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School Climate Survey Student Survey Information

March 10, 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian of Students in Grades 5 through 12:

School Districts in Berrien County are conducting an anonymous **School Climate Survey** to gather information about their school's impact on students. The survey contains questions about student inclusion, student engagement, student support, and safety conditions at each of the participating schools. This information will be used to guide educational practices and programs that support safe and optimal school learning communities. The data will be collected at a county level by Berrien RESA and will be used to guide continuous improvement across Berrien County. District data will also be given to each participating district to further guide district improvement efforts. Our district will be participating by surveying our students, school staff, and parents/guardians.

The student portion of the Climate Survey will be given to grades 5 through 12 during the school day beginning **March 16, 2021**. It is an anonymous online survey that covers a wide range of topics related to school conditions. The survey does not ask about your child's personal experiences, but rather asks about their perceptions of safety, student engagement, and the environment at the school. Some questions ask about teasing and bullying that students may have observed at school. All questions have been reviewed by experts and are appropriate for school-aged students. A copy of the Student Survey is available for your review by contacting your school principal.

If you do not want your child to take the student survey, please complete the Opt-Out form by March 16, 2021. The survey is voluntary and no action will be taken against the school, you, or your child for what is shared in the survey or if your child does not participate.

Thank you for your cooperation in this important study of our schools to better understand the effects on students, including teaching practices, diversity, and the relationships among administrators, teachers, students, and families.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stacey DeMaio". The signature is written in a cursive style and is followed by a horizontal line.

Stacey DeMaio
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School Climate Survey Student Survey Opt-Out

The School Climate Survey is an anonymous survey used to identify school climate issues within school. The survey should take no more than 10–15 minutes to complete. The survey is anonymous, but parents/guardians have the option to opt out if desired.

The data collected from the survey will be used to identify student perceptions of school climate issues within our schools. School staff use the results to inform our efforts at improving our school climate.

Our desire is to involve parents in their children’s education. If you do not wish for your child to participate in this important activity, please sign and return this form to the school by **March 16, 2021**.

Do not return this form if your child CAN participate in this survey.

If you do not want your child to participate in this survey, please sign this form and return it to school by March 16, 2021.

I would prefer that my child **NOT** participate in the School Climate Survey.

Date: _____

School Name: _____

Student Name: _____

Student Grade: _____

Parent Signature: _____