



Dear CBSD Parents and Guardians in Grades 5-12:

Part of our mission as a district is to provide students with skills essential for personal development. Students thrive in environments where they feel a sense of belonging and connectedness.

To help us better understand students' perceptions of acceptance, respect and support in their schools, CBSD will administer the Psychological Sense of School Membership (PSSM) belonging survey to students in grades 5 through 12 during their class periods from Monday, Oct. 28 to Wednesday, Nov. 6.

The survey, which has been used nationally and internationally since 1993, consists of 18 questions and takes about 15 minutes to complete. The results will help us develop and/or expand programs and initiatives that foster a positive and inclusive school culture, further ensuring that all students feel valued and supported. All employees will also have the option to take the survey. Following the administration of the survey, district-wide data will be shared as well as division-wide data (i.e., elementary schools, middle schools, high schools). Building-specific data will be used among our Leadership Team in collaboration with our building principals and staff to action plan for continually improving our students' sense of belonging at each specific school.

Participation is voluntary and anonymous; students will be given the survey unless an opt-out from a parent/guardian is received. **If you wish to opt out your child(ren), you may do so through the [Parent Portal](#) starting on Monday, Oct. 21 at 9 a.m. All opt-outs must be received by 3 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 25.** To opt out, open the Parent Portal and select the "Documents" menu, then select the "PSSM Survey Opt-Out Form." Complete and sign the form online. Please be sure to discuss with your child(ren) that they will not participate in the survey during class. For questions regarding how to complete the form, please email [parentportal@cbsd.org](mailto:parentportal@cbsd.org).

Parents and guardians are able to view the survey before the administration dates by contacting their school's main office to arrange for a time to view the survey. For parents of younger students who will be taking the survey, we recommend you speak to your children about the survey prior to them completing it to ensure they understand it is safe to answer as honestly as possible, and that the survey helps the district make going to school the best experience for all students.

Our district is dedicated to ensuring that every student feels supported and valued. The PSSM survey helps us meet our ongoing commitment to providing an exceptional and holistic educational experience.

Thank you for your support and partnership.

Sincerely,

Alyssa Wright  
Director of Pupil Services

Circle the answer for each statement that is most true for you.

1) I feel like a part of my school.	Not at all true 1	2	3	4	Completely true 5
2) People at my school notice					