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Dear Bloomfield Learning Community,

Bloomfield Public Schools is beginning a new Climate survey process. In the coming school year, you will receive email invitations to respond to questions regarding your perceptions of school climate.

Previously we administered a climate survey once per year. Recent research and best practices show that shorter, more frequent surveys can facilitate improved experiences. This year, we are reaching out more often, to better track our community's experiences regarding academics, climate and engagement. We have shortened the survey from 33 to 11 items, and will be emailing you a participation invitation each month. You will be able to complete the brief survey using a tablet, cell phone or other electronic device. The invitation will expire after a week.

As in the past, we will survey families and staff anonymously. We are expanding our student surveys to include grades 3 through 12.

Below are some sample questions from the survey.

Domain	Student Questions	Family Questions	Teacher Questions
Rigorous	I like what I am learning.	My child likes what	My students like what I am
Academics		he/she is learning.	teaching.
Climate	I feel physically safe at	My child feels physically	I help students feel
	school.	safe at school.	physically safe at school.
Engagement	My teacher greets me	I am greeted when I come	I greet students when they
	when I enter the	to my child's school.	come to school.
	classroom.		

Survey results will inform the work of the District and School Climate Committees.

Please reach out with any questions.

Warm regards,

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