



***Orchard Park Central School District
Inter-school Communication
Office of Curriculum & Pupil Services***

TO: Board of Education

CC: Matthew McGarrity, Superintendent of Schools

FROM: Lisa Krueger

RE: OP Youth Council Presentation

DATE: February 4, 2013

Representatives from the Orchard Park Youth Council are scheduled to present the results of the Fall 2012 Development Asset Survey at our February 12, 2013 Board of Education Meeting. Attached is a summary of survey results for your review.

The Developmental Asset Survey was administered in 2009 and our fall 2012 results provide comparative data regarding our progress over the past three years. The attached summary highlights favorable improvement since 2009 (shaded in green) and areas where there were unfavorable changes (shaded in red).

Representatives from the Orchard Park Youth Council will be available to answer any questions you may have related to the survey following the Board of Education presentation. If you have any questions in the meantime please call me. Thank you.



Developmental Asset Survey RESULTS

Orchard Park, New York

Fall, 2012

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Total Assets Reported		Total Possible (External + Internal): 40; Target >31		21	22	20
External Assets		% of All	% of 9 th gr.	% of 12 th gr.		
Support	Family life provides high levels of love & support	75	78	70		
	Youth & parent(s) communicate positively; youth seek parent(s') advice & counsel	31	36	25		
	Youth receive support from 3+ non-parent adults	56	56	57		
	Youth experience caring neighbors	44	49	39		
	School provides a caring, encouraging environment	34	34	34		
	Parent(s) actively involved in helping youth succeed in school	33	42	23		
Empowerment	Youth perceive that adults in the community value them	21	24	18		
	Youth given useful roles in the community	34	33	35		
	Youth serve in the community 1+ hours/week	54	51	58		
	Youth feel safe at home, school, and in the neighborhood	70	65	77*		
Boundaries & Expectations	Family has clear rules & consequences and monitors the youth's whereabouts	50	55	44		
	School provides clear rules & consequences	64	74	51		
	Neighbors take responsibility for monitoring youth's behaviors	49	58	38		
	Parent(s) & other adults model positive, responsible behavior	35	38	31*		
	Youth's best friends model responsible behavior	70	84	54		
	Parent(s) & Teachers encourage the youth to do well	63	69	55		
Constructive Use of Time	Youth spend 3+ hours/week in lessons or practice in music, theater, or other arts	19	20	19		
	Youth spend 3+ hours/week in sports, clubs, or organizations at school and/or in community organizations	75	76	73		
	Youth spend 1+ hours/week in religious institution activities	50	55	43		
	Youth out with friends "with nothing special to do" 2 or fewer nights/week	51	53	48		

Internal Assets		% of All	% of 9 th gr.	% of 12 th gr.		
Commitment to Learning	Youth motivated to do well in school	72	77	66		
	Youth actively engaged in learning	65	71	58		
	Youth report doing 1+ hour/day doing homework	68	71	65		
	Youth care about school	66	76	54		
	Youth read for pleasure 3+ hours/week	24	22	26		
Positive Values	Youth place high value on helping other people	54	45	65*		
	Youth place high value on promoting equality & reducing hunger & poverty	52	47	59*		
	Youth act on convictions & stands up for his/her beliefs	64	55	75		
	Youth tell the truth even when it is not easy	71	70	72		
	Youth accept & take personal responsibility	69	67	72		
Social Competencies	Youth believe it is important not to be sexually active or to use alcohol or other drugs	49	67	26		
	Youth know how to plan ahead and make choices	36	34	38		
	Youth have empathy, sensitivity, & friendship skills	40	40	41		
	Youth have knowledge of/comfort with people of different cultural/racial/ethnic backgrounds	31	29	35		
	Youth can resist negative peer pressure & dangerous situations	47	50	43		
Positive Identity	Youth seek to resolve conflict non-violently	51	56	45		
	Youth feel they have control over "things that happen to me"	49	47	50		
	Youth report having high self-esteem	52	52	52		
	Youth report that their "life has a purpose"	71	73	69		
	Youth are optimistic about their personal future	77	84	70		



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	% of Youth Reporting: 8 Thriving Indicators	% of All	% of 9 th gr.	% of 12 th gr.
Succeeds In School	Gets mostly A's on report card	39	42	36
Helps Others	Helps friends or neighbors 1+ hours/week	80	83	77
Values Diversity	Places high importance on getting to know people of difference	51	49	53
Maintains Good Health	Pays attention to healthy nutrition & exercise	61	62	59
Exhibits Leadership	Has been a leader of a group or organization in the past year	75	72	78
Resists Danger	Avoids doing things that are dangerous	17	19	15
Delays Gratification	Saves money for something special rather than spending it right away	50	48	52
Overcomes Adversity	Does not give up when things get difficult	74	74	74

	% of Youth Reporting: 5 Significant Deficits	% of All	% of 9 th gr.	% of 12 th gr.
Alone at Home	2+ hours/school day	47	38	57
TV Overexposure	Watch TV or videos 3+ hours/day	18	16	19
Physical Abuse	Report one or more incidents of being physically harmed by someone in their family or someone living with them	13*	13*	14*
Victim of Violence	Report one or more incidents, in the last 2 years, when someone has caused physical pain or injury to them	15*	16*	14
Drinking Parties	Report attending one or more parties, in the last year, where other youth, of similar age, were drinking	43*	29	61*

	% of Youth Reporting: 9 Substance Use Risks	% of All	% of 9 th gr.	% of 12 th gr.
Alcohol	Used alcohol once or more in the past 30 days	32	16	51
	Got drunk once or more in the last two weeks	21	7	38
	Used alcohol 3+ times in the past month or got drunk 1+ times in the last two weeks	24	9	42
Tobacco	Smoked cigarettes once or more in the past 30 days	9	3	16
	Used smokeless tobacco once or more in the past year	11	7	15
Inhalants	Sniffed/inhaled substances to get high once or more in the past year	4	3	16
Marijuana	Used pot once or more in the past year	21	9	35
Other Drug Use	Used other illicit drugs (cocaine, LSD, PCP, heroin, amphetamines, etc.) once or more in the past year	5	2	10
Driving & Alcohol	Drove after drinking once or more in the past year	7	2	13
	Rode with, once or more in the past year, a driver who had been drinking	21	19	24*

	% of Youth Reporting: Other Risk-Taking Behaviors	% of All	% of 9 th gr.	% of 12 th gr.
Sexual Intercourse	Has had sexual intercourse one or more times	24	8	43
	Has had sexual intercourse three or more times in lifetime	17	4	34
Anti-Social Behavior	Shoplifted once or more in the past year	12	9	16
	Committed vandalism once or more in the past year	12	8	16
	Got into trouble with police once or more in the past year	14	9	20
Violence	Hit someone once or more in the past year	17	14	20
	Threatened physical harm to someone once or more in the past year	5	12	17
Eating Disorders	Has engaged in bulimic or anorexic behaviors in the past year	12	9	16
Gambling	Gambled once or more in the past year	18	14	21
Attempted Suicide	Has attempted suicide one or more times	7	4	10