



October 10, 2022

Dear Family Members,

In our continuing efforts to support the well-being of all our students, we are administering a universal screener of social, emotional & behavioral health. Our district is using the Behavior Intervention Monitoring Assessment System-2 (BIMAS-2) research-based screening tool. The focus of this universal screener is to increase support systems for CCS students.

To determine which support systems will be beneficial to our CCS students, **your child's teacher** will complete a questionnaire about your child's actions and emotions displayed in class during a one-week time span. This will not require you or your child to do anything.

Examples of some of the questions include:

- During the past week, this student shared what they were thinking about.
- During the past week, this student had trouble paying attention.
- During the past week, this student followed directions.
- During the past week, this student acted sad or withdrawn.

For each question, the teacher will answer "never," "rarely," "sometimes," "often," or "very often."

Once completed, the BIMAS-2 results will be reviewed by the teacher and Student Services staff at the school. The aim is to help students be successful and the BIMAS-2 results will allow for the development of interventions and strategies (i.e., small groups, individual contracts, use of calm corners, etc.) to promote student success.

If you would like more information about the universal screener, please visit our website at <https://nc50000603.schoolwires.net/Page/8213>. You can also email Sarah Ruddock, Assistant Principal at sarahruddock@ccs.k12.nc.us.

If you do not want your child screened, please complete the attached Opt-Out Form and return it to your child's teacher by October 21, 2022. If you want your child included in the universal screening, no further action is required.

Thank you,

Dr. Catherine Abraham-Johnson
Principal, E.E. Miller Elementary School



Social, Emotional & Behavioral Health Universal Screener Opt-Out Form

In order to opt out of the screenings, this form must be turned in to your child's teacher by **October 21, 2022.**

I do not want my child to be part of the universal screening for social, emotional, and behavioral health.

I understand that by signing this form, my student will not be included in the school-wide screenings.

Student name (please print):

Parent / Guardian name (please print):

Parent / Guardian signature:

Date: _____