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October 25, 2023

Dear Caregivers,

Our school will take part in the Otsego County Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS). LEAF, Inc. and the Otsego County System of Care sponsor this survey. The survey will ask about the health behaviors of 9th through 12th grade students. The survey asks about nutrition, physical activity, injuries, tobacco, e-cigarette, alcohol, and other drug use, as well as sexual behaviors that could lead to pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases.

Students will be asked to complete a survey that takes about 35 minutes during class time. This survey will cause little or no risk to your child. The only potential risk is that some students might find certain questions to be sensitive. The survey has been designed to protect your child's privacy. Students will not put their names or other identifiable information on the survey. Your child will not get a benefit right away from taking part in the survey. The results will help your child and other children in the future.

We would like all Otsego County students in grades 9-12 to participate in the survey, however, the survey is voluntary. Action will not be taken against the school, you, or your child, if your child does not take the survey. Students may skip any questions they do not wish to answer. In addition, students may stop taking the survey at any point without penalty. If you would like to see a copy of the survey, please contact Melissa Scribani, Bassett Research Institute, 1 Atwell Rd., Cooperstown, NY, 607-547-7635 or melissa.scribani@bassett.org.

Please see the attached information sheets for more facts about the survey. Complete the section below and return it to the school by Friday, November 3rd, only if you **do not** want your child to take part in the survey.

If you have additional questions about the survey that your child's teacher or principal cannot answer, please call Kelly Catella at (607) 263-6302.

Thank you,		
Jamie Maistros		
Please sign and return this section of the form only if you <b>do not</b> want your child to complete the survey.		
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Parent's signature:		Date: