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Dear Parents and Guardians:

Atlanta Public Schools is committed to creating a culture of student support and supporting the needs of the whole child. One way we are addressing the whole child is by identifying student strengths and areas for growth relative to social, emotional, and behavioral well-being. In our continuing efforts to support the well-being of all students, we will be administering a universal screener of social, emotional & behavioral health. For your student in grades K-2, the assessment consists of a brief rating scale that will be completed by one of your student's teachers to aid in identifying students who may be at risk to develop academic or other school-related concerns. We acknowledge the importance of parent input into this screening process, therefore between September 18 - October 20 parents of students in grades K-12 can visit <https://www.atlantapublicschools.us/Page/67035> to complete a brief rating scale about their student(s). Together, this information helps us to understand the needs of all students, and to make effective plans to support those needs at the school, classroom, and individual levels

The universal screener that was chosen by the District to help identify student strengths and areas for growth is the BASC-3 BESS (Behavior and Emotional Screening Scale). The screener will be administered during the fall semester (September 18 - October 20) to help support students and promote their social emotional well-being.

If you would like more information about the universal screener, or if you would like to review frequently asked questions (FAQs) about the screener please visit <https://www.atlantapublicschools.us/Page/67035>.

Sincerely,

Dr. Betsy Bockman, Principal