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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Recent State law requires that all public schools in Maryland survey students about school climate. The purpose of the survey is to gain valuable information about the quality and character of each school's learning environment so that schools can promote a climate that supports student learning.

Students in grades 5 through 11 will take the survey during regular school hours, between October 8 and November 9, 2018. The survey will take approximately 30 minutes. The survey will ask students about topics such as student engagement, interactions with adults and with other students in the school, the school environment, bullying, and safety. The survey will not ask about a student's personal experiences and students will not be asked to provide any information that might violate his or her privacy.

The survey is confidential and school personnel will not have access to the responses of specific students. The responses your child provides will be combined with the responses from other students in the school and results will be reported for each school and district.

We are eager to receive this very important information about your student's school and about schools across the State.

If you have any questions about this survey, please contact the principal at your school.

Sincerely,

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