

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
OFFICE OF THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION



Elementary Secondary and Specialized Education

June 17, 2015

Dear LEA Leader,

During the fall of School Year (SY) 2015-2016, the Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) will be administering the Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) at all District public middle and high schools. The YRBS is a tool designed to monitor health risk behaviors that contribute to the leading causes of mortality, morbidity and social problems among youth throughout the United States. Outcome data from the survey will also identify trends regarding youth health behavior, including critical health events and progress over time. For more information and resources regarding the survey, please visit the following websites:

- **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)- Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System (YRBSS):** <http://www.cdc.gov/HealthyYouth/yrbs/index.htm>
- **OSSE DC Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS):** <http://osse.dc.gov/service/dc-youth-risk-behavior-survey-yrbs>

In preparation for this activity, OSSE requests that all middle and high schools complete the following school information form, found on the links below by Friday, June 26, 2015.

For DC Public Schools: <http://goo.gl/forms/SIMy4krtY6>

For DC Public Charter Schools: <http://goo.gl/forms/CWVEzAgSX4>

Upon completion and submission of the form, OSSE, or its contractor responsible for the administration of the survey, will contact participating schools to continue preparing for administering the survey and provide any technical assistance, as needed.

For any questions, please contact Ms. Kafui Doe, OSSE Health Education Manager, at osse.hydt@dc.gov or at (202) 741-6484.

Thank you in advance for your support with this important work.

Sincerely,



Hanseul Kang
State Superintendent of Education