

Dear Parent or Guardian:

As part of our effort to support the Whole Child, our school will be implementing a universal social and emotional screening for students.

Universal social and emotional screening can provide a fair and impartial way of looking at how students are progressing in their social and emotional development. Screenings can also help identify areas where school personnel can improve or adjust our supports.

Universal social and emotional screening is **NOT** an assessment or an evaluation. Instead, screenings are a useful tool to help identify students who may need extra social or emotional support.

Denver Public Schools currently uses a social and emotional screening questionnaire called the Behavior and Emotional Screening System (BESS). The online tool takes approximately ten minutes to complete and consists of 28 questions for the student to answer.

The social and emotional screening may occur two or three times over the course of the school year. Repeated screening helps us determine if the supports we provide to students are effective in meeting their needs.

You have the right, upon request to review the questions on the screener. If you would like to review the questions on the social and emotional screener, please contact Elle Sypek at ESypek@striveprep.org

You also have the option to EXEMPT your child from participating. If you **DO NOT** want your child to participate in social and emotional screening, please indicate so by calling the school at 303-999-3825 and leaving a voicemail with the name of your student, saying you do NOT want them to participate OR You may sign this form at the bottom and return to scastro@striveprep.org

If we do not receive an OPT-OUT voicemail from you or an email, we will assume you are choosing to have your child participate in the social and emotional screening.

Thank you for your assistance as we work together to educate and support your student!

Sincerely,
Elle Sypek, LCSW
Social Emotional Learning Coordinator and Social Worker

I DO NOT Wish for my child to participate in the Social Emotional component of the Universal Assessment and I am indicating this decision with my signature below.

Name of Student _____

Parent Name (Print) _____

Parent Signature _____

Date _____