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Dear Families,

We thank you and your family for being our valued partners as we work together to educate the children in our district. Westford Public Schools values input from our community – and we need to hear from your child or children! Students are important partners as we work to improve our communication, academic program and overall experience for everyone.

In order to learn more about students' experiences at school, we will be asking for your child to reflect on their own mindsets and approaches to learning via an online survey they will be completing at school. The survey shouldn't take more than 20-30 minutes to complete.

We are asking that all of our students participate in the surveys, as their feedback will provide invaluable insights into their experiences and how we can improve and adapt our district to their needs. If a student doesn't feel like they have enough information to answer a question, they will be able to skip the item altogether. The responses to these surveys will be completely confidential. We are partnering with a third-party vendor, Panorama Education, to support us in administering these surveys.

The survey content will ask students to self-reflect on the following topics:

1. Growth Mindset - Student perceptions of whether they have the potential to change those factors that are central to their performance in school.

2. Self-Management - How well students manage their emotions, thoughts, and behaviors in different situations.

3. Sense of Belonging - How much students feel that they are valued members of the school community.

4. Engagement - How attentive and invested students are in school.

5. Teacher-Student Relationships - How strong the social connection is between teachers and students within and beyond the school

6. Student Pressures - The pressures students encounter throughout the year related to academics, social relationships, extracurricular activities, and time management.

We thank you in advance for your thoughtful responses. If you have any questions about the survey administration, please contact your school's building principal or Brian Roark (broark@westfordk12.us) and Gerard Coughlin (gcoughlin@westfordk12.us)

Thank you,

Brian Roark and Gerard Coughlin WPS Panorama Coordinators