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## **YRBS Opt-Out Permission Form FY18**

Malden Public Schools students in grades 7-12 are taking part in the 2018 Youth Risk Behavior Survey. The survey will ask about the health behaviors of students in grades 7-12. The survey will ask about nutrition, physical activity, injuries, tobacco, alcohol, drug use, and sexual behaviors. The survey has been designed to protect your child's privacy and is taken anonymously. For the survey results to be accurate, it is important that all students, regardless of whether they have engaged in health-risk behaviors, are given an opportunity to participate in the survey, but the survey is voluntary. This survey is not designed to intimidate or cause anxiety. The survey is implemented to gain important data to help us keep students safe in our ever changing world. Students may skip any questions they do not wish to answer and/or stop taking the survey at any point. If you would like to see a copy of the survey, a copy is available to review in your child's school office. The results from this survey help to develop better educational programs by finding out if students are engaging in risky behaviors. If you **do not want** your child participating in the YRBS, please complete this form and return it to your child's principal within 3 school days. If we do not receive this form back, your child will participate in the YRBS. If you have any questions, please contact your child's principal.

Student's Name Printed \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's Name Printed \_\_\_\_\_

Signature Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Name of School \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Level of Student \_\_\_\_\_

Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_