

## Maryland Safe and Supportive Schools (MDS3) Survey

This year, Anne Arundel County Public Schools will be administering a school climate survey districtwide called the Maryland Safe and Supportive Schools (MDS3) survey. The survey will be administered between November 5 and December 19.

This initiative was designed to work with your child's school to learn more about what students, parents, and staff think about their school and how they can help improve the school environment. Schools with positive school climates are better places for students to learn and for staff to work. This survey replaces the previously administered annual Bullying and Community Engagement surveys.

We are particularly interested in perceptions of school climate, which includes feelings about the safety, relationships, and the learning environment of a school. You will be asked to complete an on-line survey about your child's school. Your participation is voluntary and the climate survey is completely anonymous. No one will ever know your individual answers to any question. Therefore, please be as honest as possible. There are no “right” or “wrong” answers.

We anticipate that the survey will require approximately 10 minutes for you to complete. You can complete the survey at any time that is convenient for you. You can complete the online survey from any computer, Tablet or Smartphone. We will provide you with specific instructions for accessing the survey. We will also provide opportunities for you to take the survey at your child's school.