

Libertyville Elementary Schools

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Middle School students, 4th and 5th graders, parents, and school staff across Illinois have an opportunity to participate in the Illinois 5Essentials Survey: Organizing Schools for Improvement. This survey, required by the State of Illinois, was designed to generate a detailed picture of the inner workings of educational institutions. As contributors to the survey, this opportunity will allow participants to share thoughts and impressions regarding the important elements of school effectiveness.

UChicago Impact at the University of Chicago, on behalf of the Illinois State Board of Education, will administer the Illinois 5Essentials Survey online. This survey identifies five indicators that can lead to important student outcomes, including improved attendance and larger test score gains. The five indicators that impact school success are:

- Effective Leaders
- Collaborative Teachers
- Involved Families
- Supportive Environments
- Ambitious Instruction

Research has shown that schools strong on these indicators, the "5Essentials," are 10 times more likely to improve student learning.

This month, designated student groups, parents, and staff will be invited to complete this important process. The questionnaire, required by the Illinois State Board of Education, assists in securing information to support the newly designed format for individual school and district state reporting.

The 5Essentials Survey is made available to parents at <http://survey.5-essentials.org/illinois/survey/parent/> or through a link on the District 70 website, www.d70schools.org, January 7 through January 31, 2019. If a parent has more than one child at a school site, one survey is completed for all children. Parents will be asked to indicate the number of children enrolled in the school. Those with children enrolled in multiple schools may participate in the survey for each school. One parent per household may participate in the 5 Essentials Survey. The survey should take no longer than ten minutes. School reports will be generated if at least 20 percent of parents respond to the survey and will be included in state school report cards, released in October 2019.

Student, parent, and staff identities will be kept completely confidential and responses will not be linked to any individual. Participation in the Illinois 5Essentials Survey will assist District 70 administrators regarding a better understanding of district/school conditions and guide us toward our strategic commitment of continuous improvement.

Sincerely,

Guy Schumacher
Superintendent of Schools