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Dear NPS Families,

**The Northampton Public Schools** is partnering with The Education Trust to survey caregivers, students in grades 7-12, teachers, and administrators to learn more about students' experiences around equity in our schools. The JFK students took the survey in class today and students at the high school will take the survey tomorrow. There is also a version of the survey for caregivers. The link to this survey was included in school communications last Friday. There was a problem that prevented a small number of individuals from being able to complete the caregiver survey. That problem has now been corrected. We have also received some questions from caregivers wishing to complete this survey more than once so they can answer questions differently for different schools within the district. It is possible to complete this survey more than once by using a different email account for each set of responses. To see a video explaining more about this family engagement effort, please follow this link:

<https://youtu.be/PjK4MR2Wwcw>

The Education Trust or EdTrust is a national nonprofit that works to close opportunity gaps that disproportionately affect students of color and students from low-income families. Through their research and advocacy, EdTrust supports efforts that expand excellence and equity in education from preschool through college, increase college access and completion particularly for historically underserved students, engage diverse communities dedicated to education equity, and increase political and public will to act on equity issues.

### What will EdTrust do for the NPS?

- Help us to understand how students experience school in Northampton--specifically looking at teacher-student and family data.
- Provide us data to assist us in creating structures to support more equitable education for our students. (data organized by race/ethnicity, grade band--elementary, middle, high school, gender)
- Provide us data to support our District Improvement Plan--of which equitable structures will be a significant focus.

- Create a survey as the data collection tool for all of the above.

**The survey will include questions about:**

- Learning and curriculum for (students)
- Instructional practice for (teachers)
- Belonging for (students, families)
- Access/Participation for (families, students)
- Support/Resources for (teachers, students, families, administration)
- Voice for (students, families, teachers)

**The survey will be available to families from now through March 10th. Here is the link to this survey:**

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CQ2HKCB>

This data will help us shape the District Improvement Plan, School Improvement Plans, professional development goals, and other important instructional decisions for the district.

Please know that the survey results are **completely anonymous**. We will not be able to see who responded and neither will EdTrust. Furthermore, EdTrust will not only collect the data, but they will also provide the analysis in charts and graphs. The result will be an objective assessment for our district.

Thank you for completing this survey.

Sincerely,



John A. Provost  
Superintendent of Schools