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Date

Name, Principal
School
Address
City, NY Zip

Dear Principal (Last Name):

Your school has been chosen to take part in the New York State Health Department's **"Oral Health, Physical Activity and Nutrition"** survey of 3rd grade children. As you know, dental disease is one of the most common childhood diseases. It results in pain, suffering, and affects school attendance. The purpose of the survey is to learn about children's teeth in your county and across the state. We have also included questions about physical activity and dietary habits.

This survey will offer free dental checkups (without x-rays) to 3rd grade children. These screenings are not invasive and require less than 5 minutes of classroom time per child, and can be held in a vacant room, nurse's office, auditorium, or any place where sufficient space is available. The State Health Department in collaboration with your county will arrange for equipment and personnel for conducting the surveys.

Upon obtaining your permission, we will arrange to distribute parental permission forms in the selected classrooms. Participation of children in this program will be voluntary and based on obtaining written permission from the parents. A copy of the form is enclosed. After the screenings, each child will receive a note indicating their dental condition.

If your school already participates in a School-Based Dental Program this project will be incorporated into that program.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact WillieMae Cliett at 585-325-2280 x 304. Your assistance in collecting the information on dental diseases is valuable for planning dental programs throughout the state, and your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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