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Dear Parent or Guardian,

We are writing to inform you about a student survey that will be administered at your child's school called the Illinois 5Essentials Survey. This is the ninth year the Illinois State Board of Education will implement this survey across the state. This survey is based on 20 years of research at the University of Chicago. It asks students about their experiences in school, giving school leaders critical student input to help develop school improvement plans.

Student participants will be required to login using their state student ID and birth date in order to complete the survey. Students' identities will be completely confidential. Teachers or administrators will never see individual responses to survey questions and will only receive aggregated information, such as the total percentage of students who agree homework assignments help them learn the course material.

Additionally, your district has chosen to provide the optional Parent Supplement survey. If at least 20 percent of Michelle Obama School parents complete this survey, a parent supplement report will also be generated. The parent data will not be reported on the State Report Card.

Your participation in the parent portion of the survey will help us understand the conditions at your child's school and guide improvement. Your identity and survey responses will be kept completely confidential and will never be connected to you or your child.

The Illinois 5Essentials Survey for students and teachers will be conducted February 23, 2021 through April 2, 2021. The Parent Survey Supplement will be conducted during that same timeframe. To take the survey please visit <https://survey.5-essentials.org/Illinois/> and select the appropriate survey to begin

Please be aware that under the Protection of Pupil Rights Act, 20 U.S.C. Section 1232(c) (1) (A), you have the right to review a copy of the questions asked of your student(s). Survey questions can be found on the Illinois 5Essentials [Support Center](https://impactsurveysupport.force.com/s/article/illinois-5essentials-survey-questions) (<https://impactsurveysupport.force.com/s/article/illinois-5essentials-survey-questions>).

If you do not want your son or daughter to participate, please send the following information to his or her teacher.

Rising to Excellence,

Mrs. Kristin Foster
Principal

School Name: _____ Room # _____
(Please Print)

I **DO NOT** want my child, _____, to take part in the 2020-21 Illinois
CHILD'S NAME (PLEASE PRINT)
5Essentials Survey.

SIGNATURE OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN

DATE