

# FORRESTVILLE VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT #221

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**SUPERINTENDENT**  
**Mrs. Sheri Smith**

Dear Parent,

Beginning the first week of December, students, teachers and parents across Illinois will have an opportunity to participate in the sixth annual statewide Illinois 5Essentials Survey. This survey is designed to generate a detailed picture of the inner workings of your child's school. As a parent, this opportunity will allow you to share your thoughts on the important elements of school effectiveness in a survey about your child's school.

On behalf of the Illinois State Board of Education, the Illinois 5Essentials Survey will be administered online by UChicago Impact at the University of Chicago. The survey 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 effective leaders, collaborative teachers, involved families, supportive environments and ambitious instruction.

All teachers and 4<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade students 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 districts in March 2018 and will also be included in the State School Report Card.

Additionally, your district has chosen to provide the optional 5Essentials parent survey. If at least 20 percent of Forrestville Valley School District parents complete this survey, a parent supplement will also be generated. The parent data will not be reported on the State Report Card.

Your participation in the parent portion of the 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 Illinois 5Essentials Survey will be conducted December 5 through January 31, 2018. To take the survey please visit <https://survey.5-essentials.org/Illinois/> and select the appropriate survey to begin. Indicate Ogle County for all three district schools and select your child's school from the list.

For more information about the Illinois 5Essentials Survey, or to view previous years' Reports, please visit <https://illinois.5-essentials.org>. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact 5Essentials Client Services at 1-866-440-1874 or [5essentials@uchicago.edu](mailto:5essentials@uchicago.edu).

Sincerely,

Mrs. Smith, Superintendent