

Dear Families,

Ovid-Elsie Area Schools, in partnership with Clinton County RESA, will be giving our winter benchmark screener for Social-Emotional-Behavior at the recommendation of Michigan's Department of Education. This is done to ensure that appropriate supports are provided to students who may need additional social/emotional support to be successful in their learning environment.

The "Me and My Feelings Questionnaire" is an evidence-based, valid and reliable measure of students' perspectives on their emotional and behavioral well-being. Our district, along with CCRESA, chose this measure moving forward, due to the reliable nature of the screener. We have plans in place to respond quickly to any students who rate themselves to be elevated in either emotional or behavioral areas.

This universal social-emotional-behavioral health screener is intended to be given three times a year (Fall, Winter, and Spring) similar to academic screeners. This screener will be given to our second through fifth grade students on Monday, December 13 and Tuesday, December 14.

Please know, we are working in the best interest of our students and families with the intention of being proactive in ensuring all our students are provided necessary support.

Thank you,

Ms. Ormsbee and Ms. Parsons