



Orangeville

COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #203

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January 16, 2024

Dear Parent,

Beginning January 23, 2024- March 29, 2024, students and teachers across Illinois will have an opportunity to participate in the eleventh annual statewide Illinois 5Essentials Survey. This survey is designed to generate a detailed picture of the inner workings of your child's school. As a parent/guardian, this opportunity will allow you to share your thoughts on the important elements of school effectiveness in a survey about your child's school.

On behalf of the Illinois State Board of Education, the 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. These five indicators that affect and predict school success are:

- Effective Leaders
- Collaborative Teachers
- Involved Families
- Supportive Environments
- Ambitious Instruction

Prior research in more than 400 schools has shown that schools that were strong on at least three of these "5Essential" indicators were 10 times more likely to improve student learning gains in math and reading than those that were weak on three or more Essentials.

All teachers and **fourth through 12th grade students** will be responding to this survey. 5Essentials Reports will be generated for schools if their teachers and/or students meet the response rate threshold of 50 percent. These reports will be sent to schools and districts in May and will also be included in the State School Report Card. If you would not like your child to participate in the student survey, please complete the "opt out" form as attached and return the form to your child's teacher by January 22, 2024. If we do not receive the "opt out" form from you, we will plan on your child completing the survey with his/her class.

Additionally, your district has chosen to provide the optional supplement parent survey. If at least 20 percent of Orangeville School District's parents/guardians complete this



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survey, a parent report will also be generated. The parent data will not be included on the State Report Card.

Your participation in the parent portion of the survey will help us understand the conditions at your child's school and guide improvement. Your identity and survey responses will be kept completely confidential and will never be connected to you or your child.

The Illinois 5Essentials Survey for students and teachers will be conducted from January 23, 2024 through March 29, 2024. The Parent Survey Supplement will be conducted during that same period. 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://www.5-essentials.org/illinois>. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact UChicago Impact Survey Support at 1-866-440-1874 or impact-surveys@uchicago.edu.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Katzenberger
Superintendent



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Dear Parent or Guardian,

We are writing to inform you about a student survey that will be administered at your child’s school called the Illinois 5Essentials Survey. This is the twelfth year the Illinois State Board of Education will implement this survey across the state. This survey is based on 30 years of research at the [University of Chicago Consortium on School Research](http://www.uchicago.edu/research/consortium-on-school-research). It asks students about their experiences in school, giving school leaders critical student input to help develop school improvement plans.

Student participants will be required to log-in using their state student ID and birth date in order to complete the survey. Students’ identities will be completely confidential. Teachers or administrators will never see individual responses to survey questions and will only receive aggregated information, such as the total percentage of students who agree homework assignments help them learn the course material.

Please be aware that under the Protection of Pupil Rights Act, 20 U.S.C. Section 1232(c) (1) (A), you have the right to review a copy of the questions asked of your student(s). Survey questions can be found on the UChicago Impact [Support Center \(https://impactsurveyshelp.force.com/s/article/illinois-5essentials-survey-questions\)](https://impactsurveyshelp.force.com/s/article/illinois-5essentials-survey-questions).

If you do not want your child to participate, fill out the information below and ask your child to return this sheet to his or her teacher by Monday, January 22, 2024.

Thank you for your cooperation,

Mrs. Katzenberger
Superintendent

School Name: Orangeville School District Grade of Child: _____

Child’s Teacher (1st hour teacher if in grades 6-12): _____

I **DO NOT** want my child, _____, to take part in the Illinois
CHILD’S NAME (PLEASE PRINT)
5Essentials Survey.

SIGNATURE OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN

DATE