

## **“New Perseverance Survey”**

The Kelliher School District will be implementing a new program into their school curriculum this 2014-2015 year. The focus will be on the young people’s capacity (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>) to persevere through difficulty and distraction is critical to their success in school and in life.

The achievement deficit we face in this country is not due to a drop in the intelligence or basic intellectual capability of our children, but to a widespread decline in children’s interest in education and in their motivation to achieve in the classroom; it is a problem of attitude and effort, not ability.

“The Perseverance Survey” will provide our Kelliher School District with new insights into working together to better understand the degree to which young people possess the interests, skills, values, commitments, self-perceptions, and relationship supports that enable them to persevere toward valued goals.

The survey is part of a national study by Search Institute, a national research organization focused on discovering what young people need to succeed in their families, schools, and communities.

The Perseverance Process has two frameworks that the Kelliher School District will be focusing on: “MOTIVATE:- Framework for Educators” and “STICK TO IT - Framework for Youth”.

### **MOTIVATE**

**M**ake Instruction engaging  
**O**ffer choices with a nudge  
**T**ake transitions seriously  
**I**nvest in relationships  
**V**alue cooperation more than competition  
**A**ssign tasks that are challenging but doable  
**T**each internalized regulation  
**E**mphasize effort

### **STICK TO IT**

**S**park interest  
**T**hink forward, act now  
**I**ncrease intelligence with effort  
**C**onnect with people who care  
**K**eep moving through obstacles  
**T**hink about thinking  
**O**rganize learning  
**I**ncrease self-control  
**T**ake stock and take pride

The survey is not a test. It is a survey of your child’s experiences and opinions. There are no right or wrong answers. There are no consequences if your child chooses not to participate.

The value of a study of this kind depends upon the participation of many youth. We hope you will encourage your child to participate. In doing so, they will help strengthen the supports for youth in our community as well as in other communities across the country.

If you have any questions about the “New Perseverance Survey” please contact the office at 218-647-8486.