**Please Share Information about Social-Emotional, Mental Health Programs in Your District. What Exists Today? What Would You Like to See?**

Dear Colleague,

Does your district have an outstanding program in place to aid the social-emotional health of children? When a crisis occurs, do you have a response team in place? The New Jersey School Boards Association would like to hear from you.

The NJSBA’s mental health task force is preparing a report – “Building a Foundation for Hope” -- that will be distributed to school districts, educators, legislators and policymakers later this year. We are seeking to highlight exemplars in the field, and we would like to include some of your comments in our report. Please share best practices, and common concerns, so that others may benefit. Don’t forget to include contact information so that our task force or staff can follow up.

Please fill out the survey below. Save your responses, attach the Word document and email it to **aguenther@njsba.org****.**  Take as much space as you would like. Return the completed document as soon as you can, but no later than April 17, 2019. Thank you.

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**The NJSBA Mental Health Task Force Survey**

1. Do you have a crisis prevention/intervention team, or any team, focused on social-emotional learning in your district? Describe how it works.
2. What makes your district an exemplar in this area? What programs, practices and initiatives does your district provide that support social-emotional learning?
3. Describe your partnerships with community and/or county organizations.
4. How did you handle a recent incident? What happened? What would you do differently?
5. What efforts do you make to ensure that children feel safe during the day, knowing that they have a trusted adult at the school?
6. What special resources are allocated to social-emotional learning in your district?
7. How have you improved the mental health of students and staff without spending additional money? What has worked for you that others can try?
8. What new resources would help the most? If you were able to add one program or staff position to improve social emotional learning at your school, what would it be?
9. Tell us what else we should know.
10. Please fill out the following:
	1. Your full name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
	2. Your district: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
	3. Contact information (email and telephone): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Thank you for sending your response to Alan Guenther, assistant editor, New Jersey School Boards Association at **aguenther@njsba.org**

We appreciate your taking the time to help us address the mental health needs of children.