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RE: SEL Survey Notification to District Families

Dear Scranton School District Families,

We thank you and your family for being our valued partners as we work together to educate *ALL* children in our district. Social and emotional learning (SEL) is an integral part of education and human development. SEL is the process through which all young people and adults acquire and apply the knowledge, skills and attitudes to *develop healthy identities, manage emotions and achieve personal and collective goals, feel and show empathy for others, establish and maintain supportive relationships, and make responsible and caring decisions*. As you may already be aware, building our social-emotional learning skills is an important goal for our district this year.

Recently, the Scranton School District purchased a data system called ***Panorama***. Panorama provides classroom-level, school-level, and district-level information that we will use to improve our support for student's academic, social, and emotional learning. During the weeks of January 17-28, 2022, we will be asking for your child to reflect on their own mindsets and approaches to learning via an online survey which will be completed at school. The survey shouldn't take more than 30 minutes to complete and will be scheduled by the Building Administrators in each of our Scranton School District buildings.

The survey will ask students to self-reflect on the following items: *growth mindset, self-management, social awareness, self-efficacy, grit, school climate, teacher-student relationships, self-belonging and supportive relationships*.

We are asking that all of our district students participate in the surveys, as their responses will provide invaluable insights into their experiences and how we can improve and adapt our district to meet their needs. The responses to these surveys will be sent to a third party vendor and will be completely confidential.

If you have any questions about the SEL survey, please don't hesitate to contact your building principal.

Sincerely,

Melissa McTiernan  
Superintendent