July 20, 2011

MEMO TO: Bremen Middle School Parents

FROM: Christa Smith, Principal

RE: Students Participation in Publications and Surveys

Occasionally the Bremen City School System may ask parents for permission to use their children to participate or use their pictures in school annuals, system publications, and on the Bremen City School's internet web site. The purpose of doing so is to promote not only the school system and community, but to recognize students' accomplishments throughout the school system. No personal information other than names, pictures, and student participation in school activities will be used.

In addition, the Bremen City School System administers surveys such as The Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) to determine attitudes and practices regarding substance abuse. The purpose of any survey used in the Bremen City School System is to assist in maintaining a safe school environment and to help students learn and apply the concepts of making healthy decisions. As a result, this information is often necessary when applying for grant monies. The surveys are on file and may be viewed upon request.

Bremen Middle School will need to survey its student body with various surveys that address the use of drugs, alcohol and tobacco and our students' perceptions dealing with these topics. We will be encouraging your son or daughter to take each survey very seriously and answer each question honestly so to enable us to have valid data. This will enable us to direct our efforts to deter and educate our students in the years to come.

Let me assure you that these surveys will be completely anonymous and all precautions will be taken to assure anonymity. As a parent or guardian you have the option of electing to having your son or daughter omitted from the surveys.

If you object to your child participating, please respond by marking the appropriate statement on the following page. As always I would like to take this time to thank you for your support of Bremen Middle School in our efforts to educate your child. If you have questions you may contact me at 770.537.4874.

Bremen Middle School
Student Participation in Publications, Screenings and Surveys
2011/2012

Please mark yes or no and sign below indicating intentions for your child to participate in the following;

Yes___ No___ I give the Bremen City School System permission to use my child's name and list of activities participated in school on the system's web site.

Yes___ No___ I give the Bremen City School System permission to use my child's picture on the school web page.

Yes___ No___ I give the Bremen City School System permission to use my child's picture and school activities in the yearbook.

Yes___ No___ I give the Bremen City School System permission to use my child's picture and school activities in the school newspaper.

Yes___ No___ I give my child permission to participate in anonymous school surveys.

Yes___ No___I give my child permission to participate in school surveys that address issues regarding drugs, alcohol and tobacco and lifestyles and student opinions.

Yes___No____I give my child permission to participate in academic screenings and/or testing used to assist my child in achieving academic success.

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Parent Signature Date

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Student's Name Grade