September 27, 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians:

As parents, you are well aware that your child’s mental and physical health is key to how well they function in school and how well they engage in relationships with others. In addition, their happiness and self-esteem are closely related to these factors. Like you, we at Carbondale Area School District are fully dedicated to supporting your child in being healthy and successful in their lives in and out of school. It is important to us to more readily identify students who may be in need of additional supports. To this end, we are writing to inform you of your student’s participation in a brief online survey to assist us with identifying and addressing social and emotional barriers to learning.

We will be using a PASS (Pupil Attitudes to Self and School) survey. This survey asks your child several questions about feelings toward school, confidence in learning, relationships, and motivation. This online survey offers over 100 unique interventions that are recommended based on proven research-based results. Our goal is to screen 1st through 12th grade students by October 14, 2022.

The survey will occur in this manner: we give your child 15-20 minutes to privately answer survey questions on-line. We find this helps students respond more honestly. Developed by a team of educational psychologists from multiple universities, PASS provides teachers and administrators with highly reliable and valid information into how they feel about themselves as a learner and how they feel about school. PASS allows schools to detect possible barriers to student learning, including issues around confidence, resilience, motivation, and concentration. The PASS survey will allow our school to proactively address non-academic barriers to learning, which can compromise the wellbeing and academic success of our students. The PASS will be administered in the Fall and again in the Spring. Please be assured that student confidentiality will be strictly protected. Assessments will be completed in a manner that assures that only your child, a Carbondale Area School Counselor, and Carbondale Area staff will see your child’s responses.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the PASS or would like your child to opt out, please contact your child’s School Counselor at **844-330-2273 by October 5, 2022.**

Thank you.

With Charger Pride,

Lawrence A. Gabriel, III Meg Duffy

Acting Principal Principal

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