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Dr. John E. Deasy, Superintendent  
Los Angeles Unified School District  
333 South Beaudry Avenue  
Los Angeles, CA 90017-1466

Dear Superintendent Deasy:

I am pleased to inform you of a funding opportunity to support your district's administration of the California Healthy Kids Survey (CHKS).

California law requires that a representative state survey of adolescent alcohol and drug use be conducted every two years in grades seven, nine, and eleven (*California Health and Safety Code* Section 11605). The 2013–14 CHKS Biennial State Survey will be conducted by WestEd as part of the CHKS, beginning this fall, to a random sample of students from approximately 100 middle and high schools. Schools in your district, listed below, are being asked to participate in the fifteenth Biennial State Survey.

Participating in the CHKS Biennial State Survey will benefit teachers, administrators, students, parents, State policymakers, district administrators, and entire school communities. It has led to a better understanding of student health behaviors and their relationship to academic performance, and allows students to express how they feel about their school experience on a number of topics that are available from no other source. The CHKS Biennial State Survey will provide the State CHKS norms that districts use for comparison with district CHKS results. I hope you will join in this important endeavor, which is sponsored by the California Department of Education and the California Department of Health Care Services.

Simply collect the data from the schools listed below as part of your regular district administration of the CHKS to receive several financial and other incentives. You will also receive a waiver of your district's CHKS fees and provision of survey instruments. If you are not planning to conduct a district CHKS this year, if the selected school(s) still participate(s), they will receive the benefits, including their own school report.

### **Participation Incentives**

Participation only involves including the CHKS at the participating schools and a short module of additional questions about substance use. You can review the survey

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questions on the CHKS Web page at <http://chks.wested.org/administer/download>. In exchange, your district will receive the following benefits:

- **CHKS Fee Waiver:** The \$.30 per student fee will be waived for the entire district, up to the maximum amount required by the CHKS sampling plan of 900 students per grade if the CHKS Biennial State Survey is embedded into the district CHKS. If the CHKS fees are already being covered by an outside source, the equivalent of the waiver may be applied to the survey-related services (e.g., additional reports, analyses by gender or ethnicity, or on-site workshops about using the survey results).
- **Copies of Instrument Booklets:** For districts that do not administer the CHKS online, printed instrument booklets with the few added CHKS Biennial State Survey questions will be provided for the sample schools.
- **Survey Planning Stipend:** Each CHKS Biennial State Survey Coordinator will receive a \$100 stipend per sample school.
- **Parental Consent Stipend:** Each sample school will receive a \$50 stipend per grade level.
- **School Report:** Each sample school will receive a free school-level CHKS report valued at \$50.

### Selected Schools

For your district, the following schools have been randomly selected to participate in the CHKS Biennial State Survey, pending your approval:

Cesar E. Chavez Learning Academies-Teacher Preparation Academy (survey grades 9 and 11 only)  
East Valley Senior High  
George Washington Preparatory High  
Jane Addams Continuation  
Odyssey Continuation  
Robert H. Lewis Continuation  
San Antonio Continuation  
Patrick Henry Middle  
Walnut Park Middle A School of Social Justice and Service Learning (survey grade 7 only)

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Richard Henry Dana Middle

Participation of your students is voluntary and anonymous, and requires parent permission. State law protects the anonymity and confidentiality of the schools and students who take the survey. Individual school results will not be released or made available. The survey results will be reported only by grade level.

I strongly urge you to take advantage of this valuable tool and the means of assistance that are available. To support this important endeavor and allow your students to represent their region for the overall statewide results, **please fax the enclosed authorization form to 562-799-5151.**

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** These schools may still participate in the CHKS Biennial State Survey even if your district elects not to administer the CHKS districtwide.

If you have any questions regarding this subject, please contact Michal Clingman, Survey Coordinator, WestEd, by phone at 562-799-5482 or by e-mail at [mclingm@WestEd.org](mailto:mclingm@WestEd.org) or Hilva Chan, Education Programs Consultant, Coordinated School Health and Safety Office, by phone at 916-319-0194 or by e-mail at [hchan@cde.ca.gov](mailto:hchan@cde.ca.gov).

Sincerely,



Tom Torlakson

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Enclosure

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**Fifteenth Biennial State  
California Healthy Kids Survey  
(2013-14)  
Contact Form**

**FAX to:**

Dr. Gregory Austin  
WestEd  
4665 Lampson Ave  
Los Alamitos, CA 90720

***Fax: 562-799-5151***

Dear Dr. Austin:

- Yes, please proceed with survey administration. Our district will help coordinate the survey—see contact information provided below.**
  
- Yes, please contact the school(s) directly. The schools will decide about participation.**

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By: \_\_\_\_\_

(Signature)

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