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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Beginning February 12, 2024, teachers and students across the Archdiocese of Chicago have an opportunity to participate in the 5Essentials Survey. This survey is designed to generate a detailed picture of the inner workings of your child's school. As a parent, you also have the opportunity to share your thoughts on the important elements of school effectiveness in a survey about your child's school.

The 5Essentials Survey will be administered online by UChicago Impact. The 5Essentials gathers data related to five indicators that can predict important student outcomes, including improved attendance and larger test score gains. These five indicators that affect and predict school success are:

- Collaborative Teachers
- Involved Families
- Supportive Environments
- Ambitious Instruction
- Effective Leaders

Prior research has shown that schools that were strong on at least three of these "5Essential" indicators were 10 times more likely to improve student learning gains in math and reading than those that were weak on three or more Essentials.

All teachers and **students in grades 4-12** will be responding to this survey. 5Essentials Reports will be generated for schools if their teachers and/or students meet the response rate threshold of 50 percent. These reports will be sent to schools and the Archdiocese in April 2024. A form allowing you to have your child opt out of the survey is included in this week's Brown Envelope, should you wish to do that.

Additionally, our district has chosen to provide UChicago Impact's Parent Survey. If at least 20 percent of St. Celestine parents complete this survey, a parent survey report will also be generated.

Your participation in the parent survey will help us understand the conditions at your child's school and guide improvement. Your identity and survey responses will be kept completely confidential and will never be connected to you or your child.

The Parent Survey will be conducted February 12 – March 22, 2024. To take the survey please visit <https://survey.5-essentials.org/archchicago/survey/parent/>.

Sincerely,

Sheila M. Klich
Principal