

Dear Parents, Guardians and Staff,

We are acutely aware that the pandemic has changed many of our students' and their families' routines and expectations for school and everyday life. As part of Milton Public Schools' effort to address social emotional learning (SEL) and needs for our students this year, we are committed to finding ways to support your children in and out of the classroom.

To evaluate all students' overall SEL status, we will use research-aligned quick check screeners from Intellispark. These short screeners, which are aligned to CASEL's SEL framework, include sections that capture student motivations and provide a "temperature check" for SEL and well-being; student relationships and networks; and engagement, connection, and belonging. Collecting this data from students is critical to inform our SEL curriculum and any specific supports that are needed to ensure our students are developing the appropriate SEL skills to be successful learners.

We aim to give these universal SEL screeners to students in K-12 this school year, once in the fall and another time in the spring. Students in [Grades 6-12](#) will have the opportunity to complete these screeners in their Connection Time or Advisory Group. Students in Grades [K-1](#) and [2-5](#) will take the screener with their homeroom teachers. The screeners are in the links above. Last spring, the district collaborated with Intellispark, a student support platform, to pilot the elementary screener. The positive experience of students and teachers in the pilot prompted the district to extend this work to all elementary students this year. There is no special preparation needed from the students for these screeners, but we wanted to share our intention to keep you informed of SEL efforts in the district.

Although we expect all students to participate in the universal SEL screener as part of the SEL curriculum in the district, if any family feels their student(s) would be better served without taking part in it, please contact your child's principal with your child(ren)'s name, grade, and homeroom teacher if applicable to opt out by Monday, December 6th.

Attached, please find a copy of the revised Policy ILD, Student Submission to Educational Surveys and Research that was approved on November 3, 2021 by the Milton School Committee.

Thank you in advance for your ongoing support!

Sincerely,

James F Jette, Superintendent
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File attachments:

[Policy ILD - STUDENT SUBMISSION TO EDUCATIONAL SURVEYS AND RESEARCH Nov. 3 2021.pdf](#)