

Dear Parent,

The Cedar Rapids Community School District (CRCSD) is working with University of Iowa researchers on a research study to improve school safety and connectedness using the *Link for Schools* program. *The Link for Schools* program will help school staff find ways to support children when they are feeling stressed. The study will explore how the *Link* program can improve school climate, student performance, and reduce child stress. Researchers will be working with school staff to test the *Link for Schools* program in randomly selected elementary and middle schools in the District.

Your child's school may or may not have been selected to participate in this program, but the District will be providing de-identified information (data that cannot be used to identify an individual student) from a number of schools to the University of Iowa researchers for research purposes. If you do not want the District to share this information or have other concerns, please contact Stephanie Neff at sneff@cr.k12.ia.us or 319-558-4786.

The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) is funding this research study. This means that the University of Iowa is receiving payments from NIJ to support the activities that are required to conduct the study. Any data collected will be de-identified and archived according to NIJ policy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rod Dooley", with a long, sweeping underline.

Rod Dooley, Executive Director of Equity

Cedar Rapids Community School District