

INFORMATION for PARENTS and STUDENTS

2016 Project AWARE School Climate Survey

Our school is participating in the 2016 Project AWARE School Climate Survey during the week of **March 14-18, 2016**.

Please share the information in this flyer with your student, talk about the survey, and decide if you and your student will participate.

Background

The Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction's Project AWARE Initiative's overall aim is to develop a comprehensive, coordinated, and integrated program for advancing wellness and resilience in educational settings for school-aged youth. As a requirement of the Project AWARE federal grant initiative, school climate data must be collected annually to assess project progress toward the stated grant objectives. This is the second year our school will be participating in the survey.

What is the Project AWARE School Climate Survey?

The brief survey assesses a critical aspect of school climate – how students, teachers/staff, and parents perceive the school environment. They measure perceptions of relationships among the school community members (e.g., teacher-student relationships, teacher-parent relationships, and student relationships), school safety, and fairness and clarity of rules and behavioral expectations.

The survey is voluntary and anonymous.

What questions are on the survey?

This survey asks questions about overall school climate, including feelings about school safety, bullying, student engagement, student teacher relationships, and positive, punitive and social emotional learning techniques. Parents or guardians can see a copy of survey questions in the school office.

Who will be asked to take the survey?

All schools in the Marysville School District, Battle Ground School District, and Shelton School District with students in Grades 3, 5, 7, 9, and 11 are encouraged to participate. Additionally, school staff and parents will be invited to participate in online surveys.

Is the survey voluntary?

Yes! Students, parents, and staff can choose to participate. Participants taking the survey can skip questions and stop taking the survey at any time.

If you do not want your student to participate in the survey, *you can excuse your student from participating* by calling or sending a note to the school. You may also opt out of participation.

Students not taking the survey will be provided with an alternative activity, such as reading or working in the library.

There is no penalty for not taking part in the survey.

How is participant identity protected?

Participants will not write their names anywhere on the survey and there are no codes or other information to match a survey to a particular student.

No one from the school will look at the survey answers. Students put completed surveys into an envelope that is sealed before it leaves the classroom. No

identifying information is collected on either the parent or staff survey forms. Survey reports of results will not identify any student, parent or staff member.

Need more information?

If you have any questions about the purpose of the survey or survey procedures, please contact the AWARE Program Coordinator for your district:

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Thank you for reviewing this information and talking with your student about participating!

The survey will be conducted by Maike & Associates, LLC, independent evaluators of the Project AWARE initiative.