



Dear Parent or Guardian,

Each year, over 1.7 million individuals suffer from traumatic brain injuries. OHSU ThinkFirst Oregon is a non-profit program dedicated to decreasing the incidence of brain and spinal cord injury in Oregon. To help achieve this goal, the ThinkFirst program at OHSU is striving to educate youth in making wise decisions and practicing safe transportation habits regarding walking, bicycling, and driving. ThinkFirst will be giving an educational presentation to your student's school within the next four weeks. Following the presentation, your student will be asked to complete an online survey. This survey will take approximately 5 minutes to complete. The ThinkFirst program will utilize the survey results to assess the effectiveness of our presentation in educating the students and affecting the student's attitudes and beliefs regarding brain and spinal cord injury prevention.

Your student's completion of the survey is voluntary and will be strictly **anonymous**. Neither his or her name nor any information that could identify your child will be collected or associated with the survey. Teachers, other students, or staff at OHSU will not be able to link the name of the student to his or her responses. No one from your child's school will have access to the completed surveys. Your student may choose **not** to take the survey, or **not** to answer specific questions on the survey, without affecting his or her relationship with their teacher, school, or OHSU.

There is no health risk associated with completing the survey. Your student may be uncomfortable answering questions of a personal nature, and may choose to not answer these questions or any other questions on the survey. There are also no direct benefits associated with completing the survey.

If you have any questions about the ThinkFirst program or the survey, please contact Kayt Zundel, Program Director, at 503-494-5353 or zundel@ohsu.edu.

Thank you for your kind consideration of this project and for helping us better understand how to help students make wise choices about transportation safety and healthy living to prevent brain and spinal cord injuries.

Sincerely,

Kayt Zundel
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Program Director