

February 29, 2016

Dear Parents and Guardians of students in grades 3, 5, 7, 9, and 11,

Marysville School District is committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for our students, staff, and the Marysville and Tulalip community. We are in the second year of receiving a portion of the Project AWARE federal grant in partnership with the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) to help foster safe school environments and provide additional services for students in need.

One of the requirements is a series of climate surveys with students, parents, and staff. These surveys are designed to provide information on school climate, school and community safety, and student behavior.

All students in grades 3, 5, 7, 9, and 11 will participate in the 15-minute climate survey at school during the week of March 14th. The survey will ask students questions about student safety, bullying and student engagement. The survey is anonymous and no personal student information is collected.

Student voice is extremely important in this process, and we look forward to a high participation rate throughout the district. Copies of the surveys are available for your review at your child's school, on the district website at www.msds25.org, and at the district office. If you would like to excuse your child from participation in this survey, please call your school's office.

In addition to surveying students in grades 3, 5, 7, 9, and 11, we are also asking parents or guardians of students in these grades to participate in an online survey. A link to the survey will be emailed to parents who have an email address on file in the student data system. This survey mirrors the student survey and asks similar questions about school safety, bullying, and engagement. Next week a survey link will be posted on the district website for those who do not have email. The online survey will be open for participation from parents and guardians from March 7 – 18th. In addition, we will also be asking our staff members for their valuable input in this process.

Thank you for supporting our work to promote a safe and healthy environment for all.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions at (360) 965-0005, or email assistant_superintendent@msvl.k12.wa.us. You can also learn more about Project AWARE by visiting our website at www.msds25.org.

Sincerely,



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