



**Barack Obama School of Leadership & STEM**  
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Dear Families,

Teachers, parents, and students across Illinois will have an opportunity to participate in the annual Illinois *5Essentials Survey*. This survey is designed to generate a detailed picture of the inner workings of your child's school. As a parent, 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 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. These five indicators that affect and predict school success are:

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

Research in more than 400 schools has shown that schools 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 4<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> graders 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 June and will also be included in the state school report card.

**If at least 20 percent of Barack's parents complete the parent survey, a parent supplement will also be generated.** The parent data will not be reported on the state report card.



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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 will end on March 29, 2024.** To take the survey:

1. Visit: <http://survey.5-essentials.org/illinois/survey/parent/>
2. Enter your email address, Cook County, and your child's school name
3. Select English or Spanish
4. Begin the survey

For more information about the Illinois 5Essentials Survey, or to view sample school reports, please visit <https://illinois.5-essentials.org>. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact 5Essentials Client Services at 1-866-440-1874 or [5essentials@uchicago.edu](mailto:5essentials@uchicago.edu).

**\*\*\*If 80% or more of the parents complete the survey, all students will be invited to a celebration.\*\*\***

Sincerely,

Dr. Lori Colbert, Ms. Danielle Gladstone, & Mrs. Karon Nolen, Principal Team



<--- Scan this QR code to access the survey.