PARENT INTERVIEW

. **INSTRUCTIONS:** You can interview one or more parents/guardians. • Tell your parent when you see him/her/them that you'll want to set aside some time for a brief interview. • Ask when the best time might be and make a plan together. • Sit down away from distractions (TV, computer, phone) so you can talk, listen, and notes without interruption. Feel free to ask follow up questions if you want more details. • Notes should be in YOUR handwriting; they don't have to be word for word, but try to capture the most important ideas in short phrases.

1. What kinds of successes do you want me to experience this year?

2. What was your biggest struggle or worry in 8th grade? What did you enjoy the most?

3. If you as an adult could have spoken to you as an 8th grader, what advice or reassurance would you want to give your younger self?

4. First, tell your parent about your plan for completing homework (Where do you plan to work on homework? What time will you do it: after school? after dinner? a little of both? How do you plan to avoid distractions?). Then, ask your parent(s)/guardian(s): what are your thoughts? What sounds good about the plan? What should I consider changing?

5. What were your favorite book(s) when you were my age? What are your favorite book(s) now? If you don't enjoy reading books, what are your favorite magazines, newspapers/sites, or movies?

6. What do you think are my biggest strengths and best qualities? What do you love most about me?