



Dear Lincoln Elementary School Parents,

Every other year, the Illinois State Board of Education invites teachers, students in grades 4-12 and parents the opportunity to provide feedback about their child's school. This survey is called *5Essentials* and is currently available for parents to take. The survey will close on January 18, 2019. We are hopeful for a significant percentage of our parents to complete the survey. The larger the participation, the more information we gain to improve our school. The survey will take approximately 10 minutes to complete. We hope to gain your insight on five components found to be critical for school success:

1. **Effective Leaders:** The principal works with teachers to implement a clear and strategic vision for school success.
2. **Collaborative Teachers:** Teachers collaborate to promote professional growth.
3. **Involved Families:** The entire school staff builds strong relationships with families and communities to support learning.
4. **Supportive Environment:** The school is safe and orderly. Teachers have high expectations for students and support students to realize their goals. Classmates also support one another.
5. **Ambitious Instruction:** Classes are academically demanding and engage students by emphasizing the application of knowledge.

We invite you to take this survey to provide us with meaningful feedback about your experiences with Lincoln Elementary School. We will use this information to help improve the educational services and experiences we provide your student and for those students yet to attend Lincoln Elementary. Students in 4th-6th grades will take the survey here at school on their student iPads. We will be taking the survey with our students later on this month.

The link for parents to take the survey is: <http://survey.5-essentials.org/illinois/survey/parent/>. We thank you in advance for your participation in this survey.

To learn more about the 5Essentials survey, please refer to the Frequently Asked Questions link: <http://help.5-essentials.org/customer/en/portal/articles/780471-illinois-5essentials-faqs>. Please don't hesitate to contact me should you have additional questions.

Sincerely,

Julie Albers  
Principal  
Lincoln Elementary School