

Stafford County Public Schools
Gallup Student Poll
Grades 5-12

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Our school division has elected to participate in the Gallup Student Poll. By taking this important step, we are joining thousands of other schools in helping to measure the hope, engagement, and wellbeing of America's students.

Measuring Hope, Engagement, and Wellbeing

Gallup's research has shown that hope, engagement, and wellbeing are key factors that drive student grades, achievement scores, retention, and future employment. The Gallup Student Poll is dedicated to measuring these three key factors of America's students. Hope, engagement, and wellbeing are actionable targets and indicators of success. By tapping into the hearts and minds of America's students, the Gallup Student Poll will provide crucial insight to help facilitate new conversations and solutions for student success in school and life.

A Web-Based Survey

The Gallup Student Poll consists of a **10-minute** Web-based survey, administered to students in **grades 5 through 12**, and conducted over a two- or three-week period at school. It contains 20 core items, demographic items, and may include one randomly assigned index. All data collected are safely stored, aggregated, and analyzed by Gallup. Individual student responses will not be revealed. At the close of the survey, the school principal will receive an electronic scorecard of the school's results. The division will also receive an overall scorecard.

Survey Dates

The Gallup Student Poll will take place during this school year and may be offered in future years. The inaugural poll was launched in March 2009. Students will take the survey during school hours during the **Sept. 26 to Oct. 28** time period with testing **only Tuesdays through Fridays**.

Should you be interested in reviewing the survey, visit the Gallup Student Poll website at www.gallupstudentpoll.com. *For further questions or should you wish to opt your student out of this survey, please contact the counseling office at your student's school.*

Sincerely,



W. Bruce Benson, Ed.D.
Superintendent