

GREAT NECK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

HEALTH SERVICES

As part of a required school health examination, your child is weighed and his/her height is measured. These numbers are used to figure out your child's body mass index or "BMI" and weight status groups be included as part of your child's school health examination. The information that will be submitted will be retrieved from the physical examinations that were submitted last year.

New York State is making an effort to curb childhood obesity and this is a critical first step in targeting resources for childhood obesity prevention. The State will be conducting a survey in the near future and this survey is described below.

A sample of school districts has been selected to take part in a survey by the New York State Department of Health. Great Neck Public Schools has been selected to be part of this survey. The survey is about our students' weight status category groups. Only summary information is included. 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 officials develop programs that make it easier for children to be healthier.

If you do not wish to have your child's weight status group information included as part of the Health Department's survey, please print and sign your name below and return form to: your school nurse.

Please do not include my child's weight status information in the school survey being submitted to the Department of Health.

Print Child's Name

Date

Print Parent's Name

Parent Signature