Dear Parents and Guardians of Erie’s Public Schools 6th,7th, and 8th graders,

We are writing to inform you about a new curriculum being implemented at Erie’s Public Schools. As part of the larger Opioid Misuse Prevention Project (OMPP), Erie’s Public Schools are partnering with Family Services of NWPA to deliver the LifeSkills Training curriculum school wide. LifeSkills Training is a nationally recognized effective evidence-based program designed to foster adolescent wellbeing and prevent substance misuse. The curriculum will be delivered to all sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students. A booster curriculum will be implemented in each subsequent year of middle school.

As part of the curriculum, students will be required to fill out **pre and post surveys** on their attitudes and beliefs about youth and adult substance use and their behaviors. These responses will then be used to evaluate whether the program is improving the student’s knowledge, attitudes, and beliefs about substance misuse and abuse. Student data will be used in evaluating the larger OMPP grant project—we will be examining its effectiveness and assessing the state’s return on investment in the project. **At no point during this project will your child’s responses be used for research purposes, nor will they have any effect on their grades. Additionally, all data gathered for this evaluation will be completely de-identified, preventing the evaluation team from ever knowing your child’s responses on the pre and post surveys.**

We are excited to be a part of this initiative to improve the wellbeing and lives of youth, families, and communities across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. **Please fill out the parent/guardian consent form below and return it your school as soon as possible so your child may take part in the pre/post testing process.**

Questions or concerns? Please contact your teacher and/or school administrator:

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For more information on the Opioid Misuse Prevention Project, please contact via email **Sarah Cavalline** **scavalline@fsnwpa.org** at Family Services of NWPA.

For further information on the LifeSkills Training program, go to <https://www.lifeskillstraining.com/>

**Student’s name:**

[ ]  The student listed above **MAY** participate in the Pre/Post Survey process.

[ ]  The student listed above **MAY NOT** participate in the Pre/Post Survey process.

**Parent/Guardian signature**

**Date:**