

## Student Connections in PSD 2018/19

Hello PSD Parents and Guardians,

In response to a community value of ensuring students feel connected to their school community, the Board of Education integrated this important outcome into the district's goals. Connections are the result of feeling understood, cared about, supported, and valued. Feeling connected to others helps us to be motivated toward a positive future and make the most of our educational experiences. PSD wants to ensure that we are doing everything we can to connect with students and help students to connect with one another, their interests, and their future plans. One step we are taking to ensure we meet this important outcome is to provide students with an opportunity to tell us about their feelings of connectedness and their related school experiences.

We will be providing a Student Connections survey for all students in grades 4 through 12. **The survey is voluntary.** Each school has the flexibility to schedule the survey between October 22<sup>nd</sup> and November 16<sup>th</sup>, so actual dates can vary slightly across schools. It takes students approximately 15 to 30 minutes to complete this survey.

We are delivering this online survey during the school day using PSD student email accounts. Responses may be combined with other information that the district has gathered to support students. Collecting data in this way will allow PSD to identify important patterns and use the information to improve our service to all students. Individual students' responses will not be singled out in any reports for elementary students. For all grade levels, if a student were to indicate that somebody is in danger, district staff are obligated to respond.

A copy of the survey can be previewed by clicking [HERE](#).

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Grades4-5PreView>

If you do not want your PSD student(s) to take the Student Connections survey, please click the survey link above, and on the last page of the survey titled "Please Remove My Student", simply provide the requested information. **The request to remove a student must be completed by 3:00pm on 10-19-18 (Friday).**

PSD believes that students feeling connected to each other, their schools, their interest, and their future plans is very important. Thanks for your continued support as PSD strives to provide the best possible experience for all of our students.