



## **Parent Notification of Social and Emotional Learning Screener**

September 14, 2023

Dear Caregivers,

Social and emotional learning (SEL) is the process through which children develop awareness and management of their emotions, set and achieve important personal and academic goals, use social awareness and interpersonal skills to establish and maintain positive relationships and demonstrate decision-making and responsible behaviors to achieve success in both school and in life. There is a strong research base indicating that these SEL competencies improve students' social/emotional development, readiness to learn, classroom behavior, and academic performance.

The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction has developed social and emotional development competencies and encourages schools and districts to view SEL development as a mental health promotion strategy. Universal screening helps school staff determine which students may be "at risk" of not adequately achieving Wisconsin DPI's identified competencies.

Your child's educational team will be completing the Social, Academic, and Emotional Behavior Risk Screener (SAEBRS) for all students during the fall semester. The use of SAEBRS refines and strengthens our efforts to help all of our students be successful by allowing us to take positive and preventative measures as early as possible.

If you do not want your child to be included in this screening, please notify the school secretary, Michelle Bruno at 414-351-7190 by September 21, 2023.

Thank you,

Dr. Haydee Smith, Parkway Elementary Principal

Dr. Peggy Rodriguez, Parkway School Psychologist

Kelli Weiss-Golatke, Director of Special Education and Student Services