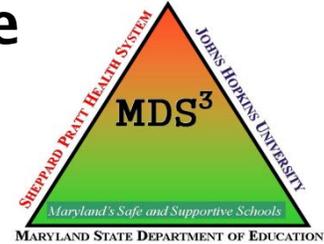


Maryland's Safe and Supportive Schools *Middle School* (MDS3) Initiative

Walkersville Middle School



Instructions for Accessing School Climate Survey: Parents/Guardians

MDS3 is a partnership between the Maryland State Department of Education, Johns Hopkins University, and Sheppard Pratt Health System. The initiative was designed to work with your child's school to learn more about what students, parents, and staff think about their school and how they can help improve the school environment. They are particularly interested in perceptions of school climate, which includes feelings about the safety, relationships, and the learning environment of a school. Schools with positive school climates are better places for students to learn and for staff to work. Schools participating in MDS3 will also receive support in the implementation of evidence-based programs to improve the school climate and optimize conditions for student learning.

You are being asked to complete an on-line survey about the environment of your child's school. Your participation is **voluntary** and the MDS3 School Climate Survey is completely **anonymous**. No one will ever know your individual answers to any question. Therefore, please be as honest as possible. There are no "right" or "wrong" answers.

We anticipate that the survey will require approximately 10 minutes for you to complete. You can complete the survey at any time that is convenient for you between **March 1st and May 15th**. You can complete the on-line survey from any computer.

If you have more than one child attending this school, you can complete the survey in reference to each student using the same password. So if you have children attending different schools, please check with your child's school to see if it is participating in the MDS3 Initiative and obtain that school's specific password.

To access the survey, please use the following web address:

<http://survey.pagequest.net>

You will be asked to provide a SCHOOL SPECIFIC password.

The *parent* password for your school is: **FCWalkersVP3**

(passwords are **not** case sensitive)

If you have any questions regarding the administration of the survey, please contact the MDS3 Research and Evaluation Team at (410) 614-4473 or MDS3@pbismaryland.org.