

Notification from: **Melican Middle School (MMS)**

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

The Public Schools of Northborough and Southborough is undertaking a new initiative to support students' social and emotional development, which is a critical component of each child's education. In the coming weeks, educators will complete a universal social emotional learning (SEL) screener for students. Universal screeners help educators identify students' areas of strength and need but are NOT used as diagnostic tools.

The District will employ [the SAEBRS screener](#), which consists of a rating scale based on teachers' knowledge and observation of students over the past month or more. Students will not be asked questions directly. Educators will rate areas such as academic engagement, cooperation with peers, positive attitude, and adaptability to change. We will review the screener results and reach out to parents/guardians if we have concerns, with the goal of working together to provide students the support they may need. Additionally, the results will inform our educational practices, future professional development for staff, curriculum planning, and will help us measure the impact of programs.

If you have questions, concerns, or would like your child to be excluded from this screener, please contact [Dr. Jennifer Lipton-O'Connor](#), District SEL Coordinator. The District is committed to supporting your child's health and well-being, especially given the challenges of the last two years during the pandemic and looks forward to continuing to partner to provide a safe, inclusive, and supportive school community.

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Respectfully,

Michelle T. Karb, Principal

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