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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) wants all parents/guardians to understand its policies regarding:

- Parents' rights to inspect, and to consent or opt out, before their child participates in certain surveys administered to students.
- Parents' rights to inspect instructional materials used as part of the educational curriculum.
- FCPS' maintenance, retention, and disclosure rules regarding student scholastic records including parents and eligible students' rights to inspect such records, to request amendment to such records and to opt out of disclosure of directory information about the student.
- FCPS' disclosure of student information for graduation photographs or other similar purposes and the right of parents and eligible students to opt out of this disclosure.
- FCPS' disclosure of secondary school students' names, addresses, and telephone numbers to military recruiters and the right of parents and students to opt out of this disclosure.
- Parents' right to opt out of any physical examination of their child not required by state law.
- The FCPS school counseling program and parents' right to opt out their child from participation in academic, career, and social or emotional counseling.
- The process by which parents and students may file complaints if they believe their rights as referenced above have been violated.
- Student participation in the Library Equity Access Pass Project, and the rights of parents to refuse participation in the program.

In its Annual Notice of Survey, Records, Curriculum, Privacy, and Related Rights and Opt-Out Forms (Annual Notice), FCPS provides explanations of the rights listed above as well as forms that may be used to exercise opt-out choices. Two versions of the Annual Notice are available—a grades K-8 version and a grades 9-12 version. Parents with children at different grade levels should read each applicable version of the Annual Notice because the notices and opt-out rights vary depending on the student's grade level.

The complete Annual Notice booklet is available online (requires use of a PDF reader):

- <https://www.fcps.edu/registration/opt-out-forms>

Parents may also request a paper copy from the principal's office at their child's school. If you wish to opt your child out of any of the activities mentioned above, **you must complete and return the appropriate forms to your child's school.**

Please note: Separate opt-out forms are available for the Family Life Education (FLE) program. To access the FLE programs descriptions by grade level including the grade level opt out forms, visit: <https://www.fcps.edu/academics/academic-overview/family-life-education-fle>

If you have any questions, please call Luther Jackson Student Services at 703-204-8104.

Sincerely,

Tanya Shuford
Director of Student Services
Luther Jackson Middle School

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

For your information, please note that during the month of September 2021, our Luther Jackson school counselors will be implementing counselor introduction lessons that include a wellness needs assessment. The assessment data will be used to best determine student needs and programming for the 2021-22 school year.

Please review the FCPS 2021-22 Annual Notice of Survey information regarding surveys, Opt-Out Rights, and Notice and Rights to Survey Inspection below. The full annual notice and opt-out forms packet can be found at <https://www.fcps.edu/registration/opt-out-forms>.

Surveys

Consent to Surveys: You have the right to consent before your student participates in any federally-funded survey asking about any of the following: political affiliation or belief of the student or parent; mental or psychological problems of the student or student's family; sexual behavior or attitudes; illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating, or demeaning behavior; critical appraisals of others with whom respondents have close family relationships; legally recognized privileged relationships, such as with lawyers, doctors, or ministers; religious practices, affiliations, or beliefs of the student or student's parent; and income (other than is required by law to determine program eligibility).

Opt-Out Rights: You have the right to opt your student out of participation in any survey, regardless of funding source, that requests information about the topics listed above or that requests medical information, information on student health risk behaviors related to alcohol, tobacco or illegal drugs, other information on controlled substance use, or any other information that the School Board deems to be sensitive in nature.

Notice and Rights to Survey Inspection: FCPS will provide you with written notice, at least 30 days in advance, of any survey that may be administered to your child that addresses any of the subjects discussed above. You also may inspect the survey and any instructional materials used in connection with the survey.

This letter serves as your 30-day notice of the LJMS wellness needs assessment. Please contact Student Services at 703-204-8147 if you have any questions or concerns, or email Tanya Shuford, Director of Student Services at twshuford@fcps.edu.

Thank you for your cooperation,

Luther Jackson Student Services Department