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2023 5ESSENTIALS SURVEY LETTER

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Beginning this January, students and teachers across Illinois will have an opportunity to participate in the eleventh annual statewide 5Essentials Survey. This instrument is designed to generate a detailed picture of the inner workings of your child's school. As a parent, this opportunity will allow you to share your thoughts on the important elements of school effectiveness in a survey about your child's school.

On behalf of the Illinois State Board of Education, the 5Essentials Survey will be administered online by UChicago Impact at the University of Chicago. The survey gathers data related to five indicators that can predict important student outcomes, including improved attendance and larger test score gains. These five indicators that affect school success are: (1) Effective Leaders, (2) Collaborative Teachers, (3) Involved Families, (4) Supportive Environments, and (5) Ambitious Instruction.

Prior research in more than 400 schools has shown that those proficient with three of these "5Essential" indicators were 10 times more likely to improve student learning gains in math and reading. All teachers and students in grades 4-12 will be responding to this survey. 5Essentials Reports will be generated for schools if their teachers and/or students meet the response rate threshold of 50 percent. These reports will be sent to schools in May 2023 and will be included in the State School Report Card.

The 5Essentials Survey for students and teachers will be conducted through March 31, 2023. The Parent Survey Supplement, which you are welcome to complete, will be conducted during that same timeframe. To take the survey please visit <https://survey.5-essentials.org/Illinois> and select the appropriate instrument to begin. For more information about the 5Essentials Survey, or to view reports from previous years, please visit <https://www.5-essentials.org/illinois>.

Student participants will be required to log-in using their state student ID and birth date in order to complete the survey. Student 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 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 UChicago Impact Support Center (<https://impactsurveysupport.force.com/s/article/illinois-5essentials-survey-questions>). If you **do not** want your son or daughter to participate, fill out the information at the bottom of the second page and ask your child to return this sheet to his or her teacher.

If you have any questions, please contact the office of your child's school. Technical assistance for the Parent Survey Supplement can be directed to UChicago Impact Client Services at 1-866-440-1874 or impact-surveys@uchicago.edu. Thank you for your assistance in completing this important survey.

Sincerely,



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Complete and return to the office of your child's school to opt out of the 2023 5Essentials Survey.

School Name: _____ Classroom: _____

I **DO NOT** want my child _____ to take part in the 2023 5Essentials Survey.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____