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HELP YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL TO BE A GOOD PARTNER: YOUR FEEDBACK COUNTS!

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

The Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education invites you to complete an online parent survey and share your feedback with your child's school. We want to know about the efforts made by your child's school to help you feel welcome as a partner in the planning for your child's education.

You have received this letter because you have a child in a selected Massachusetts school district. The purpose of the survey is to see how well your child's school partners with you and promotes parent involvement in your child's learning. The survey should take ten minutes to complete. Survey results will provide your child's school with answers about parent-school partnership, transition, and family training. Research shows that schools that are good partners have better outcomes for the students they serve. Your feedback will allow us to learn how effectively schools partner with parents.

The Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education is working with an outside contractor to conduct our web-based parent survey. We will not collect any personal information regarding your child on this survey.

To begin the survey, you will be asked for your child's school district, and school name. If more than one child in your family attended school in the selected school district during the current school year, please fill out one survey per child. You can complete the survey by going to: http://www.MAparent2.com

Your survey answers will remain anonymous. Please complete the survey and submit it by **Friday**, **May 11**, **2012**.

If you are a parent/guardian needing assistance reading and interpreting this survey in a language other than English, Spanish, Portuguese, Haitian/Creole, or Vietnamese please seek assistance from your school district.

If you have any questions on this survey, please call Barbara Dee at: 781-338-3382. For technical assistance, please call Joanne Liem (toll-free) at: 1-866-262-1922.

Thank you very much in advance for your help with the survey.