

April 9, 2010

Dear Parents,

Your son or daughter has had the unique experience of learning in a single gender classroom this year. Throughout the state of South Carolina, more and more school districts are becoming aware of the benefits of single gender education and are offering the opportunity to parents and students from the earliest elementary grades all the way through high school. As the availability of single gender classrooms grow, the State Department of Education would like your input in areas that can be improved upon and areas that you feel are advantageous.

The office of Single-Gender Initiatives and Public School Choice and Innovation at the State Department has created online surveys for parents of students in single gender classrooms, students in single gender classrooms, and teachers in single gender classrooms. They are requesting that each parent, student, and teacher complete their respective survey. David Chadwell, the Coordinator of Single-Gender Initiatives at the State Department, will use the information received from these surveys to provide an overview of what is happening across the state in regards to single gender. He also sends information back to the schools so that administrators can plan staff development for future single gender classes. Last school year, 5,000 students, 500 parents, and 700 teachers completed the surveys. This year, the State Department is asking for 100% participation from parents, students, and teachers.

The link for the parent survey is located on the Parent page of our school's website www.bsisonline.com, or you may type this web address into your browser:
<https://www.ed.sc.gov/tools/scripts/survey/11713016/default.cfm>

Please know that neither you nor your child will be identified by completing the survey. The survey is completely anonymous, but be sure to enter our school's name when prompted: Boiling Springs Intermediate School.

Your son or daughter will complete their survey at school during their regularly scheduled computer lab time.

The window to complete the survey ends at 4:00 Friday, May 7th. Please make every effort to complete the survey before the window closes. Your input is needed and greatly appreciated!

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you in advance for your participation,

Tammy Greer
Principal