Thank you for your interest in the **Project F-EAT Survey**. This survey was completed by the parents/caregivers of young people attending middle school or high school during the 2009-2010 school year. If you use items from this survey in your work, the following citations are recommended:

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You can also visit the Project EAT website at http://www.sph.umn.edu/epi/research/eat/ for additional information about Project F-EAT. The psychometric properties of measures can be found in published manuscripts posted at the website; however, only limited support is available for assistance with the survey.

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for agreeing to participate in this Project F-EAT Survey!

With your consent, your child recently participated in our Project EAT survey at school. Project EAT is a large survey of teens in the metro area that aims to learn more about the kinds of things that impact the eating habits and physical activity patterns of young people.

Now we have some questions we would like to ask you as the caregiver for this child.

- In this survey we will be asking you questions about yourself, your family and also about your child who recently participated in Project EAT. Please keep this child in mind when responding.
- Your name is not on this survey and all of your answers will be kept private, so please answer honestly. There are no right or wrong answers.
- Parents get a lot of mixed messages about food and weight and it can be hard to know what to do. The information that you and other parents provide in this survey will teach us about the challenges that families are facing. Your input will guide the development of programs for children and their families across the nation. Your input WILL make a difference.

<u>Upon completion of the survey, please send it back in the enclosed return</u> <u>envelope and we will send you a \$25 Target gift card right away in</u> <u>appreciation of your time.</u>

1. What is your relationship with the child who participated in Project EAT?

- 1 Mother
- 2 Stepmother
- ³ Other female guardian
- 4 Father
- 5 Stepfather
- $_{6}$ Other male guardian
- 7 Other: _____

2. Where does your child who participated in Project EAT live?

- 1 My child lives only in my home
- 2 My child lives mostly in my home
- $_{3}$ My child lives equally in my home and in another home
- 4 My child lives mostly in another home
- 5 My child does not live in my home

Let's start with some questions about <u>YOUR</u> eating habits...

3. During the <u>past week</u>, on how many days did <u>you</u> eat breakfast?

- 1 Never
- 2 1-2 days
- 3 3-4 days
- 4 **5-6** days
- 5 Every day
- 4. Thinking back over the past week, how many servings of fruit did <u>you</u> usually eat on a typical <u>day</u>? (A serving is a half cup of fruit or 100% fruit juice, or a medium piece of fruit.)
 - ¹ Zero servings per day
 - 2 Less than 1 serving per day
 - 3 1 serving per day
 - $4 \square 2$ servings per day
 - $5 \square 3$ servings per day
 - 6 4 servings per day
 - $7 \square 5$ or more servings per day

- 5. Thinking back over the past week, how many servings of vegetables did <u>you</u> usually eat on a typical <u>day</u>? (A serving is a half cup of cooked vegetables or one cup of raw vegetables.)
 - ¹ Zero servings per day
 - 2 Less than 1 serving per day
 - 3 1 serving per day
 - $4 \square 2$ servings per day
 - 5 3 servings per day
 - 6 4 servings per day
 - $7 \square 5$ or more servings per day
- 6. Thinking back over the <u>past week</u>, how often did <u>you</u> drink sugar-sweetened beverages (regular soda pop, Kool-Aid)?
 - 1 Less than once per week
 - 2 1 drink per week
 - $3 \square 2-4$ drinks per week
 - 4 5-6 drinks per week
 - 5 1 per day
 - $6 \square 2$ or more per day
- 7. In the <u>past week</u>, how often did <u>you</u> eat something from a fast food restaurant, such as McDonald's, Burger King, Domino's, or similar places? (pizza counts)
 - 1 Never
 - 2 2 1-2 times
 - 3 3-4 times
 - 4 5-6 times
 - 5 7 times
 - 6 More than 7 times

8. In the <u>past month</u>, how often did <u>you</u> eat something from the following types of restaurants (include take-out and delivery)?

	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	Never/ rarely	1-3 times per month	1-2 times per week	3-4 times per week	5-6 times per week	1+ times per day
a.	Traditional "burger-and-fries" fast food restaurant (such as McDonald's, Burger King, Wendy's, or Culver's)	1	2	3	4	5	6
b.	Mexican fast food restaurant (such as Taco Bell, Taco John's, or Chipotle)	1	2	3	4	5	6
c.	Fried chicken (such as KFC)	1	2	3	4	5	6
d.	Sandwich or sub shop (such as Subway, Panera, or Quiznos)	1	2	3	4	5	6
e.	Pizza place	1	2	3	4	5	6
f.	Sit-down restaurant (where wait- staff brings food to your table)	1	2	3	4	5	6

The next questions are about your **FAMILY'S** eating habits...

9. During the <u>past week</u>, how many times did all, or most, of your <u>family</u> living in your household eat a meal together?

- 1 Never
- 2 1-2 times
- $3 \square 3-4$ times
- 4 **5-6** times
- 5 7 times
- $_{6}$ More than 7 times

10. During the <u>past week</u>, how many times was a family meal purchased from a fast food restaurant and eaten together either at the restaurant or at home? (pizza counts)

- 1 Never
- 2 1 time
- 3 2 times
- $4 \square 3 \text{ or more times}$

11. How much do you agree with the following statements?

		Strongly Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Somewhat Agree	Strongly Agree
a.	It is important that our family eat at least one meal a day together	1	2	3	4
b.	Different schedules make it hard to eat meals together on a regular basis	1	2	3	4
c.	In our family, it is often difficult to find a time when family members can sit down to a meal together	1	2	3	4
d.	In our family, children are expected to be home for dinner	1	2	3	4

12. Think about a typical family dinner at your home...

We never eat family dinners (If true, check the box to the left and skip to Question 16)

		Never or Rarely	Sometimes	Usually	Always
a.	Is a green salad served?	1	2	3	4
b.	Are vegetables other than potatoes served?	1	2	3	4
c.	Is 100% fruit juice served?	1	2	3	4
d.	Is fruit (not including juice) served?	1	2	3	4
e.	Is milk served?	1	2	3	4
f.	Are sugar-sweetened beverages (soda pop, Kool-aid, etc.) served?	1	2	3	4

13. How is food served at a typical family dinner in your home?

- 1 Food is served "family style" where everyone can help themselves from food on the table
- ² Family members serve themselves from the counter or stove top
- 3 Food is put on family members' plates/bowls by whoever cooked it and then served
- 4 Some combination of all these ways
- 5 Other serving style (please describe): _____

14. How often does <u>your child</u> do the following at family meals?

		Never or Rarely	Sometimes	Usually	Always
a.	Watch television or movies	1	2	3	4
b.	Play with hand-held games (e.g., DS, PSP, Game Boy, etc.)	1	2	3	4
c.	Talk on the phone (cell or other)	1	2	3	4
d.	Text message	1	2	3	4
e.	Listen to music with headphones (e.g., with iPod, MP3 player, or other devices)	1	2	3	4

15. Do you set limits (have rules, including no use) on <u>your child's</u> media use (TV, cell phone, texting, etc.) at family meals?

- 1 🗌 No
- 2 Yes

16. Who does the majority of food shopping for your family? (Choose more than one person if the task is split evenly.)

- 1 Me
- 2 Spouse/partner
- 3 Child/children
- 4 Other adult in the home
- 5 Other (please describe)

17. Who usually prepares food for your family? (Choose more than one if the task is split evenly.)

- 1 Me
- 2 Spouse/partner
- 3 Child/children
- 4 Other adult in the home
- 5 Other (please describe)
- 18. How many hours per week do you normally spend preparing food for your family?

_____hours per week

19. How many <u>hours per week</u> does your <u>spouse</u>, <u>partner</u>, <u>or another adult</u> in your household spend preparing food for your family?

_____hours per week

20. How much do you agree with the following statements?

		Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
a.	I usually know or plan in the morning what we will eat for dinner that night	1	2	3	4
b.	I find cooking to be a real chore	1	2	3	4
c.	I usually decide at night what we will eat for dinner that night	1	2	3	4
d.	I like trying new recipes and cooking new things	1	2	3	4
e.	I don't buy many fruits because they cost too much	1	2	3	4
f.	I don't buy many vegetables because they cost too much	1	2	3	4
g.	At the store where I buy my groceries, the variety of fresh fruits and vegetables is limited	1	2	3	4
h.	At the store where I buy my groceries, the condition of fruits and vegetables is poor	1	2	3	4

21. How strongly do you agree with the following statements? For these questions, think about your family in general.

		Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
a.	Family members are accepted for who they are	1	2	3	4
b.	Making decisions is a problem for the family	1	2	3	4
c.	We don't get along well together	1	2	3	4
d.	We can express feelings to each other	1	2	3	4
e.	Planning family activities is difficult because we misunderstand each other	1	2	3	4
f.	We confide in each other (By 'confide' we mean to trust your family members enough to tell them something that is important to you)	1	2	3	4

22. How much do you agree with the following statements?

		Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Not Employed
a.	Because of the requirements of my job, I miss out on home or family activities that I would prefer to participate in	1	2	3	4	5
b.	Because of the requirements of my job, my family time is less enjoyable or more pressured	1	2	3	4	5
c.	Working leaves me with too little time or energy to be the kind of parent I want to be	1	2	3	4	5

Now, a few questions about <u>YOUR CHILD</u> who recently participated in Project EAT...

23. How would you describe <u>your child's</u> weight?

- 1 Very underweight
- 2 Somewhat underweight
- 3 About right
- 4 Somewhat overweight
- 5 Very overweight

24. How concerned are you about <u>your child's</u> weight?

- 1 Not at all concerned
- 2 A little concerned
- 3 Quite concerned
- 4 Very concerned

25. To what extent do you encourage <u>your child</u> to diet to control his/her weight?

- 1 Not at all
- $2 \square$ A little bit
- 3 Somewhat
- 4 Very much

26. How often in the <u>past year</u>....

		Never or Rarely	A few times a year	A few times a month	A few times a week	Almost every day
a.	Have you had a conversation with your child about healthy eating habits?	1	2	3	4	5
b.	Have you had a conversation with your child about being physically active?	1	2	3	4	5
c.	Have you had a conversation with your child about his/her weight or size?	1	2	3	4	5
d.	Have you mentioned to your child that he/she weighs too much?	1	2	3	4	5
e.	Have you mentioned to your child that he/she should eat differently in order to lose weight or keep from gaining weight?	1	2	3	4	5
f.	Have you mentioned to your child that he/she should exercise to lose weight or keep from gaining weight?	1	2	3	4	5

27. How much do you agree with the following statements?

		Disagree	Slightly Disagree	Slightly Agree	Agree
a.	My child should always eat all of the food on his/her plate	1	2	3	4
b.	I have to be especially careful to make sure my child eats enough	1	2	3	4
c.	If my child says "I'm not hungry," I try to get him/her to eat anyway	1	2	3	4
d.	If I did not guide or regulate my child's eating, my child would eat much less than he/she should	1	2	3	4
e.	I have to be sure that my child does not eat too many high fat foods	1	2	3	4
f.	I have to be sure that my child does not eat too many sweets (candy, ice cream, cake, or pastries)	1	2	3	4
g.	I have to be sure that my child does not eat too much of his/her favorite foods	1	2	3	4
h.	If I did not guide or regulate my child's eating, he/she would eat too much of his/her favorite foods	1	2	3	4
i.	I intentionally keep some foods out of my child's reach	1	2	3	4
j.	If I did not guide or regulate my child's eating, he/she would eat too many junk foods	1	2	3	4

These next questions deal with how YOU spend your time...

In a usual week, how many hours do you spend doing the following activities?

28.	Strenuous exercise (heart beats rapidly) Examples: biking fast, aerobic dancing, running, jogging, swin soccer, basketball, football	mming lap	s, rollerbladin	g, skating, la	crosse, tennis	, cross-countr	y skiing,
	☐ None						
	$\Box Less than \frac{1}{2} hour a week$						
	1/2 - 2 hours a week						
	$2\frac{1}{2}$ - 4 hours a week						
	$4 \frac{1}{2}$ - 6 hours a week						
	6+ hours a week						
29.	Moderate exercise (not exhausting) Examples: walking quickly, dancing, baseball/softball, easy b	ieveling v	ollevball stret	ath training	skiing snow	boarding	
	None	icyching, v	oneyban, sier	igui training,	, skiing, show	boarding	
	$\Box \text{ Less than } \frac{1}{2} \text{ hour a week}$						
	$\frac{1}{2} - 2 \text{ hours a week}$						
	$\square 2\frac{1}{2} - 4 \text{ hours a week}$						
	$4 \frac{1}{2} - 6 \text{ hours a week}$						
	$\bigcirc 6+ \text{ hours a week}$						
30.	Mild Exercise (little effort)						
	Examples: walking slowly, bowling, golf, fishing, snowmobil	ing, yoga					
	$\Box \text{ Less than } \frac{1}{2} \text{ hour a week}$						
	$\Box \frac{1}{2} - 2 \text{ hours a week}$						
	$2^{1/2} - 4 \text{ hours a week}$						
	$\square 4^{1/2} - 6 \text{ hours a week}$						
	6 + hours a week						
31.	In a <u>typical week</u> , how many hours do <u>you</u> spen	d doing	the followi	ng:			
		None	Less	1⁄2 - 2	2 ¹ / ₂ - 4	4 ¹ / ₂ - 6	6 +
			than ½ hour	hours	hours	hours	hours
a.	Being physically active <u>with</u> your child (e.g., throwing a ball around, taking a walk or bike ride together)?						
b.	Helping your child to be physically active (e.g., driving them to the gym or sport practice, watching them play a sport)?						
c.	Watching TV/movies together with your child?						

32. On an <u>average day</u>, how many hours do you spend watching TV, DVDs, or videos?

- None
 ½ hour per day
 1 hour per day
 2 hours per day
 3 hours per day
 4 hours per day
 5 or more hours per day
- **33.** In your home, how many of the following items do you have? (Please do not include items that are in storage)

		0	1	2	3	4 or more
a.	TV					
b.	VCR or DVD player					
с.	TiVo or Digital Video Recorder (DVR)					
d.	Computer or laptop					
e.	Video game system (Xbox, Playstation, etc.)					

34. Do you have the following items in your home, yard, or apartment complex that would be available to your child?

		No	Yes	
a.	Stationary aerobic equipment (bicycle, treadmill, etc.)	1	2	
b.	Bicycle, skateboard, scooter, rollerskates/blades	1	2	
c.	Basketball hoop	1	2	
d.	Weight lifting equipment (free weights, Nautilus, Universal, etc.)	1	2	
e.	Interactive video games such as Wii Sport, Wii Fit and Dance Dance Revolution	1	2	

Now we have some questions about YOUR health and weight...

35. How tall are you? |____ | feet |____| inches

36. How much do you weigh? |____| pounds

- 37. During the <u>past year</u>, have <u>you</u> done anything to try to lose weight or keep from gaining weight?
 - 1 No
 - 2 Yes

38. How often have <u>you</u> gone on a diet during the <u>last year</u>? By "diet" we mean changing the way you eat so you can lose weight.

- 1 Never
- 2 1-4 times
- 3 5-10 times
- 4 More than 10 times
- 5 I am always dieting

39. How often do you weigh yourself?

- 1 Less than once a month
- 2 Every month
- $_3$ A few times per month
- 4 Every week
- 5 A few times per week
- 6 Every day
- $7 \square$ More than once a day

40. How satisfied are you with your:

Very Dissatisfied					Very Satisfied	
a.	Weight	1	2	3	4	5
b.	Body shape	1	2	3	4	5
c.	Body build	1	2	3	4	5

41. Please indicate if <u>you</u> have <u>ever</u> been told by your doctor that you have the following conditions:

		No	Yes
a.	Anorexia Nervosa	1	2
b.	Asthma	1	2
c.	Binge Eating Disorder	1	2
d.	Bulimia Nervosa	1	2
e.	Depression	1	2
f.	Diabetes (Type 1)	1	2
g.	Diabetes (Type 2)	1	2
h.	High Blood Pressure	1	2
i.	High Cholesterol	1	2
j.	Other (Please specify):	1	2

- 42. In the <u>past year</u>, have you ever eaten so much food in a short period of time that you would be embarrassed if others saw you (binge-eating)?
 - 1 Yes
 - $_{2}$ No (If no, then go to question #44)
- 43. During the times when you ate this way, did you feel you couldn't stop eating or control what or how much you were eating?
 - 1 Yes
 - 2 🗌 No
- 44. Below is a list of ways <u>you</u> may have felt or behaved. Please indicate how often you have felt these during the <u>past week</u>:

		Rarely or none of the time (less than one day)	Some or a little of the time (1-2 days)	Occasionally/ moderate amount of the time (3-4 days)	Most or all of the time (5-7 days)
a.	I felt depressed	1	2	3	4
b.	My sleep was restless	1	2	3	4
c.	I felt lonely	1	2	3	4
d.	I had crying spells	1	2	3	4
e.	I could not get going	1	2	3	4

45. Do you think of yourself as...? (You may choose more than one)

- 1 White
- ² Black or African American
- $_{3}$ Hispanic or Latino
- $_4$ Asian American
- ⁵ Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
- 6 American Indian or Native American
- 7 Other: _____

46. Is your background any of the following?

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- $_2$ Cambodian
- $_{3}$ Vietnamese
- ₄ Laotian
- 5 Somali
- $_{6}$ Ethiopian
- 7 Other: _____
- $_8 \square$ None of the above

47.	What is your current marital status?			
	1 Married or in a committed relationship			
	2 Divorced/Separated			
	3 Single			
	4 Widowed			
	5 Other (please specify):			
48.	How many children (under the age of 18 years) live in your household?			
49.	What is the highest grade or year of school that <u>you</u> have completed?			
	1 Did not finish high school			
	² Finished high school or got GED			
	3 Some college or training after high school			
	4 Finished college			
	5 Advanced degree (e.g., Master's Degree, PhD, MD)			
50.	What is the highest grade or year of school <u>your spouse or partner</u> has completed?			
	1 Not applicable (No spouse/partner)			
	2 Did not finish high school			
	3 Finished high school or got GED			
	4 Some college or training after high school			
	5 Finished college			
	6 Advanced degree (e.g., Master's Degree, PhD, MD)			
	7 🔲 I don't know			
51.	Which of the following best describes <u>your</u> current work situation?			
	1 Working full-time			
	2 Working part-time			
	3 Stay at home caregiver			
	4 Currently unemployed, but actively seeking work			
	5 Not working for pay (unable to work, retired, student)			

52. Does your household receive public assistance (like food support/stamps, EBT, WIC, TANF, SSI or MFIP)?

No
 Yes
 I don't know

53. Please indicate how often each statement was true for your household in the <u>last 12 months</u>:

		Often true	Sometimes true	Never true
a.	The food that we bought just didn't last, and we didn't have money to get more	1	2	3
b.	We couldn't afford to eat balanced meals	1	2	3

54. In the <u>last 12 months</u>, did you or other adults in your household ever cut the size of your meals or skip meals because there wasn't enough money for food?

- 1 No
- 2 Yes, only 1 or 2 months
- 3 Yes, some months but not every month
- 4 Yes, almost every month

55. In the <u>last 12 months</u>, did you ever eat less than you felt you should because there wasn't enough money for food?

- $1 \square$ No
- 2 Yes
- 3 Don't know

56. In the <u>last 12 months</u>, were you ever hungry but didn't eat because there was not enough money for food?

- 1 No
- 2 Yes
- 3 Don't know

57. What was the total income of your household before taxes in the <u>past year</u>?

- 1 Less than \$20,000
- 2 \$20,000 \$34,999
- 4 \$35,000 \$49,999
- 5 \$50,000 \$74,999
- 6 \$75,000 \$99,999
- 7 \$100,000 or more

58. What is your birth date?

Month Day Year

Thank You!

Please return this survey in the envelope provided (no need to add postage).