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Robert L. Trigg Education Center  
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September 4, 2018

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Educators nationwide have recognized the importance of social emotional skills as an important aspect of preparing students for success in college, career, and life. Evidence shows that social emotional skills such as self-efficacy and social awareness are linked to greater student success and provide valuable insights that test scores do not capture. In addition, the positive culture/climate of a school and its clear, consistent expectations play a vital role. Elements such as students' sense of belonging and security at school can influence academic development.

This fall, our schools will embark on the third administration of a student survey that captures social emotional learning and culture/climate measures for students in grades 5, 7, 9, and 11, as well as additional grade levels chosen by school sites. This information is used to support social emotional development and strengthen our positive school culture/climate through Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) implementation. It is our goal to improve our work to nurture student college and career readiness and to create environments in which they can achieve great success.

If you would like to review the questions on the student survey, a copy is available in your school's front office. If you do not wish to have your child respond to the survey, you may request that your child not participate by completing the form at the bottom of this letter and returning it to your school by September 28<sup>th</sup>.

Please contact your school or teacher with any questions.

Sincerely,

Christopher R. Hoffman  
Superintendent

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**Social Emotional Learning and Culture/Climate Student Survey OPT-OUT**

I do not wish for my student to participate in the Social Emotional Learning and Culture/Climate student survey.

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Name of Student

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Student ID Number

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Name of Parent/Guardian

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Signature of Parent

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Today's Date

Return to school office by September 28, 2018.