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Dear Dr. Zaza:

The American Association of School Administrations (AASA) is pleased to provide its continued support for the CDC's Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS). It is vitally important for the health and well-being of our nation's youth that YRBS data is not only tracked, but remains the primary source of information on the most important health risk behaviors.

In addition, the YRBS data are an invaluable resource used by public and private organizations to set and monitor program goals, develop health education programs, support health-related legislation, and seek funding for programs that focus on reducing health risk behavior among youth.

The American Association of School Administrators supports the continuation of the YRBS at the national, state, and local levels to ensure a healthier future for youth nationwide. We strongly encourage states, districts, and schools to participate in the 2017 national survey.

Sincerely,

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Dear Dr. Zaza,

The Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) is pleased to learn about the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Division of Adolescent and School Health's (CDC/DASH) continued efforts to collect vital data from high school students through the 2017 National Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS).

The YRBS is an integral tool for collecting information about the health behaviors of high school youth, including risk taking and risk avoidance. This information is essential for program planning and policy development at the state level, as well as locally and nationally. State health officials and their staff also use these data to monitor the adolescent health objectives for Healthy People 2020 and the Leading Health Indicators.

CDC/DASH has demonstrated a strong commitment to the development of a survey that yields useful information for both health and education officials and that promotes a collaborative relationship between these two sectors. ASTHO's members and the state health agencies they lead have benefited from the Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System and their partnerships with state education agencies. It is important that CDC/DASH work with state education agencies and school boards to increase YRBS participation and support the work of data collection at the schools. Enhancing collaboration among schools and state agencies will continue to advance adolescent health nationwide.

We offer our support to CDC/DASH and look forward to partnering with you in the future on this important effort.

Sincerely,

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Dear Dr. Zaza:

The purpose of this letter is to express the continuing support of the Council of Chief State School Officers for the national, state and local Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System to measure a comprehensive set of priority health risk behaviors, including behaviors that result in transmission of HIV.

The information gathered a) helps determine the health status of youth throughout the country; and b) assists educators in planning and implementing effective coordinated school health programs including prevention of HIV infection and AIDS.

Since it is our understanding that the rights and anonymity of students are protected, we encourage and recommend that states, districts, and schools participate in this important activity to gather information needed to develop sound school health policies.

Sincerely,

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Chris Minnich  
Executive Director

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Dear Dr. Zaza,

The National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) enthusiastically supports the implementation of the 2017 Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System (YRBSS) – nationally, in every state, and in as many localities as possible. Over the years YRBSS has proven to be a valuable and unique source of crucial state and national level information about the behaviors affecting the healthy growth and full development of our nation's children and youth. The information provided by YRBS has proven essential to the development of effective prevention and intervention strategies.

NASBE has relied heavily on YRBS data to inform and assist education policy makers and practitioners in their efforts to develop policies and programs that foster health-promoting schools. The continuation of YRBS will help ensure that state boards of education and other education decision makers will have access to important, credible research needed to develop sound policies and programs.

We wish you success in this endeavor. Please do not hesitate to contact NASBE if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,



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