

March 10, 2023

Greetings Berkshire families,

One of the top priorities Birmingham Public Schools outlined in its [strategic plan](#) was to create a culture of unity and well-being for all students, parents/caregivers and staff. To accomplish the goals set forth, the district will launch an annual climate survey to assess the perceptions students, families and staff have of the district, schools and departments.

As an important partner in your child’s education, BPS values input from our community and we believe hearing directly from your student(s) is vital. Students' voices are important as we work to improve our communication, academic programming and overall school experience. To learn more about their experiences at school, we will be asking for feedback through an online survey that will be completed at school. The 2022-2023 survey, which is anonymous and takes less than 20 minutes to complete, begins **Monday, April 3** and concludes **Friday, April 14**. Your student will only need to complete the survey once.

We highly encourage all BPS students to participate in the surveys, as their feedback will provide us invaluable insight into their experiences and how the district can improve/adapt to their needs. If a student does not feel they have enough information to answer a question, they are allowed to skip the item altogether. The survey content will ask students to self-reflect on their general perceptions about the school, preparedness to learn, sense of belonging, cultural awareness, and school engagement.

If you have questions about the BPS Climate Survey or wish to visit the school to view the survey questions, please do not hesitate to contact me via telephone or email. Additionally, please notify us if you would like your student not to participate in taking the climate survey by completing this questionnaire <https://rb.gy/m6mc9r> no later than **Friday, March 24**.

Thank you for your continued support and for being a partner in your child's learning!

Sincerely,

Jason Clinkscale
Principal
Berkshire Middle School



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