



Raising voices to drive school quality

Template Communication

Dear SLPS Parent,

Our district is taking part in the MI Student Voice Perception Survey this spring during March 10th -March 28th. The survey provides the opportunity to hear directly from students – our primary focus – elevating student voice to help inform district and school improvement planning.

The survey will ask students questions about their experiences and perceptions within three critical domains: student engagement, social-emotional learning and belonging. The survey will be administered to students in grades 6-12, and survey data will be used by your administrators to identify strengths and areas for growth. The survey does not ask questions regarding drug or alcohol use, intimate relationships, political or religious affiliations or other personal information.

Students will be asked to complete the survey online using a computer, tablet or mobile device. The anonymous survey is designed to protect students' privacy. The survey has less than 40 questions and can be completed in approximately 10 minutes. We encourage all students to take part in the survey, as we hope to gather important information on their school experiences. Participation is voluntary. Students may skip any question they do not wish to answer and may stop participating in the survey at any point without penalty.

Parents/guardians have the opportunity to have their child opt out should they object to their child's participation. An opt-out form is included in the sample notification letter to parents.

To help share out this information, we are providing the following communication materials:

[MI Student Perception Survey Flyer](#)
[Template Communication to Parents](#)
[FAQ – Frequently Asked Questions](#)
[Student Perception Survey Questions](#)

In addition to the MI Student Voice Perception Survey, our district will be participating in another/two survey(s) under the MI Student Voice umbrella – the Parent/Guardian Perception Survey and/or the Educator Perception Survey during March 10th-28th.

Topics covered in the Parent/Guardian Perception Survey fall into our categories: Parent/Guardian Satisfaction, Parent/Guardian Involvement, Student Engagement & Connection, and Belonging.

The Educator Perception Survey includes questions in the following domains: Educator Well-being, Resources & School Support, and Belonging.

As important stakeholders of the district, we believe it is critical to capture these perspectives and experiences with our schools, as well. It is our hope that using these surveys will allow our district to have a more holistic approach to improving measures of school quality in our school improvement plans.

Like the Student Perception Survey, these can be completed online using a computer, tablet or mobile device, and should take approximately 10 minutes to complete. The anonymous surveys are designed to protect participants' privacy.

If you have any questions regarding survey administration in your district, please contact me directly.

Sincerely,

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The following link provides access to the customized **Parent/Guardian Survey** that has been prepared for your district:

https://kentisd.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5z4iAhLEuKWTRAO?D_Code=29100&ParentGuardianSurvey