

Stall Street Journal

Mythbusting the Power of Choice survey!

With the Power of Choice survey just around the corner, this issue of the Stall Street Journal is out to address some of the common myths about the survey.

MYTH: The surveys are numbered, so they can trace which survey you filled out.

FACT: The surveys are not individually numbered. We do everything we can to be sure we **DON'T** know who you are.

MYTH: Teachers look at the surveys after they are turned in.

FACT: Every teacher has the same instructions, to seal the envelope in front of the students, so the students know the teachers have not looked at the responses.

MYTH: Fingerprints can be lifted off the survey to figure out who it belongs to.

FACT: Wow! The expense to fingerprint over 13,000 surveys would be enormous! We **REALLY** don't want to know who you are!

MYTH: Most people lie on the survey.

FACT: Most students tell the truth because there isn't a reason to lie. If the majority of students lied every year, the statistics would be all over the place. The U of I uses the best science available. Their computers check for inconsistent answers and throws out invalid surveys; this is usually about one percent of our surveys. That means most are telling the truth.