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 during the window of December 11 to December 21, 2018. This is a requirement to be done annually by the Illinois State Board of Education. This survey is based on 20 years of research at the University of Chicago. It asks students in Grades 4-8 about their experiences in school, giving school leaders/staff critical student input to help develop school improvement plans.

Student participants will be required to log-in using their student ID and birthdate 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 Illinois 5Essentials website (https://Illinois.5-essentials.org).

If you do not want your son or daughter to participate, fill out the information below and ask your child to return this sheet to his or her teacher prior to the start of the window.

School Name: ________________________________

(Please Print)

I DO NOT want my child, ________________________, to take part in the 2018/19 Illinois 5Essentials Survey.

CHILD’S NAME (PLEASE PRINT)

SIGNATURE OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN

DATE