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West Virginia GEAR UP Program Staff Meeting

Location:

Advanced Technology Center (ATC)

Date:

April 27, 2023 • 9:30 am to 3:00 pm

Directions:

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1201 Science Park Dr, South Charleston, WV 25303



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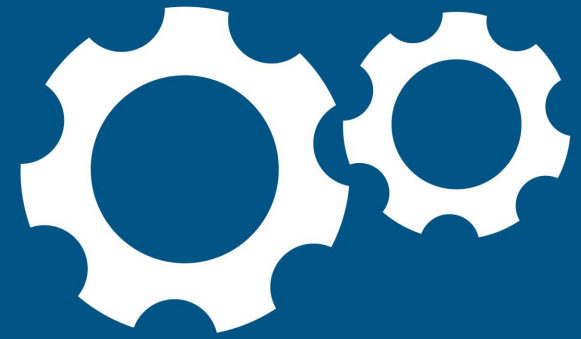
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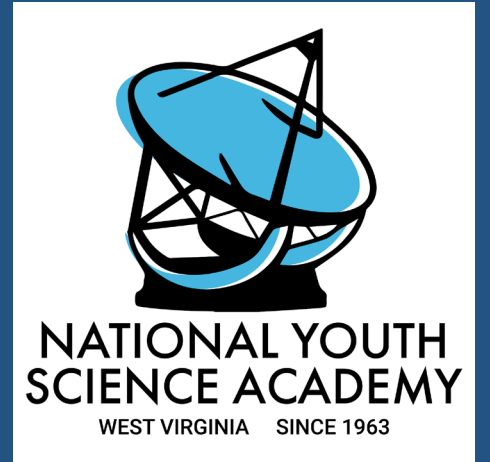




Welcome & Updates

EdTalks: Amber Nichols, 2023 WV TOTY





National Youth Science Academy Summer Camps

-Ryan Haupt, Executive Director, West Virginia NYSA

First 2 Network



-Jade Irving, WVHEPC, First 2 Network Program Coordinator



FAFSA: Results, Recognition, and Economic Impact

Team Building Activity

LUNCH

-Sam's Uptown Cafe

Student Success Summit

- July 11th – GEAR UP Meeting
- July 12-13th – Summit
- Teams
- Budget
- Hotels
- Presentations
- Student Showcase
- <https://www.cfwvconnect.com/student-success-summit/>

Military Partnerships/Common Ground

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Breakout

Cohort and Priority

Research and Evaluation Updates

- Borman Post Test
- Student Interviews and Focus Groups
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Regional Breakout

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Last Name	First Name	County	GEAR UP School/County	Job Title	Signature
Asbury	Debra	Wayne	Spring Valley High School	Site Coordinator	
Bailey	Andrea	Wirt	Wirt County Middle School	Site Coordinator	
Ball	Jennifer	Wayne	Wayne County Middle School	Site Coordinator	
Barker	James	Logan	Champmanville Regional High School	Site Coordinator	
Boggs	Ann	Roane	Roane County Schools	Treasurer/Co Coord	
Bond	Kenny	Mason	Mason County Schools	County Coordinator	
Brown	Amy	Boone	Sherman High School	Site Coordinator	
Brown	Stephanie	Mason	Hannan Jr/Sr High School	Site Coordinator	
Carroll	Kimberley	Clay	Clay County Middle School	Site Coordinator	
Carter	Danielle	Boone	Madison Middle School	Site Coordinator	
Carter	Jessica	Boone	Scott High School	Site Coordinator	
Chafin	Noelle	Boone	Van Jr/Sr High School	Site Coordinator	
Chapman	Pamela	Mingo	Williamson PK8	Site Coordinator	
Cole	Melissa	Nicholas	Richwood Middle School	Site Coordinator	
Cooper	Amanada	Logan	Man Middle School	Site Coordinator	
Dalton	Keith	Wayne	Wayne County Schools	Asst County Coordinator	
Deskins	Marsha	Mingo	Kermin PK8	Site Coordinator	
Dingess	Rebecca	Logan	Man High School	Site Coordinator	
Dobbins	Angela	Wayne	Fort Gay PK8	Site Coordinator	
Dorsey	Esther	Nicholas	Nicholas County High School	Site Coordinator	
Doss	Melissa	Logan	Logan Middle School	Site Coordinator	
Duty	Bradi	Lincoln	Harts PK8	Site Coordinator	
Elkins	Andrea	Logan	Champmanville Middle School	Site Coordinator	
Enos	Scarlett	Mason	Point Pleasant Jr/Sr High School	Site Coordinator	
Fields	Barbara	Mingo	Matewan PK8	Site Coordinator	

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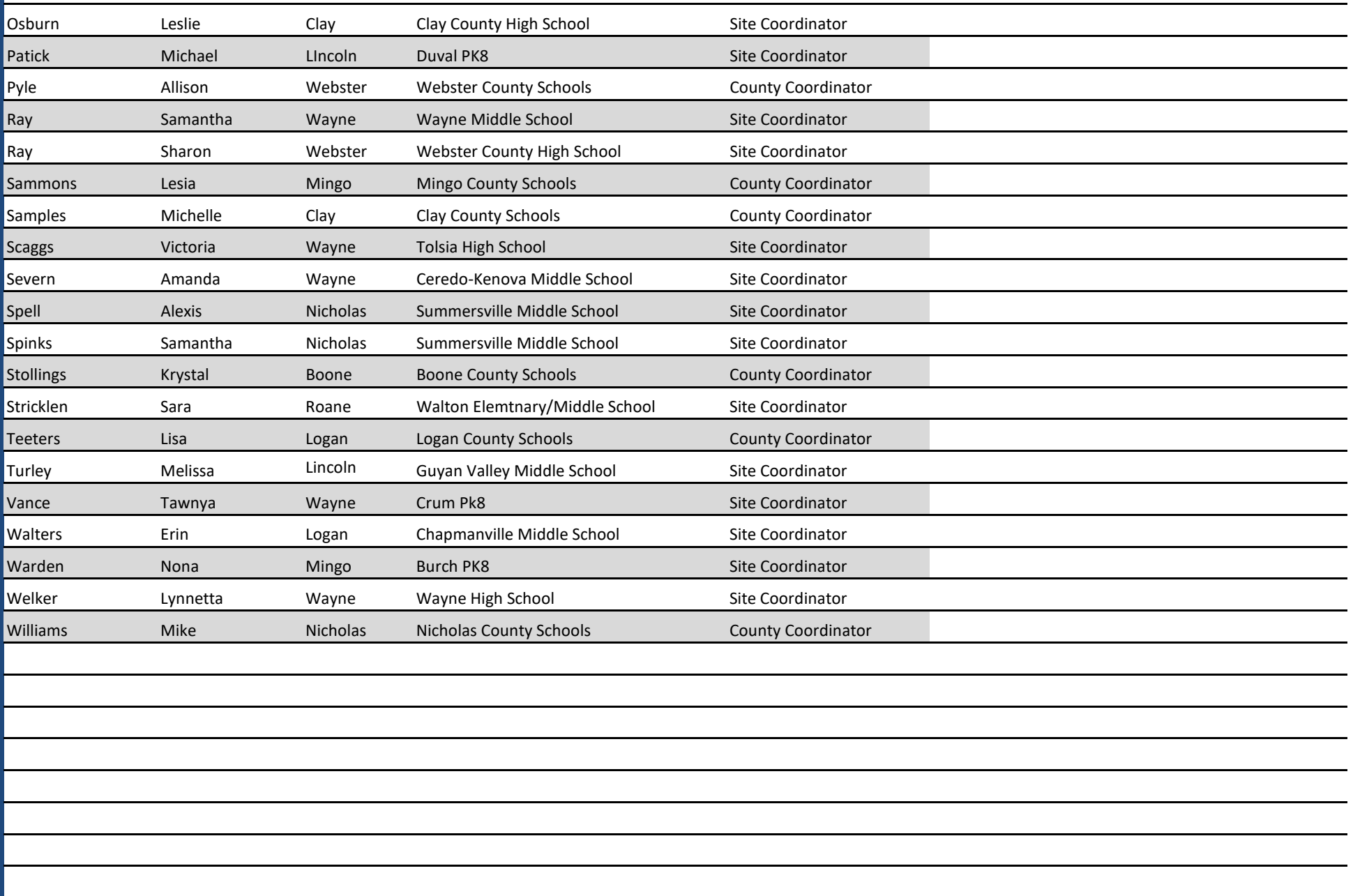
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Fletcher	Candace	Mingo	Tug Valley High School	Site Coordinator	
Foreman	Diane	Mason	Point Pleasant Jr/Sr High School	Site Coordinator	
Gaines	Steve	Lincoln	Lincoln County Schools	County Coordinator	
Gamble Maynard	Keisha	Mingo	Gilbert PK8	Site Coordinator	
Gillman	Michelle	Mingo	Lenore PK8	Site Coordinator	
Gilman	Andrea	Mingo	Mingo Central High School	Site Coordinator	
Gore	Samuel	Logan	Logan Middle School	Site Coordinator	
Grady	Carla	Mason	Point Pleasant Jr/Sr High School	Site Coordinator	
Groves	Allison	Clay	Clay County Middle School	Site Coordinator	
Hager	Leah	Lincoln	Hamlin PK 8	Site Coordinator	
Hedges	Marie	Roane	Roane County High School	Site Coordinator	
Hensley	Lauren	Wayne	Buffalo Middle School	Site Coordinator	
Holcomb	Donett	Webster	Webster County High School	Site Coordinator	
Hollis	Bruce	Wayne	Vinson Middle School	Site Coordinator	
Jarrell	Jennifer	Boone	Sherman Junior High School	Site Coordinator	
Jordan	Bradley	Wayne	Wayne County Schools	County Coordinator	
Kendall	Deana	Roane	Spencer Middle School	Site Coordinator	
Knight	Lisa	Nicholas	Nicholas County High School	Site Coordinator	
McCallister	Jennifer	Wirt	Wirt County High School	Site Coordinator	
McClure	Ashley	Roane	Geary Elementary/Middle School	Site Coordinator	
McComas	Toni	Boone	Madison Middle School	Site Coordinator	
McKown	John	Wirt	Wirt County Schools	Superintendent/Co. Coord.	
McPeak	Charles	Logan	Logan Senior High School	Site Coordinator	
Mullens	Carrie	Nicholas	Richwood High School	Site Coordinator	
Mullins	Mary	Lincoln	Lincoln County High School	Site Coordinator	
Murphy	Teresa	Mason	Wahama Jr/Sr High	Site Coordinator	

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Carpenter	Mallory	WVGearUP	WVHEPC	Central Office
Coutu	Janine	WVGearUP	WVHEPC	Central Office
Foster	Kaci	WVGearUP	WVHEPC	Central Office
Hammond	Emily	WVGearUP	WVHEPC	Central Office
Hughes	Brandon	WVGearUP	WVHEPC	Central Office
Luyster	JR	WVGearUP	WVHEPC	Central Office
Manuel	Elizabeth	WVGearUP	WVHEPC	Central Office
McChesney	Heather	WVGearUP	WVHEPC	Central Office
Patterson	Casey	WVGearUP	WVHEPC	Central Office
Rutherford	Joanne	WVGearUP	WVHEPC	Central Office

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Common Ground Partnership Presentation

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West Virginia Board of Education Goals:

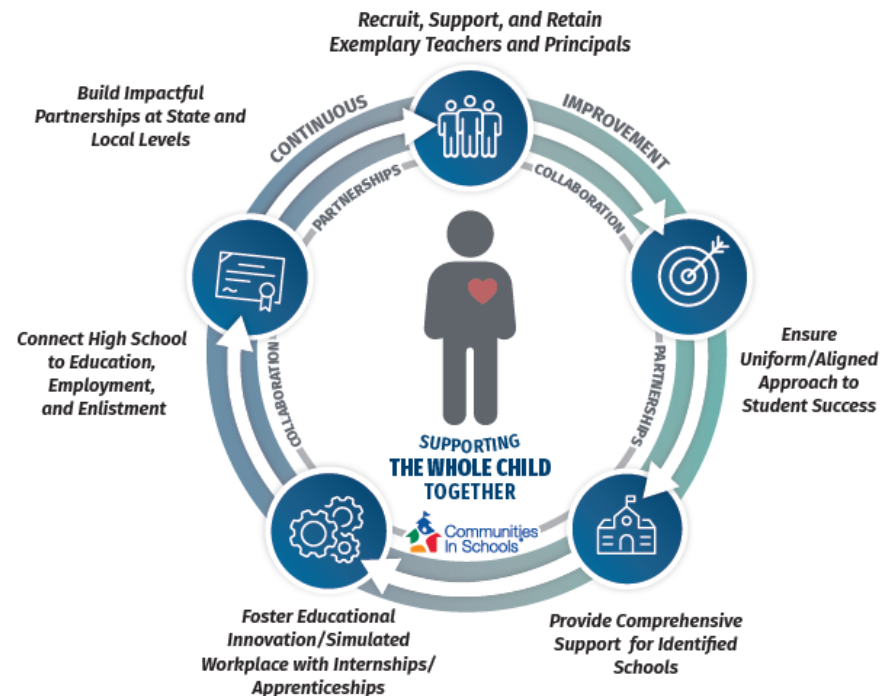
Every Student Prepared for Success:

Education, Employment, or Enlistment



Improve student outcomes by prioritizing reading, writing, and mathematics while maintaining continuous support and focus on student development and well-being.

ACTIONS:



Common Ground Partnership



Supporting the Success of All Students

<https://wvde.us/commonground>





20 Partnering Organizations:

- Office of the Governor
- West Virginia Board of Education
- West Virginia Department of Education
- WV Department of Veterans Assistance
- Military Recruiting Stations (Active/Reserve)
from the Army, Navy and Marines
- West Virginia Air and Army National Guard
- West Virginia Task Force Miner
- Military Entrance Processing Command Beckley
- West Virginia Wing – Civil Air Patrol
- West Virginia Congress of Parents and Teachers
- Prevent Suicide WV
- Military Officers Association of America for WV
- West Virginia American Legion
- West Virginia Veterans of Foreign Wars
- 338th Recruiting Squadron at Wright Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio

A Group of Community Organizations Providing Services and Resources to Schools



Common Ground Homepage

Resources for students, educators and military families. Focused on ensuring the success of all students.

[Read More >](#)

Educator Request for the Speaker Series

Submit a request to have a military service member visit your school.

[Request Now >](#)

Purple Star Award

Learn about recognition for military-friendly schools and how to apply.

[Read More >](#)

Military Signing Week

Learn about events recognizing students who commit to military service upon graduation

[Read More >](#)

Purple Up Month Toolkit

Resources to Promote Spirit Week and Purple Up Day during April, the Month of the Military Child.

[Read More >](#)

ASVAB Mentor Request System

Request an academic mentor or access free self-help resources for enhancing your performance on the ASVAB.

[Read More >](#)

Care Packages for WV Elementary Schools

Request a care package to support military-connected students experiencing the deployment of a family member, from the WVNG Office of Family Programs.

[Read More >](#)

Online Resources for Educators and Military Families

Examples:

- Air & Space Forces K-12 STEM Website
- Civil Air Patrol
- March2Success Website
- Careers in the Military Website
- Sesame Street for Military Families Website
- Thrive Website
- Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission (MIC3)

Speaker Series



Second Class of Purple Star Award Recipients



West Virginia Department of Education

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We are proud of all the schools in the second class of Purple Star Award Recipients. These schools have identified commitments to meeting the needs of military children now and in the future. The second class of recipients brings the total number of Purple Star Schools to 200! Thank you for all you do for our students 🌟.

For more details, visit the link 🖱️ <https://bit.ly/3w4cJYR>.
#WVEd #PurpleStar



PURPLE STAR AWARD

WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



You, Robert Wiseman and 9 others

12 Shares

2023 Purple Star Award Applications:
Due on April 28, 2023



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Spirit Week is April 17-21, 2023

Purple Up day is April 19, 2023

WVNG Care Packages for Elementary Schools with Military-Connected Children Experiencing Deployments and Transitions





Gov. Jim Justice spoke at James Monroe High School for a Military Signing Day ceremony honoring five JMHS and Monroe County Technical Center students on Friday, April 29.

NEXT GENERATION OF HEROES

First-ever WV Military Signing Week a success

The inaugural state Military Signing Week celebrated and recognized students making a commitment to military service. Much like student athletes signing with their next collegiate team, these students will serve the United States in the Armed Forces. The modern military is involved in a variety of missions ranging from combatting COVID-19, to conducting search and rescue activities during national emergencies, to national security duties. This event provides communities an excellent way to show their support for the aspirations of these students.

Twenty-four schools held an event recognizing students enlisting into the military. These celebrations were the product of the Common Ground Partnership, a collaboration between military and community-based organizations focusing on the success of students and promoting assistance for military-connected families in schools.



ABOVE: Evan Large, of University High School in Monongalia County, commits to the U.S. Air Force.

Proclamation

by Governor Jim Justice

Whereas, throughout the rich history of the United States of America, brave men and women have established an honorable tradition of service, taking a sworn oath to defend our great Nation; and

Whereas, we honor and support our military and their families who have selflessly answered the call of duty; and

Whereas, we applaud the loyalty, academic excellence, and civic engagement of the 2,975 students in our high schools and career/technical centers enrolled in the Army, Air Force, Marines, and Navy Junior Reserve Officer's Training Corps; and

Whereas, we recognize military service as a meaningful post-high school career path and value the vital job skills and experience it provides to succeed in the workforce; and

Whereas, we commend the dedication and integrity of the high school students who are entering service academies and are committing to serve on active duty, or as part-time citizen soldiers in the Reserves or National Guard; and

Whereas, in West Virginia, we honor these students' courage to serve America and are grateful to celebrate their commitment to the United States Armed Forces; we admire their willingness to fight for our freedoms and defend this great nation; and

Whereas, by signing, students proclaim their commitment to public service; agree to uphold the United States Constitution; and hereby represent the United States of America, their families, and themselves.

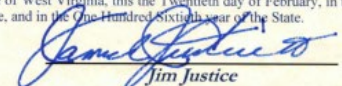
Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved that I, Jim Justice, Governor of the Great State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim **April 24-28, 2023** as:

Military Signing Week

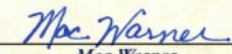
in the Mountain State and encourage all citizens to join me in this observance.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

Done at the Capitol, City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the Twentieth day of February, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Three, and in the One Hundred Sixty-ninth year of the State.


Jim Justice
Governor

By the Governor:


Mac Warner
Secretary of State



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How May We Support the Success of Students at Your School?





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→ Reading + Writing Activity for 8th Grade Students

Year End Survey

Teacher Instructions



Overview

- Borman et al. (2020) developed two 15-minute reading + writing activities designed to foster social and emotional wellbeing. Several months after the activities, students who completed the activities had increased social and emotional wellbeing compared to those who did not—suggesting a significant and long-term impact of the activities.
- WVGU implemented these short activities over the past year to support increased social and emotional wellbeing among middle school students. Students completed the first activity during 7th grade and the second activity this past fall while the same students were in 8th grade. We are now conducting a short follow-up survey with 8th grade students this spring, **April 27–May 19**, to measure potential growth social and emotional wellbeing.

Directions

- Computer labs provide an efficient setting for administering the online survey in school. Please plan time when students may complete the survey online before the deadline.
- The **link to the online survey** is as follows www.tinyurl.com/WVGUbelonging
- The **QR code to access the online survey** is at the bottom of this page.
- On the first page, students will be prompted to enter their 9-digit WVEIS ID and their school. Please help them enter this information correctly. It is important that we are able to track who completed the survey.
- The survey itself will take no more than 5 minutes if students know their WVEIS ID. It is recommended that teachers/staff plan for at least 15 minutes of instruction time, knowing that some students may need assistance in entering their WVEIS ID.
- We are sincerely grateful for your participation in this project and optimistic about the potential of these writing exercises to help students. We look forward to sharing our results with you. Once again, thank you for granting us some of your class time.

