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Dear Parents:

The NAD Department of Education is embarking on the Valuegenesis IV Survey Project, a longitudinal study of Adventist youth's faith, values, and commitment. The project happens once every ten years, and this new study is its fourth rendition.

This critical survey will provide data about the youth's perspectives on the church, home, and school, which will help us improve the school learning environment, academic achievement, spiritual climate, and the health and well-being of our youth. More specifically, it includes questions on religious orientation, faith maturity, doctrinal beliefs, lifestyle, internet use, substance abuse, mental health, and positive traits such as happiness, resilience, growth mindset, compassion, and worldview.

Student participation is voluntary and anonymous. No names or any other identifying information is connected to the answers. The survey will be administered to grades 6-12 students in the North American Division during the period of October 11 – November 10. It is a one-time survey that will take approximately one hour. Parents have the right to exempt their students from the study without any harm or disadvantages. In this case, parents should contact the principal, the school, or their student's teacher.

Thank you for partnering with us in the education of our children. We take this responsibility seriously. The results of the survey will be shared with parents, educators, and the NAD Education Board of Directors.

Sincerely,



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