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Dear Northgate Community,

We live in a great community. Two weeks ago, on a cool, overcast fall morning, almost 500 parents and staff members volunteered their day cleaning, pruning, weeding, scrubbing, organizing, painting and sweating to make our school beautiful. I am awed by the outpouring of support and dedication this community has to making Northgate the best it can be. I started this school year by writing about all the exciting changes happening and the possibilities that were on the horizon.

Now, seven weeks into the school year, I want to talk about **momentum**. Seizing on the positive energy that this community has for Northgate, **we are working hard to make the necessary changes to help improve our school**. We are developing a **Northgate Climate Committee to make recommendations and implement long range curriculum and expenditure goals for our school**. We want to create a vision for how we want Northgate to grow. This committee is composed of **parents, faculty, staff, and administrators** who will work cooperatively and collaboratively to develop our goals.

This Thursday at the PFC meeting, **our Climate Committee will share its initial research about our test scores, comparable schools, innovative curriculum in other schools, and the mission and objectives we are beginning to establish**. We hope you can attend this meeting to learn more about the planning that is now underway.

However, in order to keep this momentum going and build a vision for our school, **we NEED YOUR HELP**. Our committee has created a survey for the Northgate community that will help guide our goals and objectives. **We need every parent, student, faculty, administrator and staff member to complete the survey**. To respect your time, we have worked hard to focus the questions on core areas. Each question has an area for you to post your personal comments as well. The survey should take approximately 10 minutes to complete.

**Please encourage your Northgate student to also fill out the survey on the right margin. Get your friends in the community to complete it, too!**

Thank You and Best regards,  
Monica Fitzgerald

**GO BRONCOS!**

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**This is your chance to have a voice in the direction in which Northgate heads.**

**This is our chance** as a community to build the school we have always wanted, the school we know is possible. We have the energy, the leadership, and the momentum - what we need now is your input.

We will post the survey for the next two weeks. I know how busy everyone is, but I urge you to set aside some time to share your concerns and your hopes.

Go [HERE](#) for the survey.

Thank you in advance for your time and thoughtful response.

*"Some look at things that are, and ask why. I dream of things that never were and ask why not?" - George Bernard Shaw*