return this form to:

Linda Mortensen
2 Sabre Drive
Schenectady, NY 12306

ATTN: Middle School Health Office

Please do not include my child's weight status information in the 2011-2012 school survey.

Print child's name

Date

Print parent's name

Parent's signature