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Dr. Nathaniel Cunningham, Jr.
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Dear Talala Elementary Parents and Guardians,

Beginning November 15th, Talala Elementary will have an opportunity to participate in the fourth annual statewide Illinois 5Essentials Survey. This survey is designed to generate a detailed picture of the inner workings of our school. As a parent, this opportunity will allow you to share your thoughts on the important elements of school effectiveness for Talala.

The Illinois 5Essentials Survey will be administered online by UChicago Impact at the University of Chicago. The survey gathers data related to five indicators that affect and predict school success. Those indicators are:

- Effective Leaders
- Collaborative Teachers
- Involved Families
- Supportive Environments
- Ambitious Instruction

Prior research in more than 400 schools has shown that schools that were strong on at least three of these “5Essential” indicators were 10 times more likely to improve student learning gains in math and reading than those that were weak on three or more indicators.

The 5Essentials Survey is designed for teachers, Grade 6-12 students, and parents. 5Essentials reports will be generated if teachers and, where applicable, Grade 6-12 students meet the participation rate of 50%. If at least 20 percent of Talala parents complete this survey, a parent report will also be generated. Data from the survey will be sent to our school in March 2018, and it will also be included on the Illinois School Report Card that will be released in October 2018.

Your participation in the parent portion of the survey will help us understand conditions at our school and guide improvement efforts. Your identity and survey responses will be kept completely confidential and will never be connected to you or your child.

The Illinois 5Essentials Survey will be conducted from November 15 through January 18, 2018. To take the survey please visit <https://survey.5-essentials.org/Illinois/> and select the appropriate survey to begin.

For more information about the Illinois 5Essentials Survey, please visit <https://illinois.5-essentials.org>.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Michelle Johnson

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