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Dear Student,

As you may remember, this fall we asked you to take a family survey as part of our Family School Partnerships Initiative. Your participation in that survey gave us valuable information that we have as a staff been working on addressing. We appreciated hearing from you that you think we are doing well in the areas of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. We also are paying attention to areas where you have said that we can improve, such as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

We are asking that you once again take the survey so that we can measure any change that has taken place in your perspective since the beginning of the year. Your voice remains an important part of our school improvement efforts and we remain committed to hearing your opinion and feedback as very important members of our school community.

All the information you provide will be kept confidential; only summaries of responses will be reported. Your survey responses cannot be linked to you or information about you in any way. Your participation in this study is voluntary. Your willingness or unwillingness to participate will not affect your child’s grade. The survey may be taken in English or Spanish. If you have questions or concerns about the survey, please ask me directly or drop me a note.

Please take a moment to answer the questions honestly and completely. Again, all responses are confidential and anonymous. Your thoughtful answers will help us to form a picture of any change that is occurring as a result of our work on this initiative.

Thank you for your participation. A summary report of the results will be made available to the school community.

Sincerely,

Principal School Name

Family Survey

Dear Students,

The best way to make sure that every student in our school succeeds is to build a strong partnership between families, the school, and the community. The survey below gives you the opportunity to tell us what our school is doing well to support this partnership and what we can do better. If you would like to help tally and analyze the results or participate in the improvement team, please let us know.

* The Family-School Partnerships Action Team

**Please rate the following according to what is true about your school most of the time:**

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|  | **Strongly Agree** | **Agree** | **Neutral** | **Disagree** | **Strongly Disagree** |
| **WELCOMING ALL FAMILIES** | | | | | |
| My teachers want parents to be involved in student learning. |  |  |  |  |  |
| My teachers want students from different cultures to respect one another. |  |  |  |  |  |
| My teachers use examples from my culture when teaching. |  |  |  |  |  |
| My teachers treat my parents/guardians with respect. |  |  |  |  |  |
| My family and I feel welcomed at our school. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **COMMUNICATING EFFECTIVELY** | | | | | |
| My teachers communicate with my parents about my grades and what I am learning. |  |  |  |  |  |
| My school has a useful website for me and my family. |  |  |  |  |  |
| My school has staff that speak the language(s) of my family. |  |  |  |  |  |

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|  | **Strongly Agree** | **Agree** | **Neutral** | **Disagree** | **Strongly Disagree** |
| **Supporting Student Success** | | | | | |
| My teachers explain what we are learning in different ways to help students learn. |  |  |  |  |  |
| My teachers use videos and pictures to help students learn. |  |  |  |  |  |
| My teachers help me learn new ideas. |  |  |  |  |  |
| My teachers make work interesting and relevant. |  |  |  |  |  |
| My teachers help my family and me understand tests and what they mean. |  |  |  |  |  |
| My teachers are fair to all students. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Speaking Up for Every Child** | | | | | |
| My teachers use visual materials with people that look like me. |  |  |  |  |  |
| My teachers use books and other curricular materials that I can relate to. |  |  |  |  |  |
| My teachers try to find out what interests me. |  |  |  |  |  |
| My teachers use examples that are interesting to help students learn. |  |  |  |  |  |
| My teachers are interested in my culture. |  |  |  |  |  |
| My teachers want to learn from me and other students. |  |  |  |  |  |
| My teachers help students learn about other students and their cultures. |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | **Strongly Agree** | **Agree** | **Neutral** | **Disagree** | **Strongly Disagree** |
| **Speaking Up for Every Child (Cont’d)** | | | | | |
| My teachers have spoken in Spanish/another language to me or to other students who speak the language. |  |  |  |  |  |
| My teachers allow students to speak in their heritage language at times in class. |  |  |  |  |  |

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|  | **Strongly Agree** | **Agree** | **Neutral** | **Disagree** | **Strongly Disagree** |
| **SHARED LEADERSHIP** | | | | | |
| The school invites students and parents to be part of Advisory Teams to help with school improvements. |  |  |  |  |  |
| There are ways for me to volunteer and help out at my school. |  |  |  |  |  |
| **COLLABORATING WITH COMMUNITY** | | | | | |
| My teachers bring in guests from our community to help students learn. |  |  |  |  |  |
| There are places for me to volunteer and help my community. |  |  |  |  |  |

**I am interested in participating on a Family-School Partnerships Team or Advisory Team:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Contact email: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Cell number: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_