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Dear Parents,

Your child's school has agreed to work with other community agencies to present a voluntary anti-drug pledge coupled with a random drug screening program offered to all students. With drug abuse becoming a rapidly growing epidemic, this program's purpose is to both give students a reason to say no to drug-related peer pressure and to inform parents of any drug activity.

This random drug screening is a collaborative effort between Old Fort Local Schools and several community agencies. The school will not be provided test results, either positive or negative; they will go directly to the parent or guardian only.

Due to the nature of this program, we know you may have some questions or concerns. A few questions are addressed below and a representative from Old Fort Local Schools will be available to answer any further questions you may have at (419) 992-4291 extension 103.

Question: Is the drug screening mandatory?

Answer: The saliva drug screening is completely voluntary. No student will be forced or pressured into participating. In order to participate, both the parent or guardian and the student must sign consent. The student has the right to refuse to be tested and the parent/guardian will be notified of a student's refusal.

Question: How much does it cost to participate?

Answer: There is no cost to the school, student or parent for the testing. This program is paid by the Mental Health and Recovery Services Board.

Question: Where can I get a copy of the contract to review with my child?

Answer: The contract can be obtained at the school's office or online at www.oldfortschools.org

Question: How are students selected for the drug screening?

Answer: Names will be randomly selected from a database maintained at the Seneca County General Health District from students enrolled in the program. On the day of testing, a Seneca County General Health District nurse will request the selected students submit a saliva sample at the school clinic. Neither the school nurse nor other students will be present.

Question: Who will get the drug screening results?

Answer: The school will in no way be privy to the information regarding this program. There will not be a list of participants maintained at the school and the test results will not be provided to anyone other than the parent or guardian. The results of the test, whether negative or positive, will be mailed directly to the parent or guardian.

Please turn in the completed and signed Program Enrollment Form to your child's school office.

You can contact us at (419) 992-4291 extension 103 between 7:30 and 3:30 Monday through Friday if you have any further questions or concerns about this program.

Keeping our school drug-free is the ultimate goal. Therefore, please encourage your teen to take the pledge to be drug free and enroll in this program. As an added incentive, all teen enrolled in the program by Jan. 9, 2015 will be entered to win an iPad Mini at the end of the school year.