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Dear District 7 Parents,

Beginning November 15, teachers, parents, and students across Illinois will have an opportunity to participate in the seventh annual statewide Illinois 5Essentials Survey. As of the 2018-19 school year, we are now required to administer this survey annually.

On behalf of the Illinois State Board of Education, the Illinois 5Essentials Survey will be administered online by UChicago Impact at the University of Chicago. The survey gathers data related to five indicators that can predict important student outcomes, including improved attendance and larger test score gains.

All teachers and 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade students will be responding to this survey as they have in the past; however, this year the survey will also include 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students as well. Reports will be sent to schools and districts in mid-April 2018 and will also be included in the State School Report Card.

Additionally, District 7 has chosen to provide the optional 5Essentials parent survey. During parent teacher conferences, all District 7 buildings will provide an open computer lab for those parents wishing to take the survey. If at least 20 percent of parents from your child's school complete this survey, a parent supplement will also be generated. The parent data will not be reported on the State Report Card.

The Illinois 5Essentials Survey will be conducted November 15, 2018 – February 15, 2019. To take the survey please visit <https://survey.5-essentials.org/illinois/> and select the appropriate survey to begin.

For more information about the Illinois 5Essentials Survey, or to view previous years' reports, please visit <https://illinois.5-essentials.org>. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the survey, please contact 5Essentials Client Services at 1-217-524-4832 or [5Essentials@isbe.net](mailto:5Essentials@isbe.net).

Sincerely,

Lynda C. Andre, Superintendent