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Dear Parent/Family:

As a school district, we prioritize having our teachers and staff connect with students to ensure that we are meeting their social and emotional needs, regardless of if students are learning in school or remotely.

This year, we are working to integrate social-emotional learning (SEL) in to the schedule and activities that students experience daily. We have resources within the Rethink Ed SEL curriculum to address topics such as identifying your emotions, managing stress, and accessing support systems.

Another important action we are taking is administering the Panorama Student Well-Being and SEL survey to all students in grades 3-12 at the beginning of the second quarter (November 16 - 25). This universal screening is based in recommendations from the American School Counselor Association and the National Association of School Psychologists, as well the PPS All-In subcommittee.

The survey will be administered online through your child's school, and will ask students questions related to their social-emotional skills in areas relevant to remote learning, including self-management, self-efficacy, learning strategies and emotion regulation.

We will use the information we receive to guide conversations and plan support for individual students, and support the work we do at the school and District level. We plan to administer the survey again in the spring, to continuously monitor the well-being of our students.

Please encourage your child to respond with complete honesty. The survey is voluntary and students should feel free to skip any question or they can choose not to complete the survey. **If you do not want your child to complete the survey, please return the attached form to your child's school by Monday, November 16, 2020 or notify your child's teacher by phone or e-mail.** If you have questions about the survey, or if you would like to view a copy of the survey prior to administration, please contact your child's principal.

For more information about SEL, visit our website at www.pghschools.org/sel.

Thank you,

Anthony Hamlet, Ed.D. Superintendent

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## Panorama Survey Opt-Out Form

IF YOU <u>DO NOT WANT</u> YOUR CHILD TO COMPLETE THE PANORAMA SURVEY, PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM BY MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2020. YOU MAY ALSO NOTIFY YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER BY PHONE OR E-MAIL.

Please make arrangements so my child does not complete the Panorama survey.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date:\_\_\_\_

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