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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Welcome back to the new year, 2024! We appreciate your continued partnership as we strive to ensure that your child excels this school year and beyond. To further support you, our teachers, counselors, and social workers as champions of your child(ren)'s academic, social, and emotional needs, we would like to administer a student social-emotional learning survey at our school.

The survey we will be utilizing has been adapted from a tool developed by the Washoe County School District (WCSD-SECAs) and is aligned with the CASEL competency framework. It asks questions about areas of social-emotional functioning including self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, responsible decision-making, and relationship building. This is a student self-rated survey where children will be asked to rate how difficult or easy skills are for them to do. In addition to questions related to the core SEL competencies, the survey includes three questions about the MindUp SEL program instruction we are implementing across the district.

Based on how students respond to these questions, we can build on each student's strengths while identifying the social-emotional skills necessary to reach their full potential. The results of this screener will not be included on report cards, will not impact grades, and will not be used to make any diagnostic or evaluation decisions. The results will be stored securely and only be viewable by your child(ren)'s teachers and select school staff, such as the principal or counselor.

We are excited to implement the SEL survey beginning February 5th. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Ms. Cregan or Ms. Blanchet at 718-352-7800.

If you do not want your child(ren) to complete the SEL survey, you must provide a signed written request with your desire not to participate. This letter must be received by the school no later than 3:00pm on February 1st.

If you have any questions regarding social-emotional learning, please call/email me or Ms. Blanchet at 718-352-7800 or ccregan@schools.nyc.gov or swblanchet@schools.nyc.gov

Sincerely,
Ms. Cregan
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