



## School Information and Updates

### Friday, October 30, 2020

#### **School Perceptions Survey - Students Grades 5-12**

Each year to inform our ongoing improvement efforts and strategic planning, we survey students in grades 5-12. Traditionally, we have conducted this survey with the Gallup Student Poll Survey. This year, we are utilizing a new tool that will give us information more specific to our district and building needs. This survey asks questions about their school experience, academics, programming, extra-curricular opportunities, and connections to school. The survey does not ask them to rate or assess individual teachers or school employees.

The company providing our new survey is School Perceptions. We chose this provider over Gallup because they allow us to customize questions for our district, provide a consistent analysis tool, provide a product that allows us to see trends at the grade and classroom level, and the survey is distributed to students directly via district email.

The survey will launch November 4. Students will receive an introductory email from their building principal and me explaining the purpose of the survey prior to the survey launch. If you have any questions or concerns about the survey, please contact your school's principal or administrative contact. The communication will look like the following from School Perceptions to your student's email:

Dear Students,

Your school has hired us, School Perceptions, to conduct a survey to help gather feedback on your school experiences. Your honest responses will help the District to provide you with the best education possible.

This survey is not anonymous, but your responses will be confidential. The survey link/code can only be used once and should not be shared.

If you need to leave the survey before you have finished, your answers will be saved. You can make changes until you hit the finish button on the last page.

[unique login information provided]

Thank you, in advance, for your time and participation.

#### **Masks Required on Buses**

All students are expected to wear a mask when riding the bus and entering our schools. We are seeing an increase in students getting on the bus without a mask on.

#### **Volunteers in School Update**

We are continuing to welcome our first tier of volunteers into our schools until December 1st. The policy will be reviewed again in the last week of November for any changes going forward. Our first tier of volunteers are those who have made the commitment to volunteer a minimum of 4 hours per week in a classroom, library or school. If you are interested and can commit to volunteering 4 hours per week, please contact District Volunteer Coordinator Kathy Waychoff at [kwaychoff@crprairie.org](mailto:kwaychoff@crprairie.org).