Dear Parents/Guardians,

St. Mark’s School will be administering the Independent School Health Check (ISHC) to all our students on February 27, 2020. This represents our fifth consecutive year administering this survey. The results are very helpful as we plan and evaluate the various wellness programs within the School’s curriculum. On the day of the administration, students will be asked questions that address attitudes and life experiences, and that touch on issues such as self-esteem, stress, integrity, sexual behavior, and substance use.

Participation is voluntary and at the discretion of students and their parents. The students will be told that they can skip any questions that they would prefer not to answer. Students who do not wish to complete the survey will have the opportunity to work independently.

This is an anonymous survey. At the administration, each student will be given log-in information for the survey (that is not connected to their name, school identification number, etc.). It is impossible for anyone at the school or in the survey organization to associate any student with any completed survey. ISHC, in collaboration with Indiana University, Center for Survey Research, analyzes the material collected and provides each participating school with group data only.

If you do NOT want your child to complete the survey or, if you have any questions or comments about the Independent School Health Check, please contact Dr. Sarah Enterline, Director of Institutional Research, at sarahenterline@stmarksschool.org. If we do not hear from you, we will assume that you have no objection to your child’s participation.

This particular survey, the Independent School Health Check, is an important way to supply the administration, faculty, and staff with critical information that informs our decisions and planning efforts.

Thank you in advance for your support of this important initiative.

Sincerely,

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