

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It is once again time for the 5Essentials survey. The 5Essentials is an online survey designed to seek input from students, parents, and staff to drive continuous improvement in our schools. Each public school district in the state of Illinois is required to participate in the 5Essentials. The survey provides useful information that is reviewed at the school and district levels in the following areas:

- **Effective Leaders:** The principal works with teachers to implement a clear and strategic vision for school success.
- **Collaborative Teachers:** Teachers collaborate to promote professional growth.
- **Involved Families:** The entire school staff builds strong relationships with families and communities to support learning.
- **Supportive Environment:** The school is safe and orderly. Teachers have high expectations for students and support students to realize their goals. Classmates also support one another.
- **Ambitious Instruction:** Classes are academically demanding and engage students by emphasizing the application of knowledge.

The survey window for the 5Essentials is now open and closes on February 14, 2020. Students in grades 4-8 and staff will be given time to complete the 5Essentials survey while at school.

Given your important role as parents and partners in the education of your child(ren), you are encouraged to take the 5Essentials survey as your input is valued. Only one survey per household may be submitted and it should take approximately 20 minutes to complete. The survey can be found at this link: <https://survey.5-essentials.org/Illinois/>. Twenty percent of parents at each of our schools need to complete the survey in order for parent input to be included in school report card data that will be available in the fall of 2020.

Student, parent, and staff identities will be kept completely confidential and responses will not be linked to any individual. Additional information about the 5Essentials can be found at this link: <http://help.5-essentials.org/customer/en/portal/articles/780471-illinois-5essentials-faqs>.

Thank you, in advance, for taking the time to complete this survey as your voice matters!

Sincerely,

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Superintendent of Schools

