HELP YOUR CHILD’S SCHOOL TO BE A GOOD PARTNER: YOUR FEEDBACK COUNTS!

Dear Parent/Guardian:

The Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (ESE) invites you to complete an online parent survey and share your feedback with your child’s school. We want to know about the efforts made by your child’s school to help you feel welcome as a partner in your child’s education.

You have received this letter because you have a child in a selected Massachusetts school district. The purpose of the survey is to see how well your child’s school communicates with you and promotes your engagement in your child’s learning. The survey should take ten minutes to complete. Survey results will provide your child’s school with answers about parent-school partnership, transition, and family training. Research shows that schools that are good partners with families have better outcomes for the students they serve. Your feedback will allow us to learn how effectively schools partner with parents.

ESE is working with an outside contractor to conduct this web-based parent survey. We will not collect any personal information regarding your child on this survey. Your survey answers will remain anonymous.

To begin the survey, you will be asked for your child’s school district, and school name. **If more than one child in your family attends school in the district during the current school year, please fill out one survey per child.**

You can complete the survey by going to: [http://www.maparentcohort2.com](http://www.maparentcohort2.com).

**Please complete the survey and submit it by Friday, March 21, 2014.**

If you are a parent/guardian needing assistance reading and interpreting this survey in a language other than English, Spanish, Portuguese, Haitian/Creole, or Vietnamese please seek assistance from your school district.

If you have any questions on this survey, please call Martha Daigle at: 781-338-3366.
Thank you very much in advance for your help with the survey.
We Need Your Help!
Families...We want to hear from you!

Each year the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (ESE) surveys parents in select school districts to determine how well your child’s school is communicating with you and promoting your engagement in your child’s education. It’s your district’s turn this year.

Your opinion matters! Make your voice heard!

- The web-based survey will be open in January 13, 2014.
- You can complete the survey online at http://maparentcohort2.com
- Ask your child’s school principal if you need help in accessing and completing the survey.

Your participation in this survey is important in helping both the ESE and your local school district in improving educational programs for all students and in enhancing your participation in your child’s education.

Massachusetts 2014 Family Engagement Survey
January 13 to March 21, 2014

For questions about the survey, please contact Martha Daigle at (781) 338-3366 or mdaigle@doe.mass.edu
Family Engagement Survey

Frequently Asked Questions

We are looking forward to hearing from you. It is important for us to know how well your child’s school is involving you in your child’s education.

What is the purpose of the Family Engagement Survey? The purpose of this survey is to determine how well your child’s school is communicating with you and promoting your engagement in your child’s education.

Who completes the Family Engagement Survey? Parents or guardians of all students who attend school in our district are asked to complete a survey. Districts are asked to participate in this survey once every four years. This year is our district’s turn to participate.


Why should I complete the Family Engagement Survey? Our district and the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (ESE) want to hear from families about just how well your child’s school is doing in working with you on your child’s education. We can use what we learn from families to help make our schools better. Your participation is voluntary, but we really want to hear from you. Your opinion matters!

What should I do if I need help in finding and completing the survey? You can ask your child’s school principal to help you find and then complete the survey. Schools are finding ways to help all families participate in the survey.

I have more than one child attending school. Should I complete a survey for each child? Yes, you should complete one survey for each child.

My child receives special education services. Should I complete a survey for my child? It is especially important for you to complete a survey if your child is receiving special education. There are additional questions on the survey intended for families of children receiving special education.

How is the confidentiality of my responses protected? The survey is completely confidential and won’t include your name or your child’s name. There is no personally identifiable information requested on the survey.

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