



Youth Needs Screener: **OPT-OUT** Form

Dear Families and Students,

As part of our ongoing commitment to student well-being and belonging, we will be administering the **Character Strong Youth Needs Screener** to students in grades 7–12.

This screener—along with teacher input and other data (e.g., attendance)—helps us better understand students' social-emotional well-being and determine if additional support may be helpful. It also allows us to assess the effectiveness of our Tier 1 Social-Emotional and Behavioral (SEB) supports within our Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS).

The screener consists of 16 questions related to internalizing behaviors (e.g., “I feel worthless or lonely when I am around other people”) and self-identified strengths (e.g., “I am able to establish relationships with others”). Students respond on a scale from 1 (Almost Never) to 4 (Almost Always). Please note: this is not a diagnostic tool—it is intended to identify general trends and needs to ensure students receive the right level of support.

A team of district and school administrators and counselors will review the results and may implement school-wide, group, or individual interventions as needed. If your student is identified as potentially benefiting from group or individual support, you will receive a follow-up letter with the option to opt out.

The survey is scheduled to take place in mid-October. If you do not want your child to participate, please sign and return the attached form to your child’s counselor as soon as you are able to.

Thank you for your continued support!

I do NOT give my approval for my student to participate in the Youth Needs Screener.

Student name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to your building administrator or

Director of Student Services, Annalisa Sanchez (asanchez@bisd303.org).