Pennsylvania Youth Survey (PAYS)
Throughout Pennsylvania, the Pennsylvania Youth Survey (PAYS) provides many benefits to school districts. As a low-cost solution to gathering information on student needs, the PAYS provides information critical to formulating plans administratively—increasing dollars entering school districts in the Commonwealth.

It PAYS to Ask:
• Premier survey tool: history of success since 1989 and utilized in over 500 PA secondary schools
• PAYS results provide critical student information regarding truancy, health areas, conflict and violence, bullying and cyber-bullying, and other areas for student assistance
• PAYS results include protective factors that highlight school and community strengths
• PAYS results are based on youth responses—giving youth voice a place in the school-community environment and eliciting community support
• Informs program planning based on risk factors—making the case for evidence-based prevention programs
• Easy to administer, cost effective, and timely reporting!

It PAYS Back:
Research suggests that implementing evidence-based prevention programs positively affects academic achievement.
• Increases potential for funding opportunities
• Increases competitive edge in funding applications
• Provides ongoing tracking of positive school-wide/climate change
• Builds consensus
• Helps administrators make informed decisions through a data driven approach to proactive planning/resource development

It PAYS to Act: next steps to access PAYS information
• Visit www.pays.state.pa.us for more information and to view the survey
• Contact the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention: Geoff Kolchin (717) 265-8483 or gkolchin@state.pa.us