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The Honorable Charles Parr, Chairman
Health, Education, and Social Services Committee
Alaska State House of Representatives
Pouch V
Juneau, Alaska 99811

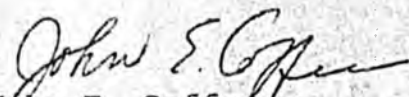
Dear Representative Parr:

I wish to bring House Bill 867 to your attention. It is an act relating to the administration of questionnaires in public schools. While this bill is most likely an outgrowth of the recent Thetford case here in Juneau, I am concerned that it could have more far-reaching results than simply eliminating questionnaires of the kind the Juneau School District administered for the City's Youth Advisory Board in Juneau last year. As House Bill 867 is written, a classroom teacher could be prohibited from surveying a class to obtain information about the children in that class that would help the teacher work more effectively with them. Gaining such information as where the child has previously lived, interests, and hobbies of the family, and other non-public record matters that any reasonable parent would want the teacher to know about could not be gained through the use of a questionnaire.

I am concerned that the State Legislature may declare that anonymous questionnaires that are used to help school district employees work more effectively with children are illegal. The court in Juneau has determined that citizen's rights to privacy were not violated in the questionnaire used last year. Of more concern to me is the far-reaching effects that adoption of House Bill 867 would have in eliminating legitimate information collection which enables teachers to help students more effectively.

Thank you for your consideration of my views.

Sincerely yours,


John E. Coffey
Superintendent of Schools

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This is a copy of a Youth Survey taken in Janesville Schools last Spring. It was supposedly Voluntary (on the part of the students) but parents had no say in whether or not their children took the survey. As you will see many of the questions concern the parents private life and the students home life in general.

I understand this same survey was taken in the Ketchikan schools also last year. Thus we feel it is imperative that Bill # 867 move thru the House as soon as possible.

Thank You

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YOUTH SURVEY

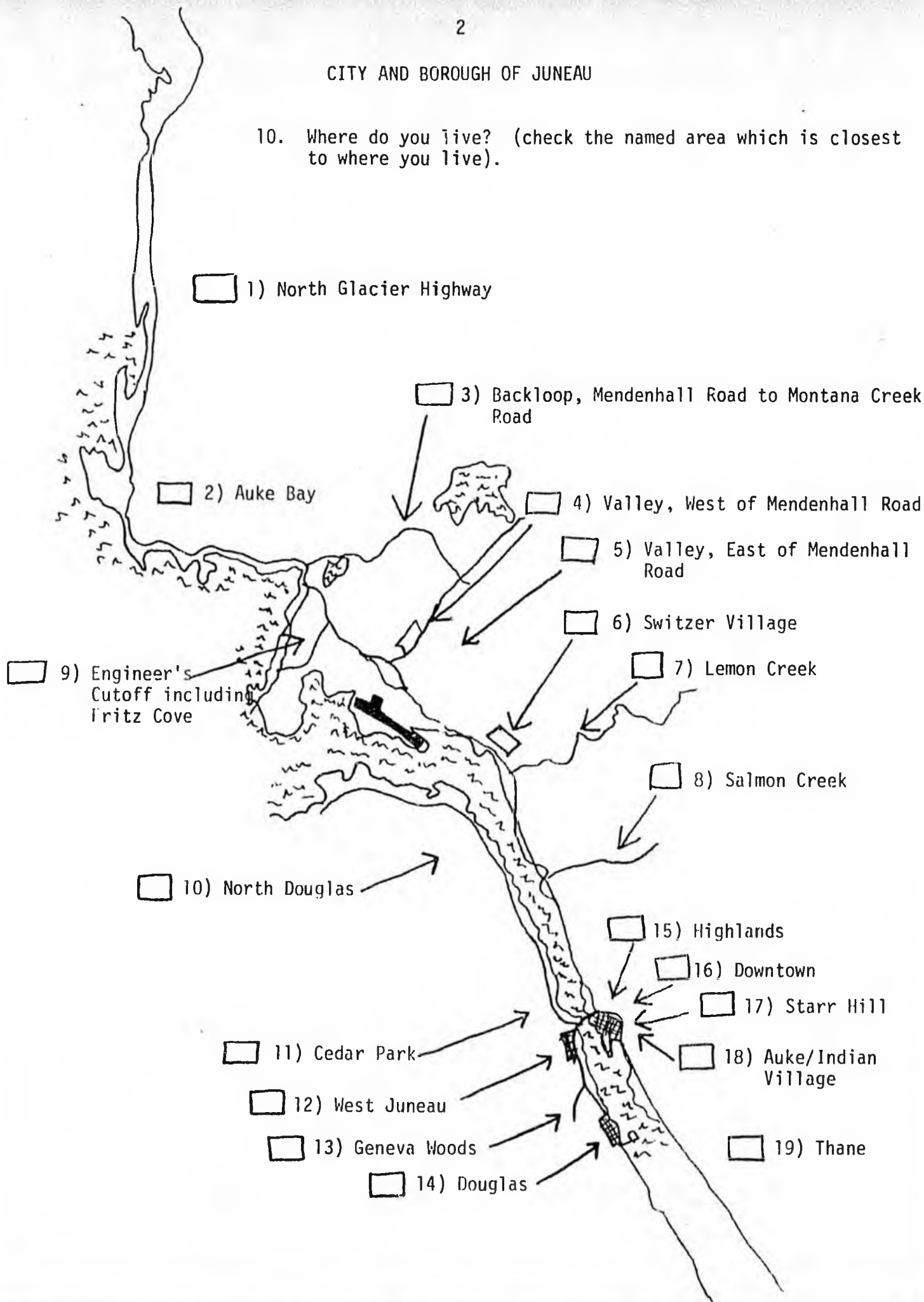
A. Background:

1. What school (agency) do you go to? _____
2. How old are you? (circle one) 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20
3. What is your sex? (check one) ___(1) Male ___(2) Female
4. To which ethnic group do you belong? (check one)
___(1) Alaska Native ___(2) Black ___(3) Filipino
___(4) Anglo ___(5) Hispanic ___(6) American Indian
___(7) Other
5. What grade are you in now? (check one)
___ Open Classroom ___ 5th ___ 6th ___ 7th ___ 8th
___ 9th ___ 10th ___ 11th ___ 12th ___ Not in School
6. How long have you lived in your present home?
___ Less than one year ___ One or two years
___ Three or four years ___ More than four years
7. Which of the following best describes where you live?
___(1) house [one family only]
___(2) house [more than one family]
___(3) apartment
___(4) mobile home or trailer home
___(5) hotel or motel
___(6) boat
___(7) group home or receiving home
___(8) other
8. How many rooms are in your home? (Do not count bathrooms, closets, or other storage space.)

9. How many people live in your house? _____

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10. Where do you live? (check the named area which is closest to where you live).



11. With which of the following adults, 18 years of age or older, are you living? (check as many as apply)

- Mother Father Stepmother Stepfather
 Fostermother Fosterfather Grandmother
 Grandfather Aunt(s) Uncle(s) Sister(s)
 Brother(s) Cousin(s) Other (please explain)

12. Counting yourself, how many children or youth under the age of 18 live in your home? How many are related to you?

13. In the past year, which of the persons listed below moved in or out of your home? (If no one has moved, do not check any items.)

	Moved In	Moved Out
Mother	1) <input type="checkbox"/>	2) <input type="checkbox"/>
Father	1) <input type="checkbox"/>	2) <input type="checkbox"/>
Stepmother	1) <input type="checkbox"/>	2) <input type="checkbox"/>
Stepfather	1) <input type="checkbox"/>	2) <input type="checkbox"/>
Fostermother	1) <input type="checkbox"/>	2) <input type="checkbox"/>
Fosterfather	1) <input type="checkbox"/>	2) <input type="checkbox"/>
Other (please explain)	_____	

14. Are your parents divorced?

B. Employment:

1. Do you have a paying job? Yes No

a. If yes, are you working full-time , part-time , or sometimes (babysitting, odd jobs, etc.) ?

b. How much do you earn per week? _____

c. If no, are you looking for work on a full-time basis , part-time , or sometime (babysitting, odd jobs, etc.) ?

2. Do you want a job in Juneau this summer? Yes No

a. Full-time Part-time

b. What kind of job would you like? _____

Statement	Is this statement true for you?		If Yes, How Often?			How Important or Serious?		
	Yes	No	Once or Twice	Sometimes	Always	Not	Some-what	Very
3. I have been to a dentist in the past year.	___	___	___	___	___	___	___	___
4. I have been to a doctor in the past year.	___	___	___	___	___	___	___	___
5. I have needed more information about alcohol and drugs.	___	___	___	___	___	___	___	___
6. Some of my friends have a problem with alcohol.	___	___	___	___	___	___	___	___
F. Recreation:								
1. There are not enough things to do after school.	___	___	___	___	___	___	___	___
2. Entertainment and recreational activities are too far from home.	___	___	___	___	___	___	___	___
3. How do you usually find out about recreational activities? (check no more than two).								
	school	radio	newspaper	friends	parents			
	other	(please explain) _____						
4. What would be the best way to let you know about recreational activities in the community?								
	school	radio	newspaper	friends	parents			
	other	(please explain) _____						
5. List three activities that you would participate in, if they were more available.								
	a.	b.	c.	_____				

- 6a. Where do you usually go after school? _____
- b. What do you do there? _____
- c. How long do you stay there? _____
- 7a. Where do you usually spend your evenings? _____
- b. What do you do there? _____
- c. When are you usually home? _____
8. Would better bus transportation allow you to take part in more activities? ____ Yes ____ No
- 9a. Do you own a car or truck? ____ Yes ____ No
- b. Do you drive a car or truck? ____ Yes ____ No
10. How often do you drive a car or truck?
 ____ Often ____ Sometimes ____ Rarely

G. Beliefs and Values:

This section is about your beliefs and values. We are interested only in your opinion. There are no right or wrong answers. Please indicate whether you STRONGLY AGREE, AGREE, DISAGREE, or STRONGLY DISAGREE, by circling your responses to the statements.

Statement	Strongly Agree 1	Agree 2	Disagree 3	Strongly Disagree 4
1. It is sometimes necessary to lie on a job application to get the job you want.	1	2	3	4
2. If one wants to get good grades in school, he will have to cheat sometimes.	1	2	3	4
3. It's OK to lie if you are protecting a friend in trouble.	1	2	3	4
4. One can make it in school without having to cheat on exams.	1	2	3	4
5. One should always tell the truth, regardless of what one's friends think of him.	1	2	3	4

Statement	Strongly Agree 1	Agree 2	Disagree 3	Strongly Disagree 4.
6. If one wants to have nice things he has to be willing to break the rules or laws to get them.	1	2	3	4
7. Most people can be trusted these days.	1	2	3	4
8. It is easy to find someone to talk to.	1	2	3	4
9. I often feel awkward and out of place.	1	2	3	4
10. It's not worth planning for anything in the future because I really don't know what is going to happen these days.	1	2	3	4
11. I sometimes feel like nobody cares about me anymore.	1	2	3	4
12. I often feel like it's not worth even trying to change things in my life.	1	2	3	4
13. It is easier to talk to a person of my own race (or ethnic background).	1	2	3	4
14. One problem with the world today is that most people don't believe in anything.	1	2	3	4
15. Everything changes so quickly these days that I often have trouble deciding which is the right thing to do.	1	2	3	4
16. People are better off when everyone knows just how they are expected to act.	1	2	3	4
17. Nothing is done to young people who break the law.	1	2	3	4
18. I like living in Juneau.	1	2	3	4

H. Community Resources:

Please rate each of the agencies or organizations listed in this section. If you do not know anything about an agency or organization, simply check "No" to the question and go on to the next agency or organization.

1. Youth Employment Service (YES)

a. Do you know anything about this agency or organization?
 Yes No

IF YES:	No	Sometimes	Yes	Don't Know
b. Is it easy to get there?	_____	_____	_____	_____
c. Do they have a good reputation with young people you know?	_____	_____	_____	_____
d. Do you know what they can do for you?	_____	_____	_____	_____
e. Would they tell anyone about your problems without your permission?	_____	_____	_____	_____
f. Are the people there easy to talk to?	_____	_____	_____	_____
g. Would you send a friend there?	_____	_____	_____	_____

2. Southeast Agency, Tlingit-Haida Central Council (BIA)

a. Do you know anything about this agency or organization?
 Yes No

IF YES:	No	Sometimes	Yes	Don't Know
b. Is it easy to get there?	_____	_____	_____	_____
c. Do they have a good reputation with young people you know?	_____	_____	_____	_____
d. Do you know what they can do for you?	_____	_____	_____	_____
e. Would they tell anyone about your problems without your permission?	_____	_____	_____	_____
f. Are the people there easy to talk to?	_____	_____	_____	_____
g. Would you send a friend there?	_____	_____	_____	_____

3. Borough Health Center (Family Planning Clinic)

a. Do you know anything about this agency or organization?

___ Yes ___ No

IF YES:

No Sometimes Yes Don't Know

b. Is it easy to get there? ___

c. Do they have a good reputation with young people you know? ___

d. Do you know what they can do for you? ___

e. Would they tell anyone about your problems without your permission? ___

f. Are the people there easy to talk to? ___

g. Would you send a friend there? ___

4. Bartlett Memorial Hospital

a. Do you know anything about this agency or organization?

___ Yes ___ No

IF YES:

No Sometimes Yes Don't Know

b. Is it easy to get there? ___

c. Do they have a good reputation with young people you know? ___

d. Do you know what they can do for you? ___

e. Would they tell anyone about your problems without your permission? ___

f. Are the people there easy to talk to? ___

g. Would you send a friend there? ___

11. State Troopers

a. Do you know anything about this agency or organization?

___ Yes ___ No

IF YES:

No Sometimes Yes Don't Know

b. Is it easy to get there?

c. Do they have a good reputation with young people you know?

d. Do you know what they can do for you?

e. Would they tell anyone about your problems without your permission?

f. Are the people there easy to talk to?

g. Would you send a friend there?

12. Community Schools (after school activities and courses)

a. Do you know anything about this agency or organization?

___ Yes ___ No

IF YES:

No Sometimes Yes Don't Know

b. Is it easy to get there?

c. Do they have a good reputation with young people you know?

d. Do you know what they can do for you?

e. Would they tell anyone about your problems without your permission?

f. Are the people there easy to talk to?

g. Would you send a friend there?

13. State Social Services (Family and Children Services)

a. Do you know anything about this agency or organization?

 Yes No

IF YES:

No	Sometimes	Yes	Don't Know
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b. Is it easy to get there?

_____	_____	_____	_____
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c. Do they have a good reputation with young people you know?

_____	_____	_____	_____
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d. Do you know what they can do for you?

_____	_____	_____	_____
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e. Would they tell anyone about your problems without your permission?

_____	_____	_____	_____
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f. Are the people there easy to talk to?

_____	_____	_____	_____
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g. Would you send a friend there?

_____	_____	_____	_____
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14. Southeast Mental Health Clinic

a. Do you know anything about this agency or organization?

 Yes No

IF YES:

No	Sometimes	Yes	Don't Know
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b. Is it easy to get there?

_____	_____	_____	_____
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c. Do they have a good reputation with young people you know?

_____	_____	_____	_____
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d. Do you know what they can do for you?

_____	_____	_____	_____
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e. Would they tell anyone about your problems without your permission?

_____	_____	_____	_____
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f. Are the people there easy to talk to?

_____	_____	_____	_____
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g. Would you send a friend there?

_____	_____	_____	_____
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21. Johnson O'Malley Program (JOM)

- a. Do you know anything about this agency or organization?
 _____ Yes _____ No

IF YES:

No Sometimes Yes Don't Know

- b. Is it easy to get there? _____
- c. Do they have a good reputation with young people you know? _____
- d. Do you know what they can do for you? _____
- e. Would they tell anyone about your problems without your permission? _____
- f. Are the people there easy to talk to? _____
- g. Would you send a friend there? _____

22. Catholic Community Services

- a. Do you know anything about this agency or organization?
 _____ Yes _____ No

IF YES:

No Sometimes Yes Don't Know

- b. Is it easy to get there? _____
- c. Do they have a good reputation with young people you know? _____
- d. Do you know what they can do for you? _____
- e. Would they tell anyone about your problems without your permission? _____
- f. Are the people there easy to talk to? _____
- g. Would you send a friend there? _____

27. Campfire Girls

- a. Do you know anything about this agency or organization?
 _____ Yes _____ No

IF YES:

No Sometimes Yes Don't Know

- b. Is it easy to get there? _____ _____ _____ _____
- c. Do they have a good reputation with young people you know? _____ _____ _____ _____
- d. Do you know what they can do for you? _____ _____ _____ _____
- e. Would they tell anyone about your problems without your permission? _____ _____ _____ _____
- f. Are the people there easy to talk to? _____ _____ _____ _____
- g. Would you send a friend there? _____ _____ _____ _____

28. Boy Scouts

- a. Do you know anything about this agency or organization?
 _____ Yes _____ No

IF YES:

No Sometimes Yes Don't Know

- b. Is it easy to get there? _____ _____ _____ _____
- c. Do they have a good reputation with young people you know? _____ _____ _____ _____
- d. Do you know what they can do for you? _____ _____ _____ _____
- e. Would they tell anyone about your problems without your permission? _____ _____ _____ _____
- f. Are the people there easy to talk to? _____ _____ _____ _____
- g. Would you send a friend there? _____ _____ _____ _____

n. Southeast Mental Health Clinic	Yes	No
o. Alaska Legal Services	Yes	No
p. Alaska Youth Village	Yes	No
q. Public Defender's Office	Yes	No
r. Alaska Native Brotherhood (ANB)	Yes	No
s. Central Alcoholism Agency (ACA)	Yes	No
t. Alaska Native Sisterhood (ANS)	Yes	No
u. Johnson O'Malley (JOM)	Yes	No
v. Catholic Community Services	Yes	No
w. Office of Vocational Rehabilitation	Yes	No
x. Alaskans For Life	Yes	No
y. 4-H Club	Yes	No
z. Salvation Army	Yes	No
aa. Campfire Girls	Yes	No
bb. Boy Scouts	Yes	No
cc. Girl Scouts	Yes	No

3la. In case of a family problem, to whom would you first turn for help?
(number your first and second choices)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Parent | <input type="checkbox"/> School Nurse |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher | <input type="checkbox"/> State Trooper |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Friend | <input type="checkbox"/> School Counselor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Relative | <input type="checkbox"/> Minister, priest, or religious rep. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Policeman | <input type="checkbox"/> Community School Coordinator |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agency (name) | <input type="checkbox"/> Nobody |
| _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

b. In case of a school problem, to whom would you first turn for help?
(number your first and second choices)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Parent | <input type="checkbox"/> School Nurse |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher | <input type="checkbox"/> State Trooper |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Friend | <input type="checkbox"/> School Counselor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Relative | <input type="checkbox"/> Minister, priest, or religious rep. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Policeman | <input type="checkbox"/> Community School Coordinator |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agency (name) | <input type="checkbox"/> Nobody |
| _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

- c. In case of a personal problem, to whom would you first turn for help?
(number your first and second choices)

<input type="checkbox"/> Parent	<input type="checkbox"/> School Nurse
<input type="checkbox"/> Teacher	<input type="checkbox"/> State Trooper
<input type="checkbox"/> Friend	<input type="checkbox"/> School Counselor
<input type="checkbox"/> Relative	<input type="checkbox"/> Minister, priest, or religious rep.
<input type="checkbox"/> Policeman	<input type="checkbox"/> Community School Coordinator
<input type="checkbox"/> Agency (name)	<input type="checkbox"/> Nobody
<input type="checkbox"/> _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Other

1. Future:

Now we would like to ask you a few questions about your hopes for your future education and work.

1. How much school would you like to finish? (check one)

Junior High High School Community College
 University Vocational Training School

- a. What do you think your chances are for getting this much education?

Poor Fair Good

- b. What are the chances that you will drop out or quit school before completing high school?

Poor Fair Good

- c. How many of your friends will go to college or university?

None Some Most

- d. Do you have a better, equal, or worse chance than others to get a good education?

Worse Equal Better

2. What kind of job would you like to have as an adult?

- a. What do you think your chances are of getting that kind of job?

Good Fair Poor

- b. What are the chances of you getting a job as an adult that pays well?

Good Fair Poor

c. How good are the chances for you to be successful at your future job?

_____ Poor _____ Fair _____ Good

d. Do you have a better, equal, or worse chance than others to get the job you want?

_____ Better _____ Equal _____ Worse

J. Behavior:

Circle the answer you choose for each question. Remember, all of your answers will be kept secret.

	Never 1	Once or Twice 2	Several Times 3	Very Often 4
In the past year, how often have you...				
1. given a teacher a fake excuse for being absent from class?	1	2	3	4
2. taken little things that don't belong to you?	1	2	3	4
3. broken into a locked place without permission?	1	2	3	4
4. taken a car or truck for a drive without the owner's permission?	1	2	3	4
5. taken something from a student's locker without asking him?	1	2	3	4
6. intentionally (on purpose) damaged private or public property.	1	2	3	4
7. beat up on other young people?	1	2	3	4
8. taken something worth \$50 or more that didn't belong to you?	1	2	3	4
9. run away from home?	1	2	3	4
10. used force to take money from another person?	1	2	3	4
11. smoked cigarettes?	1	2	3	4
12. smoked marijuana?	1	2	3	4

	Never 1	Once or Twice 2	Several Times 3	Very Often 4
13. shared marijuana with others?	1	2	3	4
14. sold marijuana?	1	2	3	4
15. sniffed glue or inhaled fumes (gas)?	1	2	3	4
16. used hard drugs ("downers", heroin)?	1	2	3	4
17. sold hard drugs?	1	2	3	4
18. used alcohol ("booze")?	1	2	3	4
19. tried to hurt yourself?	1	2	3	4

K. Self Image:

Circle the answer for each statement that best describes how you feel about yourself.

	Always 1	Often 2	Sometimes 3	Never 4
1. I am a person of worth, at least equal with others.	1	2	3	4
2. Other people think I have good qualities.	1	2	3	4
3. All in all, I feel that I am a failure.	1	2	3	4
4. I am able to do things as well as most people.	1	2	3	4
5. I am not respected by others.	1	2	3	4
6. I am fun to be with.	1	2	3	4
7. I find it easier to talk to a person of my own race or ethnic background.	1	2	3	4

L. Peers:

The next ten statements have to do with your friends. Read them and circle the answer which best describes them.

	Yes 1	No 2	Don't Know 3
1. Being good at outdoor activities like fishing or hunting is important to my friends.	1	2	3
2. My friends think less of a person if he/she gets into trouble with the law.	1	2	3
3. In my group of friends, getting into trouble is a way of getting respect.	1	2	3
4. Participating in school activities is important to my friends.	1	2	3
5. Young people that get into trouble a lot feel uncomfortable with my friends.	1	2	3
6. Having good grades is a way of getting respect in my group.	1	2	3
7. When I choose a friend it is a person who is not afraid to have a little fun, even if it means breaking the law.	1	2	3
8. My friends do not get along with people who drink or use drugs.	1	2	3
9. My friends think that nothing will happen to them if they are caught breaking the law.	1	2	3
10. I do not have many friends.	1	2	3
11. Most of my friends are _____ older than myself, _____ younger than myself, _____ my age. (check one)			
12. I have one or more friends of a different race (or ethnic background). _____ Yes _____ No			

- M. Now that you have almost finished this questionnaire, what do you think we have missed? What has been left out that would help us to understand you and what you want or need?

Thank you for spending your time in helping us.

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