



Spring 2016

Dear Fallon Parent or Guardian:

All Fallon Middle School students are being asked to participate in our spring **Social Emotional Learning "SEL" SURVEY**.

What is SEL?

Social & Emotional Learning is "the process through which children and adults develop the ability to manage their emotions, achieve goals, show empathy, build relationships and make responsible decisions"¹.

What is on the survey?

The survey focuses on the following areas: bullying and harassment, depression and emotions, social & emotional skills, anxiety and stress. We selected these survey questions based on previous California Healthy Kids Survey questions.

Why are we giving the assessment?

"Many educators, researchers and education policy makers have come to believe that positive social and emotional skills are critical to student success."² This is a very important survey that will help promote better health and wellbeing among our youth, improve the school learning environment and combat problems such as bullying, drug abuse and violence. Your child does not have to take the survey. If you do not want your child to complete the survey, you must complete and return the Opt-out form below and notify our office immediately.

What we will do with the data?

Fallon's Social & Emotional Learning committee will use this data to plan curriculum and activities to best suit the needs of Fallon's student population. The data will be anonymous, so no student names will be attached to their answers.

When is the survey being given?

The survey will be administered in mid-April. It will take about one class period to complete (about 40 minutes) and will be administered in your child's elective class. Additionally, students do not have to answer any questions they do not want to answer and may stop taking the survey at any time.

Thank you for your support!

If you have any questions about this survey or would like to see it, contact Kelly Zummo, Assistant Principal at zummokelly@dublinusd.org.

Fallon Middle School SEL Survey Opt-out Form

By returning this form, I **do not** give permission for my child to take the Fallon Middle School SEL Survey.

My child's name is: _____ Grade: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Opt-out form must be returned to Ms. Zummo in Fallon's main office by Thursday, April 14, 2016

¹ Incorporating social-emotional learning into school accountability Noah Bookman

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