

March 15, 2023

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Caledonia Community Schools strives for excellence in all areas and we want to hear from our students. From March 20th-30th, students within our district will have the opportunity to take a survey to help us better understand their perceptions of school. These surveys are designed to provide a holistic picture of the student experience beyond test scores. Topics covered in the surveys include the perceptions of students' engagement, belonging, and learning experiences. Survey data will be used by school administrators to help guide district improvement planning for school instruction and support services. Keep in mind, students are our first priority and we believe it's important to listen to them so that we can make the educational experience better for them.

The surveys do <u>not</u> ask questions regarding drug or alcohol use, intimate relationships, political, or religious affiliations or other personal information.

Survey Samples:

Students in grades 5, 7, 9, & 11 will take the MI Student Voice Perception Survey with hundreds of students across Kent County.

<u>Sample of MI Student Voice Perception Survey</u>

Students in grades 3, 4, 6, 8, 10, and 12 will take the Caledonia Climate and Culture Survey.

- Sample 3rd, 4th, & 6th Grade Survey
- Sample 8th, 10th, & 12th Grade Survey

Students will be asked to complete the surveys online using a computer, tablet, or mobile device. These anonymous surveys are designed to protect students' privacy. Each of the surveys have under 40 questions and are expected to take 10 minutes or less to complete.

We encourage all students to take part in the surveys as we hope to gather a lot of important information on their experiences. However, **participation is voluntary**. Students may skip any question they do not wish to answer and may stop participating in the survey at any point without penalty.

If you would like to opt out of having your child participate in the survey, please complete the short opt out form linked <u>HERE</u> no later than March 19th at 5:00 pm.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your building principal.

Sincerely,

CCS Administration