



Dear Parent/Guardian,

In 2004, the Illinois State Board of Education adopted learning standards for children's social and emotional development, in addition to academic standards that already exist for each grade. All schools in Illinois are charged with the responsibility of teaching children how to manage their emotions, get along with others, and make good decisions. In January of 2017, Governor Rauner signed a bill into law requiring social emotional screening for children.

The Children's MOSAIC Project is a system of care that braids together community resources to provide embedded behavioral health services in the school setting. MOSAIC has been embedding behavioral health services into schools in Springfield to ensure that all children's social and emotional health needs are being met. One way to gather information about a child's development is through a Social/Emotional screener. The goal of the universal school-wide screening is to identify students early who may need social/emotional support. Twice each year, students will be asked to fill out the screener during the school day with support from school staff. This screener helps identify areas in a child's social/emotional health, as evidenced during the school day, where the child has the possibility to benefit from extra support.

If your child's score on the screener is highly elevated (meaning there are concerns about his or her social/emotional development), your school social worker will contact you to discuss options about how we can best support you and your child's needs, which may include meeting with the MOSAIC clinician on site.

If you have any questions about this process, please do not hesitate to contact your building principal or school social worker. We are excited about this opportunity to help support your child's social/emotional development.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shelia E. Boozer". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Shelia E. Boozer
Director of Teaching and Learning