



Huntington Union Free School District Special Education and Student Support Services

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Dear Parents,

New York State Education Law requires that BMI and weight status group be included as part of the student's school health examination. Each year a sample of school districts are selected to take part in a survey by the New York State Department of Health. The Huntington School District has been selected to take part in a survey by the New York State Department of Health in the fall of the 2017-18 school year. Since our school district has been selected to be part of the survey, we will be reporting to New York State Department of Health information about our students' weight status groups. The survey information assists health officials to develop programs that make it easier for children to be healthier. The survey only collects Body Mass Index (BMI) for submission to New York State. No names or information about individual students are disclosed. You may choose, however, to not have your child's BMI data included in this report by completing and sending a signed opt out letter (or form attached) to your school nurse on or before December 1, 2017.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your school nurse.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

**BMI Weight Status Survey Report to be submitted to New York State Health Department
During the 2017-18 School Year**

BMI Survey Data Opt Out Procedure

As part of a required school health examination (that are required Grades K, 2, 4, 7 and 10, as well as all new entrants), 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. Changes to the New York State Education Law require that BMI and weight status group be included as part of the student's school health examination. Each year a sample of school districts are selected to take part in a survey by the New York State Department of Health. The Huntington School District has been selected to take part in a survey by the New York State Department of Health in the fall of the 2017-18 school year. Since our school district has been selected to be part of the survey, we will be reporting to New York State Department of Health information about our students' weight status groups. Only BMI aggregate data is included on the survey that is reported to the New York State Department of Health. **No names and no information** about individual students are sent. However, you may choose to have your child's information excluded (opt out) 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 on or before December 1, 2017 to: **your child's school**
Attention: SCHOOL NURSE

Print Child's Name

Date

Print Parent's Name

Parent's Signature

| School | Contact (Nurse) | Telephone/Fax |
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| Huntington High School Oakwood & McKay Road, Huntington, NY 11743 | Linda Amarante/Melanie Caplin | 673-2105 Fax: 425-4730 |
| Finley Middle School 20 Greenlawn Road, Huntington, NY 11743 | Katherine Khokhar | 673-2026 Fax: 425-4746 |
| Woodhull Intermediate 140 Woodhull Road, Huntington, NY 11743 | Elizabeth Scannello | 673-2147 Fax: 425-4718 |
| Jack Abram STEM Magnet 155 Lowndes Avenue, Huntington Station, NY 11746 | Deborah Rosen | 673-2061 Fax: 812-2398 |
| Washington Primary 78 Whitson Road, Huntington Station, NY 11746 | Lauren Meagher | 673-2090 Fax: 425-6259 |
| Jefferson Primary 253 Oakwood Road, Huntington, NY 11743 | Ilna Kadin | 673-2070 Fax: 425-6257 |
| Flower Hill Primary 98 Flower Hill Road, Huntington, NY 11743 | Julia Dunn | 673-2050 Fax: 425-6255 |
| Southdown Primary 125Brown's Road, Huntington, NY 11743 | Kimberly Doyno | 673-2142 or 673-2080 Fax: 425-6258 |
| St. Patrick's 400 Main Street, Huntington, NY 11743 | Jacqueline Silvers | 385-3311 Ext. 257 Fax: 673-4609 |