

## ***We Believe!***

The Holidays are quickly wrapping up and the New Year is just around the corner. Our students are finishing the first semester and getting ready for a short respite before they begin the next. Families are finalizing holiday plans or ideas for quick escapes from our winter weather, which has been rather mild but can quickly change. It is also a magical time of year when believing can make our dreams come true.

So this is the perfect time for us to take a moment and reflect on our ***Beliefs*** as a learning community here at Scales Mound CUSD #211. These Beliefs - a collaboration between students, parents, staff members, community members, administration, and Board members - were developed as part of our District Strategic Plan. So what do we believe?

***We believe our District is the heart of our community where pride, family, and tradition beat strong;***

***We believe in working together in a safe, healthy environment demonstrating respect, integrity, and teamwork; and***

***We believe in challenging innovative learners by promoting creative and critical thinkers.***

How do we know if we are living up to these Beliefs? You can tell us. Parents have the opportunity to participate in the 5Essentials Survey to tell us if we are being true to our Beliefs and Mission. Just follow the link below and provide us with valuable information so Scales Mound CUSD #211 can continue to ***“prepare today’s learners for tomorrow’s world.”*** Thank you for taking the time to complete this important survey.

5Essentials Survey Link: <https://illinois.5-essentials.org>.

Happy Holidays to all and Go Hornets!

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