

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

The link below is being provided to you so that your 5<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and/or 10<sup>th</sup> grade child can access and complete the *2021-22 UCPS Student Survey*.

- [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2021-22\\_UCPS\\_Student\\_Survey](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2021-22_UCPS_Student_Survey)
- The survey completion window will open on Monday, May 16 and close on Monday, May 23.

Some of the questions on the survey fall in the category of a “*protected topic*” according to our Board of Education policy regarding student surveys (policy 4-15). Therefore, we are required to provide you with a Parental Notification regarding the survey and an opportunity to “opt-in” for participation.

### **Parental Notification**

- Description of the Survey:
  - The majority of questions on the survey involve topics such as school safety, cleanliness of schools, teacher expectations, knowledge of rules and consequences, accessing help, and computer usage.
  - The questions that fall in the “*protected topic*” category involve tobacco, illegal drugs, and alcohol. The questions are worded to ask if the student is aware of tobacco, illegal drugs, and/or alcohol on school grounds, but do not ask the student specifically about her/his use (i.e., “I have witnessed...,” “Other students have possessed...”, etc.).
- Student’s Rights:
  - As with any student survey, the student completing the survey has the right to NOT answer any question she/he does not wish to answer.
- Privacy Safeguards:
  - Completion of this survey is completely anonymous. The only questions asked regarding the student are 1). school attended, and 2). student race.
  - No personally identifiable information (e.g., student name, email, etc.) will be captured when your child completes the survey.

### **Parental “Opt-In” for Students**

- As per our Board of Education policy, we are asking that you “opt-in” to this student survey by providing the link above to your child. In providing the link, you are approving her/his participation in the survey.
- If you do not wish for your child to participate, simply disregard this notification.