

## ***Advance Student Survey Pilot***

Dear Teacher:

The Department of Education and the United Federation of Teachers have jointly agreed to implement the *Advance Student Survey Pilot* this year.

Through the pilot, students will take the Tripod Student Perception Survey, a research-based, confidential student survey used across the country to provide teachers with student feedback about their classroom experiences. **Results from the pilot will not be included in teachers' 2014-15 Advance Overall Ratings.**

### **Timeline**

- Between May 4 and June 19, 2015, all *Advance*-eligible teachers serving grades 3-12 will participate in the *Advance Student Survey Pilot*.
- Schools may decide when is best to administer the survey within that timeframe.

### **About the Tripod Student Survey**

- Surveys typically take 30 minutes or less to complete.
- Survey questions are age-appropriate; there is one version for grades 3-5 and another version for grades 6-12.
- Questions on the survey cover topics such as how supported students feel by their teachers and whether they find lessons engaging.
- If you would like to view the survey, please visit <http://tripoded.com/nycsurveys/> or contact school's survey coordinator or principal. Additional details on the survey, including a webinar for proctors and teachers can be found on the [Advance Student Survey Pilot Intranet](#).

### **Survey Results**

- Teachers will receive student feedback that they can use to identify their strengths and areas for improvement to better meet students' needs.
- Teachers and principals will receive reports of the results in the Fall. Teachers will only have access to their individual results, and principals will be able to view the results of all teachers at their school. You will receive an email with further details about the report prior to its release.
- **The survey results will not be included in teachers' 2014-15 Advance Overall Ratings. They are intended to be used for formative purposes and to support teachers in their practice.**

If you have additional questions about the *Advance Student Survey Pilot*, please contact your school's survey coordinator or principal.

Sincerely,

The Department of Education