



April 9, 2018

Dear parents:

**Re: McCreary Centre Society
 218 BC Adolescent Health Survey**

École Alpha Secondary School has been selected to take part in the 2018 BC Adolescent Health Survey (BC AHS). The survey is being conducted by the McCreary Centre Society, a non-profit youth health charity, and it will be administered by a local public health nurse to *4 randomly selected classes* during Period 1 on Thursday, April 19.

The survey is confidential and anonymous; students do not put their names on the questionnaire, and no one will be able to link answers to any particular student. Question topics include feelings about school, family, physical and mental health, sexual health, substance use, injuries and activities, violence and discrimination, and technology use. The information gathered will be used across BC schools, government, and communities for planning purposes.

If your child's class has been selected to participate in the survey, they will be bringing home an informational letter on Tuesday, April 10. Participation is completely voluntary, and students may choose to opt out at the time of the survey.

For further information, please refer to the McCreary Centre's website at www.mcs.bc.ca. I can also be reached at 604.296.6865, extension 601003, should you have further questions or concerns.

Thank you,

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Vice-Principal