

Dear School Staff,

This year, our school has been selected to host a community initiative called the **"Live Well, Take Action: Ambassador Program for East Asian Youth."** We hope you can help us identify student candidates who may be ideal for this program, particularly those who are:

- Interested in advocacy or activism, or may have mentioned a concern regarding current issues, society, community development, etc.
- Not necessarily holding multiple leadership roles
- Not necessarily the "loud" or outspoken ones
- Willing to commit their time and energy
- Grade 9-12 students
- East Asian descent (Chinese, Korean, Japanese) of any immigrant background (all generations, newcomer, new/returning residents, any status)

Hopefully you can assess their suitability by their academic performance, such as class presentations or essays. You may also have had conversations with them or made anecdotal observations of their personalities or interests. The criteria is not limited to the above list so if you feel that they may benefit from this program or that they have potential in thriving in such an environment, we welcome to refer them to Michelle Farwell via email or in person.

Deadline for students to apply is **Friday, January 17th, 2020**. Refer students early enough so they have time to plan ahead. Thank you for your cooperation!

Regards,

Michelle Farwell Guidance Counsellor & Teacher Liaison

Program Overview:

"Live Well, Take Action" is an after-school program that aims to engage East Asian youth in learning about wellness and how it can have significant impacts on self, others and society as a whole. The program will run 8 weekly workshops (Feb - Apr) that will focus on topics, such as identity, culture, history, civic engagement and equity issues. Through arts, film and online platforms, students will then create community projects that will be publicly showcased. More information can be found at the program's website: <u>livewelltakeaction.com</u>, Twitter: <u>@lwta_program</u> and Instagram: <u>@livewelltakeaction</u>.