## Seward High School

A Northwest Accreditation Association Member School Kenai Peninsula Borough School District



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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Seward High, in collaboration with the Seward Prevention Coalition, will be administering the first ever Youth360 Student Survey, between April 19<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. The purpose of the survey is to collect information that will help our community improve the health and well-being of Seward's young people.

Students in **7<sup>th</sup>- 12<sup>th</sup>** grades will complete the survey. It includes questions about their health, behavior, substance use and well-being. The survey, which is anonymous and confidential, will take about 45 minutes to complete. It will occur during school hours, either at school or during virtual learning from home.

The Youth360 Survey is adapted from the *Planet Youth survey*, which has been implemented all over the world since 2006, and in Iceland since 1992. The data is used as a basis for policy-making, grant writing, and has informed the practices of those working to improve the health and well-being of youth. It will help students, parents, staff, and the community to better understand the interactions and relationships among students, teachers, and staff that constitute each school's social and academic climate, and to identify areas we can improve to make our schools more supportive, caring, and productive places for all students.

The survey is voluntary, anonymous, and confidential. Click to review the <u>survey</u> and <u>brochure</u> describing its purpose and benefits to the District, Seward Schools, families, and community. They are also available on <u>Seward High's Webpage</u>. Hard copies are available at the school office.

The survey will be online. Participating students will receive a link on their Gmail accounts.

- The District will not see individual answers and individual student answers will never be shared publically.
- Access to any survey data will be treated the same as all other student data protected under FERPA.
- Please fill out the following information, check the appropriate box, and return to school.

## Student Information:

First and Last Name

Grade

\_\_\_\_My child HAS permission to participate in this survey
\_\_\_\_My child DOES NOT have my permission to participate in this survey

## **Parent/Guardian Information**

First and Last Name

Date

Sincerely,

Tara Craytor Youth 360 Coordinator Trevan Walker Seward High Principal