



## OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

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*José L. Banda, Superintendent*

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Educators and researchers nationwide recognize the importance of social & emotional skills as an essential part of preparing students for success in a career and higher education institution of their choice. Evidence shows that social and emotional skills such as social awareness and self-efficacy are related to greater success in school and life and provide valuable insights that traditional test scores do not. The positive culture and climate of a school with clear and consistent expectations also play a vital role. A students' sense of belonging and security at school can greatly influence academic development.

This year, SCUSD will be administering student surveys district wide to capture social & emotional and culture & climate measures for students in grades 3 through 12. Results from the survey will be used by the District to support social & emotional development and strengthen our positive school culture & climate through Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS).

Each school that has at least 70% of its students participate in the survey will receive \$1,000 toward improving student outcomes.

The questions on the student survey are available upon request in your school's front office. If you **do not wish** to have your child participate in the survey, please complete the form at the bottom of this letter and return it to your school.

Sincerely,

José L. Banda  
Superintendent

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### School Climate Survey

\_\_\_ I do not wish for my child to participate in the School Climate student survey.

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Name of Student (please print)

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Student ID Number

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Name of Parent/Guardian

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School Name

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Signature of Parent/Guardian

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Today's Date