

January 16, 2015

Dear Parent or Guardian of students in 6-12th grade,

We are writing to inform you about a student survey that will be administered at your child's school from January 26-February 20, 2015, called the Illinois 5Essentials Survey. It will be given to students in grades 6-12. This is the third 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.

This year, student participants will be required to log-in using their 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.

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 website (<https://Illinois.5-essentials.org>).

If you do not want your son or daughter to participate, fill out the information below and ask your child to return this sheet to his or her teacher.

Thank you for your cooperation,

Kelle Bunch,
Superintendent

School Name: _____ Room # _____
(Please Print)

I **DO NOT** want my child, _____, to take part in the 2014-15 Illinois
CHILD'S NAME (PLEASE PRINT)
5Essentials Survey.

SIGNATURE OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN

DATE