

***No BULLY SYSTEM EVALUATION STUDY
INFORMATION SHEET FOR PARENTS ABOUT STUDENT PARTICIPATION***

Dear Parent or Guardian

Your child is being invited to take part in a research study of the No Bully System. This study is funded by the National Institute of Justice and carried out by WestEd in partnership with your school and district. The No Bully System (NBS) trains staff on how to address bullying, and supports school leaders to strengthen school-wide policies and procedures to prevent bullying. At the heart of the NBS is the student-centered Solution Team. A Solution Team is led by a trained adult (Solution Coach) who works with the bully, his/her followers, and several positive peer leaders to find solutions to end the bullying.

The study will look at how well the No Bully System improves school safety, reduces bullying, and improves outcomes for the targets of bullying. Some schools will be randomly chosen to implement NBS and Solution Teams first starting in Fall 2015; other schools will have the opportunity to implement it after the 2016-2017 academic year.

Study Participation. We are asking your permission for your child to participate in a study of how well the NBS works in elementary schools. The information we collect will help us to better understand the impact the No Bully System has at schools, it will not be used to evaluate your child.

For children whose parents give permission:

1. Students will be asked to complete short surveys twice in the first year (Fall 2015 and Spring 2016) and once in the second year (Spring 2017). The survey:
 - Asks questions about students' perceptions and attitudes related to bullying, safety, peer support, and other indicators of school climate;
 - Takes 15 minutes to complete;
 - Will be completed during regular school hours.
2. The study will collect bullying incident, discipline, demographic (such as ethnicity and free and reduced lunch) and student achievement data from school records; and
3. For students in schools implementing NBS, the study also collects data from Solution Team logs that the Solution Coach completes for each team s/he conducts.

Student Selection. All students in grades 3-5 are invited to participate in the study and complete the surveys. Parents must sign this consent form in order for students to be part of the study. By signing this consent form you are agreeing to allow WestEd to collect survey and school record data about your child.

It is Voluntary. It is voluntary for a student to participate in the surveys, and he/she may decide to not be in the study at any time. Agreeing or not agreeing to participate in the study will not affect your child's school standing or participation in any of the NBS activities in any way. Students only have to answer the questions they want to answer and they may stop participating at any time. There are no penalties for choosing to stop participation in the study.

It is Confidential. Your child's privacy is protected. Survey responses will be kept confidential and survey results will be reported in a way so that no individual responses can be identified. An identification code will be assigned to each survey form and no names will be kept on the survey forms. Please note that your student's fully de-identified data will be kept after the study ends.

Risks and Benefits. There are very little risks to participating in the study. There is a chance, though unlikely, that some of the survey questions may make a student feel uncomfortable, but he/she does not



have to answer any questions he/she does not want to Counseling services at your school will be prepared to answer any questions your child has as a result of participating in this study.

Your child may not benefit directly from this study. However, your community will benefit through greater knowledge about the impact of the No Bully System on students' perceptions of safety and peer support as well as bullying behaviors, and your district will benefit from knowledge about the benefits of the NBS for OUSD elementary schools.

Where to Turn for Further Information. If you have questions or concerns about this study, you may contact the Study Director, Jo Ann Izu at 510.302.4230 (jizu@wested.org) or Chen Kong-Wick, OUSD Program Manager, Violence Prevention at 510.938.3728 (chen.kong-wick@ousd.k12.ca.us). If you have questions or concerns regarding your student's rights, you may contact the WestEd Institutional Review Board toll-free at 844-IRB-KIDS (844-472-5437) or subjects@wested.org.

Please review this sheet and indicate on the following page whether or not you consent to participate. Keep this sheet for your reference.

***NO BULLY SYSTEM EVALUATION STUDY
PARENTAL CONSENT FORM FOR STUDENT PARTICIPATION***

Please complete this page and have your child return it to your child's teacher by _____. The first page is for your records.

Parental Consent

Please check the appropriate box below, sign the form, and ask your child to return this form to his/her school within 3 days.

YES, I give permission for my child to participate in the No Bully System Evaluation Study. I understand this means

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NO, I do not give permission for my child to participate in the No Bully System Evaluation Study.

Parent/Guardian (Signature)

Date

Parent/Guardian (Print Name)

My child's name is:

(Print Name)

Grade: _____

School: _____