Greetings Stevenson Middle Parents,

As the principal of Stevenson Middle School, I am excited to tell you about a new partnership on our campus. This year we are working with two of Houston’s most admired institutions to support your student—Alley Theatre and Houston Galveston Institute. The program they deliver is the Arts + Social Emotional Learning (A+SEL) Alliance. They will be on the Stevenson campus on Wednesdays and Thursday’s to support 6th grade student Reading and Math learning and help students learn crucial Social Emotional Competencies, such as self-regulation and motivation, social sensitivity and good decision making.

These special lessons offer your student different ways to learn Math and English Language Skills. This programming drastically improves learning, understanding, and vocabulary recall. These sessions are offered to select 6th grade students as part of their regular classroom experience throughout the year.

In addition, Houston Galveston Institute (HGI) and on-campus councilors and staff have formed the SEL Mentorship Cohort. Houston Galveston Institute will co-teach during 7th & 8th grade Restorative Circle time and implement Leadership Workshops for identified students that will benefit from SEL mentorship in smaller groups. On occasion, the Master Teaching Artists as well as Stevenson’s Mental Health Cohort may recommend that students work one-on-one with a councilor to further enhance their learning and respond to student need.

As A+SEL is a visiting program, participation will be on a case-by-case basis. We strongly encourage all parents to sign the attached permission slip soon. This allow your student accessibility to further mentoring without a delay. A mentor-counselor will contact you if your child is recommended to participate. The program is confidential and you alone will receive updates from HGI and the campus counselors.

We hope you will join us as we take a stance to educate and develop the whole child in and outside of the classroom. Please sign the attached permission form and return it with your student by September 20, 2019.

Thank you.

Principal McCloskey