

GREENWICH CENTRAL SCHOOL



January 2015

Dear Parents /Guardians of current 1st 3rd, and 5th graders,

As part of a required school health examination, a student is weighed and his/her height is measured. These numbers are used to figure out the student's body mass index or 'BMI'. The BMI helps the doctor or nurse know if the student's weight is in a healthy range or is too high or too low. Recent changes to the New York State Education Law require that BMI and weight status group be included as part of the student's school health examination. A sample of school districts are selected to take part in a survey by the New York State Department of Health. Our school was selected to be part of the survey, and will be reporting to New York State Department of Health information about our students' weight status groups. Only summary information is sent. No names and no information about individual students are sent. However, you may choose to have your child's information excluded from this survey report.

The information sent to the New York State Department of Health will help health officials develop programs that make it easier for children to be healthier. **Only last years "mandated physical year" (last year's K, 2nd, and 4th graders) are included in the survey.**

If you DO NOT wish to have your child's weight status group information included as part of the Health Department's survey this year, please print and sign your name below and return this form to your child's building nurse.

If you have any questions or concerns please call 692-9542
Ext 1010 Lisa D'Acchille, R.N. Primary Building School Nurse
Ext 1020 Kathy Gould, R.N. Middle Grade Building School Nurse

Please do not include my child's weight status information in the 2014-2015 School Survey.

Print Child's Name

Date

Print Parent's Name

Parent's Signature