



# Perth Amboy Public Schools

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Dear Parents:

Our school cares about the well-being of all students and has programs designed to support students' improvement of their social emotional development. To help stay in touch with our students' development and potential social emotional concerns, we will be administering the *SSIS SEL Brief + Mental Health Scales* this school year. With the last couple years in a pandemic, we feel that now more than ever social emotional well-being and learning are most important for our students.

The SSIS Brief + Mental Health Scales are short rating scales that are completed by a student, their teacher, and a parent. Each assessment takes between 5 and 8 minutes to complete. The focus of the scales is a student's social emotional learning (SEL) (including self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, relationship skills, and responsible decision making) and emotional behavioral concern (internalizing and externalizing).

The purpose of these online assessments is as a universal screener given to all students that will identify areas of strength and emotional behavioral concerns in order to inform teachers and school leaders in planning SEL instructional and programmatic supports for students. The assessments provide information about a student's current functioning levels. The results of the assessments will be used to guide instruction for all students and identify students who might need additional social emotional support.

**The following grades will be administered the SSIS-Brief components:**

Grade	Student Assessment	Teacher Assessment	Parent Assessment
Preschool	None	X	X
Kindergarten	None	X	X
1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	None	X	X
2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	None	X	X
3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	X	X	X
4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	X	X	X
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	X	X	X
6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	X	X	X
7 <sup>th</sup> Grade	X	X	X
8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	X	X	X

**NOTE: If you would like to opt your child out of this assessment please complete the "Opt Out" form [Click Here](#)**

Sincerely,

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