



**BOYERTOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
EDUCATION CENTER

“to enable all students to succeed in a changing world”

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Dear Parents & Guardians:

The Boyertown Area School District (BASD) is committed to our mission of “ensuring all students can succeed in a changing world”. As you know the world our students live in continues to change. Our students may face challenges in areas that are beyond regular classroom instruction. In an effort to learn more about our students’ needs, BASD participated in the Pennsylvania Youth Survey (PAYS). Last year our students in grades 8, 10 & 12 completed an anonymous survey that covered many important issues.

To help us interpret the results, a PAYS Task Force of dedicated community members was formed. This group included police officers, representatives from regional treatment programs, mental health service providers, parents, community members and BASD employees. The PAYS Task Force reviewed the results, studied the services currently in place in our community and made recommendations for improvement. The following four focus areas were identified:

- K- 12 Education
- Access to Services
- Law Enforcement & Community Education
- Safe Opportunities for Youth

In each of these areas, Task Force members will continue to work with other community members to complete the targeted improvement objectives. Many steps have already been completed. Go to <http://www.boyertownasd.org/domain/1215> for a summary of the work done by our PAYS Task Force and information on the survey results.

Attached with this letter is information on medication drop boxes within our community. I encourage all residents to consider using this free and valuable service.

I would like to thank all of our dedicated staff and community members for giving their time and expertise to this valuable effort. While the survey was completed by students, the resulting response and effort has received tremendous support from our community. If you have questions regarding this information please contact your school counselor or principal.

Sincerely,

Richard H. Faidley, Ed.D.