



Dear Parent or Guardian,

Denver Public School is implementing a universal social and emotional screening for all students in identified grades (Early Childhood Education, Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5th, 7th, 9<sup>th</sup> and 12th grades). This screening is one of our efforts as part of the Denver Plan 2020 Whole Child goal and the Whole Child, Health Child Agenda 2020.

Universal screening is an organized way of looking at all children within a given class, grade, school building, or school district. The universal screening looks at progress in social and emotional areas that the school personnel and community agreed are important.

A universal screening is NOT an assessment or an evaluation. Universal screening is considered best practice to identify students who may need extra supports and to get them the resources they need so they can become better learners. Some reasons students may need additional support include but are not limited to; learning difficulties, health concerns, and social or emotional barriers.

The purpose of a universal screening is:

- To quickly identify students social and emotional strengths and areas to develop
- To provide information to help determine the best supports for individuals and schools

Many schools have already started health screenings such as vision and hearing checks. We will now be conducting the social and emotional screening that will take approximately 15 minutes and consists of a 28-item questionnaire.

You also 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 let us know.

**The social and emotional screening questionnaire will occur at your child's school between the following dates: \_\_9/12/18 – 9/26/18\_\_\_\_\_**

You have the option of not having your child participate. If you decide you do not want your child to participate in the social and emotional universal screening component, please indicate on the opt out form included in this letter and return this form to your child's school. If you do NOT respond, it is assumed you are choosing to have your child participate in the social and emotional part of Universal Screening.

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

Sincerely,

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Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I do not want my child participating in the social and emotional component of Universal Screening and thereby OPT-OUT as indicated by my signature below.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Please return this form to:** \_\_\_\_\_