

Community Consolidated School District 46



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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Parents, teachers and selected students in Community Consolidated School District 46 will have an opportunity to participate in the fourth annual statewide Illinois 5Essentials Survey. This survey, available in English or Spanish, 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

Prior research in more than 400 schools has shown that schools that were 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.

If at least 20 percent of parents complete this survey for each school, a parent supplement will be generated. The parent data will not be reported on the State Report Card, but will be used by the district as a measure of continuous improvement. Teachers and students in grades 6-8 will be responding to this survey. The information from these surveys will be included in the State School Report Card. 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. For parents, the Illinois 5Essentials Survey will be available between December 5, 2016 to January 16, 2017. To take the survey please visit <https://survey.5-essentials.org/Illinois/> and select the appropriate survey to begin.

For students, the Illinois 5Essentials Survey will be available between December 3, 2016 and December 16, 2016 during school. This survey should take approximately 25 minutes to complete. Please see the additional information regarding the Student Survey for more details.

For more information about the Illinois 5Essentials Survey, or to view previous years' 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.

Sincerely,

Paul Louis - Assistant Superintendent of Teaching, Learning and Assessment

Community Consolidated School District 46 will provide an educational environment that maximizes the potential of ALL students to be prepared for life's opportunities while developing a lasting appreciation for learning.