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School Environment Matters: Proviso Administers Sixth Illinois 5Essentials Survey to Improve Student Learning

Students, teachers, and parents weigh in on school climate and learning conditions

PTHS District 209 will join the [Illinois State Board of Education](#) (ISBE) in the sixth statewide survey of school climate and learning conditions. The survey provides a unique opportunity for students, teachers and parents to have a voice in improving their schools. From December 5 through January 31, students, teachers and parents will be asked to take a 25-minute research-based survey to help identify strengths and weaknesses in their school's learning environment. The survey results will serve as an opportunity for schools to reflect on progress since the last statewide implementation.

[The Illinois 5Essentials Survey](#) provides a comprehensive picture of a school's organizational culture in an individualized report measuring five "essentials" critical for school success:

- Effective Leaders
- Collaborative Teachers
- Involved Families
- Supportive Environment
- Ambitious Instruction

Twenty years of research at the University of Chicago in more than 400 schools has shown that schools that were strong on at least three of the 5Essentials were 10 times more likely to make substantial gains in improving student reading and math than schools that were weak on three or more of the Essentials. Those differences remained true even after controlling for student and school characteristics, including poverty, race, gender, and neighborhood characteristics. Strength on components within the Essentials also correlated with increased teacher retention, student attendance, college enrollment, and high school graduation.

Principals and superintendents will receive their 5Essentials Reports in March 2018. Survey results will also be reported publicly on the 2018 [State School Report Card website](#) and the full 5Essentials Reports will also be released in the fall. An optional parent survey is again available to all schools as a supplement to the 5Essentials Survey for teachers and students. Results from the parent survey supplement will be included only in the individual school 5Essential Reports.

On behalf of the Illinois State Board of Education, [UChicago Impact](#) is providing Illinois 5Essentials to schools statewide. Teachers, students, and parents may complete the Illinois 5Essentials Survey online. For more information visit: <https://illinois.5-essentials.org>.
