



## RE: SCCPSS Response to Stakeholder Inquires

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Responses are provided based on information requested during the public comment portion of the November 3, 2021, Board Meeting.

QUESTION:	SCCPSS RESPONSE:
<p>1. Did District officials feel there would be a controversy with the Panorama Survey &amp; is that why there was an opt out form?</p>	<p>The District is committed to taking steps that provide continuous improvement for the betterment of teaching and learning. Based on the nature of the survey, the parental opt-out notice and option was provided as a matter of procedure and in support of the Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment.</p>
<p>2. Why weren't parents blasted with notifications about the opt out forms like we are about everything else? Some schools administered surveys on 10/15. The SCCPSS website posted information regarding the survey on 10/19, after the fact. And still some families have yet to receive information.</p>	<p>Schools issued the parent notifications through various communication methods that best reach their unique communities. The website information was posted as supplemental content to ensure accurate information is available for all stakeholders regarding the intent of the survey.</p>
<p>3. Why was the opt-out date deadline extended to Oct. 25th at the request of some schools, but parents weren't notified of the extension?</p>	<p>Reviews conducted by District Administration indicated that an extension of the deadline would be a fair and collaborative approach, especially if any parent was unsure of the survey or may have missed the notice. Notices were managed by each school individually.</p>
<p>4. Why were signed opt-out letters not honored for students at some schools, and children were told the survey was mandatory?</p>	<p>The District is reviewing the process for survey implementation to determine where these situations may have occurred. Students should not have participated in the survey if their family had opted out. SCCPSS will honor parent requests for the deletion of this information in any instance where a parent/guardian does not seek to allow their child's/children's participation.</p>
<p>5. Is the signed opt-out good for all future surveys &amp; SEL lessons?</p>	<p>The opt out provision is dependent on the nature of any given initiative. The District follows this procedure in all cases where it is expressly required. The SEL lessons used in the schools are based on each</p>

	school's focused SEL program, which may include: Character Counts, Second Step, Conscious Discipline, Leader in Me, Sanford Harmony, or EVERFI.
6. Can families choose to opt-out as the program goes along at future dates?	Once a family opts out of the SEL survey, it will be honored for the term of the initiative. This particular survey is based on the 21-22 school year.
7. With all of the controversy surrounding Panorama, will the District stop using their surveys and find a company that is less controversial?	SCCPSS is committed to engaging students in a positive manner that will provide tailored supports to enhance learning recovery, social-emotional learning, and life-skill development. Parent/guardians have the right to inspect the survey instruments.
8. Would the District be willing to work with the GA DOE to find an appropriate survey to truly ensure the emotional wellbeing of all students?	The District is always willing to work with the Georgia Department of Education and is also keenly aware of the Georgia Student Health Survey administered by the department each year. This survey was not available statewide last year due to the impacts of COVID. As the GA Student Health Survey has been made available in the last few days, SCCPSS will consider the use of this survey application as well.