



# Framingham Public Schools

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Framingham Public Schools values input from students and families – and we need to hear from you! You are an important partner as we work to strengthen the overall experience in our schools for you and your children.

In order to learn more about student and family experiences in Framingham we are using the services of *Panorama Education*\* to conduct district-wide family and student surveys for children in grades 3-12. We will be asking for your feedback with a survey that you will be receiving soon by email. Your child will also be taking a similar grade appropriate survey at school.

### **What type of questions will be on the survey?**

We have identified several areas we are interested in learning more about and developing further. The survey questions are designed to measure these areas and include:

- **Student/Family Engagement:** How involved are students/families with their schools?
- **School Climate:** How do you see the overall social and learning climate of the school?
- **Teacher/Student and Family Relationships:** How strong is the social connection between teachers and students within and beyond school?

### **How will schools be using the survey results?**

The survey results will be used to prioritize and plan our district-wide and school-based initiatives. We look forward to sharing survey results and future initiatives with you and the rest of the community through updates on the district website.

### **How can parents/guardians take the survey?**

- **When:** The survey will be available from *May 1, 2017 to May 22, 2017*. All surveys will be available in English, Spanish, and Portuguese.
- **How:** You will receive an email with a link to the survey on *May 1, 2017*.

### **How will students take the survey?**

- **When:** The survey will be administered during school hours sometime in *May 2017*.
- **How:** The *Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment* is a Federal Law that requires us to notify you ahead of time about the survey and give you the opportunity to review it in advance so you can let us know if you do not want your child to take part. A copy of the survey will be available in the main office of your child's school starting on *April 26, 2017*. If you DO NOT want your child to take part in the survey, please provide notice in writing to your child's school by *May 5, 2017*.

Thank you in advance for taking the time to complete the survey. If you have any questions about the survey, please don't hesitate to contact the Office of Health and Wellness at 508-626-9197.

Sincerely,

Robert A. Tremblay, Ed.D.  
Superintendent of Schools

\**Panorama Education* is a leader in the field of education data collection and analysis. Their surveys have been used by school districts across Massachusetts and the country, including Ashland Public Schools. The use of *Panorama Education's* research validated survey instruments and data management platform will provide us with comprehensive, user-friendly reports to inform programming to improve school climate and culture, students' social emotional learning, and family and community engagement.