

Dear Parent/Guardian:

USD 204 will be administering the Panorama SEL (Social Emotional Learning) Survey in the fall, winter and spring. Panorama is taken by students in grades 3-12 and takes approximately 15-20 minutes to complete. By asking students and teachers to reflect on Social Emotional Learning through surveys, USD 204 can gather actionable data to prioritize supports. All questions on the survey are related to students educational work and assist teachers in helping students. Panorama's SEL Survey helps educators measure and improve SEL for students in three areas:

- **1. Skills and Competencies:** The social, emotional, and motivational skills that help students excel in school, career, and life.
- **2. Supports and Environment:** The environment in which students learn, which influences their academic success and social-emotional development.
- **3. Well-Being:** Students' positive and challenging feelings, as well as how supported they feel through relationships with others.

We believe this survey is a valuable tool because thousands of schools and millions of students use Panorama's Social-Emotional Learning Survey every year. The measures are checked to meet research standards of validity and reliability. There are also positive correlations between these SEL measures and important student outcomes, including GPA, test scores, behavior, and attendance.

Other Important Items:

- 1. Participation is voluntary and your child may decline to participate.
- 2. Panorama will be completed using students Chromebook.
- 3. Participation is important. This data is extremely helpful in identifying needs and providing timely support and resources.

Parental consent is available through the secure web version of <u>Skyward Family Access</u> under **Online Forms**. Please visit <u>this</u> link for the exact questions in which students will respond. You can watch this <u>video</u> from Panorama which explains the purpose and goals of the survey. If you have any questions, please contact the school councelor at your students school.

Sincerely, USD 204 Couseling Team

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