



Superintendent, Dr. Arthur Ebert
Assistant Superintendent, Mrs. Nicole Gittinger

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SPS Families,

The health and safety of our students is our top priority. As part of our planning every year, our behavior interventionists, counselors, and social emotional learning team want to ensure that our students are doing well emotionally as well as physically. To help identify students in need of additional support services, school staff will be administering brief wellness surveys to their students at least three times throughout the academic school year: October, February, and April.

Survey responses will be used to connect students with appropriate resources, including school health professionals (such as a school counselor, social worker, or behavioral interventionist), who may offer additional screening to determine specific concerns. Our hope is that all students participate, in an effort to provide all students with the support that they need. If you do not want your child to participate in school wellness screenings, you may opt your child out by contacting your child's school. In addition, if you would prefer that your child take the survey using paper/pencil, please contact the school as well.

All opt-out requests as well as requests for paper/pencil need to be received by your child's school by Wednesday, October 5, 2022 by 3:30 p.m. (school contact information can be found at sturgisps.org)

Staff and students will begin to complete the surveys on Friday, October 7, 2022. The surveys will be given through Friday, October 21, 2022. Most of our elementary school students will do this in their main classroom, while middle and high school students will complete the survey in homeroom/advisory class.

Again, thank you for your continued support, and we appreciate the opportunity to work with you to ensure that your child has a successful school experience.

All my best,

Nicole Gittinger
Assistant Superintendent