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Dear <<RESPNAME>>:

Recently, one of our field representatives, <<FRNAME>>, called upon you and your child(ren) to participate in the National Crime Victimization Survey (NCVS), which includes the School Crime Supplement (SCS). We hope that with more information, you will allow your child(ren) to participate in answering both the NCVS and SCS.

It is important you know how valuable your child's participation is in this study. Recent tragic events have made school safety a top priority for parents and communities throughout our nation. This is your child's opportunity to share their daily experiences at school which will inform decisions about how to prevent and reduce crime in schools. Only about 8,500 students will respond to the SCS and their answers will represent the nation. Your child's responses will represent the opinions and experiences of hundreds of other students who were not selected to participate.

The SCS gathers information from students about measures schools take to prevent school-related crime; their engagement in school activities; their perceptions of rules and equity at school; the presence of weapons, drugs and gangs at school; and incidents of being victimized at school.

Your child's answers are confidential. We are not permitted to publicly release responses in a way that could identify you, your child(ren), or your household. Your responses will be used only for research and to help develop policies to make our schools better. To see how these data are used, please visit <https://nces.ed.gov/programs/crime>

Our field representative will call on you again during the next few days. If you have any further questions, please call the NCVS Supervisor at <<OFFICEPHONE>>. Thank you in advance.

Sincerely,

<NAME>

Regional Director