Pennsylvania Youth Survey 2015
Pennsylvania Youth Survey (PAYS)

• State sponsored survey of student drug and alcohol behaviors and attitudes, as well as risk and protective factors
• Conducted every two years since at least 2005
• All 6th, 8th, 10th and 12th graders participate
• Participation is voluntary and confidential
• Provides both a comprehensive snapshot and longitudinal view of student behaviors
• Most recent administration November 2015
• Analyzed by LYFT Data Committee
Cause for Celebration

• Risk factors our students face have decreased

• We maintain a high level of protective factors

• Alcohol and Marijuana use have decreased
Risk Factors Have Decreased

• Risk factors are conditions that increase the likelihood of a young person becoming involved in drug use, delinquency, school dropout, and/or violence.

• Examples of risk factors include perceived availability of drugs, family conflict, rebelliousness and low commitment to school.

• In Pennsbury, the total risk factors that students face has decreased significantly since 2005 and are below state averages.
Overall Risk Factors Combined

Percentages of students who have three or more risk factors

Risk Factors 2005-2015

- 2005: 44%
- 2007: 41%
- 2009: 43%
- 2011: 44%
- 2013: 36%
- 2015: 31%

Percentages of students who have three or more risk factors
## Past 30-Day use of Alcohol

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Percentages of students who report using alcohol at least once in the past 30 days
Past 30-Day use of Alcohol

Percentages of students who report using alcohol at least once in the past 30 days.

Graph showing the percentage reporting use of alcohol over the years 2007 to 2015 for 6th, 8th, 10th, and 12th grade students.
## Past 30-Day use of Marijuana

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Percentages of students who reporting using marijuana at least once in the past 30 days.
Past 30-Day use of Marijuana

Percentages of students who reporting using marijuana at least once in the past 30 days

- 6th
- 8th
- 10th
- 12th
Risk Factor: Parental Attitudes Favorable to Anti-Social Behavior

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Percentage of students deemed to be at risk due to this risk factor
Percent of students deemed to be at risk because parents’ attitudes favor anti-social behavior.
Favorable Attitudes Toward ASB (cont’d)

PSD compared to State and County
Community Rewards for Pro-Social Involvement

Percent of students protected by being recognized by the community for positive choices
Recommendations

• Maintain a focus on parents and parenting to reduce favorable attitudes toward ASB

• Increase prevention education around real dangers of marijuana at the high school level and to their parents

• Continue with/expand PCA, as it bolsters rewards for pro-social behavior