



EARLE B. WOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Parent or Guardian:

Our school is participating in the Maryland Safe and Supportive Schools Middle School (MDS3) Initiative through the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE). The goal of the MDS3 Initiative is to develop a sustainable system to measure and address school climate in middle schools, which includes content in the areas of school environment, student engagement, and school safety. An online **anonymous** school climate survey will be administered at our school in the coming weeks. The survey will collect responses from students, staff, and parents to questions related to bullying, substance use, student attendance and engagement, and the school environment. This information will be used to guide us in promoting a healthy school environment for students to learn at our school and throughout the state.

Your student's class has been selected to complete the school climate survey. The MSDE is asking that parent(s) and guardian(s) be notified about this survey. We hope you will agree to permit your son/daughter to help us in the important study.

The survey is **voluntary** and will be given in selected classrooms during school hours by our teachers. It is expected to take about 20 minutes to complete. In order to encourage truthful answers to the questions and to assure each student's privacy, no student names will be written on the survey or in any way linked with the students' responses to the survey questions. **Student responses will be anonymous.**

You can review the *MDS3 School Climate Survey* at the school by contacting Ms. Tia Washington, staff development teacher, at 301-460-2150. Ms. Washington will arrange a time for you to review. If you have questions about the survey, call the MDS3 Research and Evaluation Team at 410-614-4473, or send an email to MDS3@pbismaryland.org.

If you do **NOT** consent to your child participating in this survey, please complete and sign the form on the back of this letter and return it to school by Friday, March 11, 2016.

Sincerely,

Traci L. Townsend, Ed. D.
Principal

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If signing this form, please return to school by Friday, March 11, 2016.

I have read the letter to parents/guardians, and I **DO NOT CONSENT** to my child participating in the *2016 MDS3 Climate Survey*.

Child's Name (print) _____
(First) (Last)

Parent/Guardian's Signature _____

Date of Signature _____