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**Drug Coalition and Blaine County School District Partner for Youth Survey**

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The Drug Coalition is collaborating with the Blaine County School District (BCSD) to sponsor the Developmental Assets Profile survey. The Drug Coalition Executive Director Amber Larna states, “Our community has been collecting this data since 2002 and using it to assess how organizations support our youth and their development. It is an excellent gauge of the strengths and weaknesses of the community in regards to at-risk behavior and the resiliency of our youth.”

This year the survey will be given to students in grades 6, 8, 10 and 12, with plans to administer this survey again in two years.

BCSD Superintendent Dr. GwenCarol Holmes stated, “Schools will be sending an email to parents informing them of the survey. The survey is voluntary, but we encourage all students to participate. Parents wanting more information or an opportunity to preview the survey are encouraged to contact their child’s school principal.”

Larna continued, “The results of this survey will inform the Drug Coalition’s work as well as give our schools a perspective on the experiences and opinions of youth in Blaine County regarding their drug and alcohol use in addition to their commitment to learning, level of empowerment and other strengths.”

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