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Dear Stuyvesant Students,

We care very much about students' overall well-being and to help us in our efforts on that front, we are conducting an online survey from Authentic Connections during the week of 12/19 - 12/23. The link to the survey will open on Sunday morning (12/19) and close at 5:00 PM Thursday (12/23). The survey will be completed at home by students and will take approximately 15 - 20 minutes to complete. It is important to complete the survey in one sitting. We encourage you to complete the survey to help us to make improvements to our school. For those whose families opted out of the survey, then you do not need to participate, but the link is available if you decide otherwise. The survey is a targeted survey, specifically assessing measures of student well-being (i.e., anxiety, depression), and modifiable aspects of student life most relevant to the current climate (i.e., feelings of connectedness, learning efficacy). The results of the survey will help us to determine the strengths of our school, and areas on which we can improve. What we're interested in is the collective responses from our school – not responses of individual students; this aggregated data will be used to help determine how best we can improve student well-being. The survey is a series of science-based questionnaires about the experiences as a student.

Please know that we are counting on your honest responses to guide us regarding the best possible ways in which we can make improvements, so please do respond to each survey question truthfully. All of your survey responses are completely anonymous.

- No identifying information – including IP addresses – will be sent to the Authentic Connections research team or our school.
- Your responses to multiple questions will never be presented together. We will not be able to use your answers to questions about your grade, gender, race/ethnicity, etc. to identify any of your responses to other questions.
- We are interested in overall patterns in the school. We look at data by groups of students (i.e., by grade, gender, race/ethnicity), and we only look at groups with at least 10 students (i.e., if there are fewer than 10 Latinx/Hispanic students at this school, we would not show data for a “Latinx/Hispanic” group to protect student privacy).
- There is no way for anyone to trace your particular responses back to you.

As you are going through these questionnaires, you might feel that some of the questions are a bit repetitive; this is common practice in science and is done purposely to make sure the questionnaires are accurately measuring your experiences.



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Thank you for the time you are taking to complete this survey – we are very grateful for your willingness to participate, and hope that the results of the survey will help us to create the best possible experience for you at school!

Lastly, please review the accompanying resources (Mental Health and Glossary of Terms) for additional assistance.

Sincerely,

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