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Dear Parents and Guardians,

As you know, Avon Grove Charter School has been implementing School-wide Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports (SWPBIS). Teaching and instilling positive protective factors such as our PACK (positivity, accountability, confidence and kindness) values does not always mean that we will be a school community free of risk factors. As our students today face a multitude of challenges, we want to ensure that we are identifying and supporting the social and emotional well-being of our students.

Beginning in the 2019-2020 school year, we will be utilizing a social/emotional/behavioral universal screener, Student Risk Screening Scale-Internalizing and Externalizing (SRSS-IE), which is completed by teachers that will help identify school-wide behavior and social-emotional supports that can support all students. It will also help identify students who may be having challenges in school, such as following rules and expectations, loneliness or making friends. Our goal in using this universal screener is to identify school-wide instructional needs, inform the use of teacher-delivered strategies, and identify students who may need additional supports.

The social, emotional and behavior universal screener is completed 3 times a year with the pilot screening being conducted this Spring for grades K-11. Your child's classroom teacher(s) will complete a rating scale to assess all students. The information is kept confidential and will be used to identify needs at the schoolwide, grade, classroom and individual level. A team of professionals including Principals, School Counselors, Behaviorists and Mental Health Coordinators will analyze the data to plan supports for the 19-20 school year. We will analyze this data in conjunction with other risk factors such as absenteeism, grades and discipline records and contact parents of any student who has been identified as high risk to discuss further interventions and supports. Only the teachers will be completing these screenings, there will be no assessment or screening given to the student directly.

Please contact Ryan Wentz, SRSS Assessment Coordinator, at rwentz@agcharter.org with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,
Avon Grove Charter School Administrative Team