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To: Dr. Carol Kelley, Superintendent

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Re: Illinois Youth Survey

Attached are the results of the Illinois Youth Survey (IYS) taken last spring by 8th graders from Brooks and Julian middle schools. The Illinois Youth Survey is administered every two years and in 2016 was given to 8th graders only. This survey reports data on a variety of health and social indicators including, but not limited to: drug use, bullying, school climate, and mental health. The results of this survey will be shared in partnership with the Oak Park Township and community agencies such as IMPACT, to help address any youth drug or alcohol abuse issues. Currently District 97, District 90 and District 200 are all working closely with the Oak Park Township, community agencies and IMPACT to address drug and alcohol abuse issues in our communities. This month our middle school social workers will be attending a day and a half training with staff from D200 and community agencies on the "Strengthening Families" program, an evidence-based program that focuses on family skill training to improve parenting and family relationships. After the training, middle school assistant principals and social workers will recommend families for the program. In addition, the social workers will continue to utilize community agencies for our students. During the course of the next school year, we will be co-sponsoring parent cafes with IMPACT through the middle school PTOs. In middle school advisory, we will be implementing the Second Step curriculum, addressing the Social/Emotional Learning Standards, to help prevent bullying issues.

The next Illinois Youth Survey will be in 2018. At that time, we will be working to ensure a stronger response rate than we saw in 2016, so as to better monitor progress in these areas.