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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Patchogue-Medford is committed to continuing and expanding upon the Social-Emotional supports we offer to students. Here are some important reminders, information, and dates to note:

Social Emotional Universal Screener- We will be implementing the SSIS Universal screener for the third school year for *all* students in grades K-12, beginning October 23rd, 2023.

The universal screener provides information about a student's current functioning levels, including areas of strength and emotional behavioral concerns. This brief rating scale is not a comprehensive diagnostic measure for classification of difficulties or disorders.

- Students will answer items about themselves in grades 3rd-12th.
- Teacher assessment: teachers will answer items about individual students in grades Pre-k through 5th.
- Parents/Guardians- we will be asking parents and guardians to complete a short rating scale about your child. You will be sent a link via email and ParentSquare to answer questions about your child beginning October 30th. **Please note you will receive the link via email directly from this address: noreply@resonanteducation.com**. Be sure to check spam folder. Please complete by November 15th. Only one parent (whomever is listed first on eschool) will receive the link.
- Should any parent/guardian need assistance with completing the screener (available in Spanish) or access to technology, please contact the PM Family Center at 631-687-6751
- More information and directions for parents/guardians can be found on the district website at this link: [Health, Safety & Wellness / SSIS - Universal Screener \(pmschools.org\)](https://pmschools.org/Health_Safety_Wellness/SSIS-Universal_Screener)

You are invited to attend a brief information webinar about the screener on **October 19th at 6:00pm** via this zoom link: <https://pmschools.zoom.us/j/5352400643>. This webinar will be available with Spanish subtitles and will be recorded and posted on the SSIS district webpage for later viewing.

For any questions, please contact me at ccandela@pmschools.org or 631-687-6440.

All the best,

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