

# Student Survey 2017 Grade 5 - 6 students

Thank you for completing this survey.

Student voice is important to us. The York Region District School Board is inviting all students in Grades 5 to 12 to tell us about their experiences at school. Your feedback will help further our vision as we work together to listen to student voices and inspire learning.

The information you provide is anonymous and confidential so no one will know your individual responses to the questions. **Please do not write your name on this survey.** 

This survey is voluntary and you may skip a question if it makes you feel uncomfortable or if you don't know the answer. You can also ask an adult for help if you do not understand a question. Please answer the questions honestly, as your feedback will help support student achievement and well-being.

When responding to the questions please think about your experiences at **this school during this school year**.

This survey will take about 30 minutes to complete.

1.	The name of your	school: _					
2.	What grade are yo	ou in?	☐ Grade 5	☐ Grade 6			
3.	·	Male Prefer not		☐ Gender Div d by gender		ender	
4.	Are you currently	receiving	support at s	chool for Englis	h as a Second	Language (ESL)?	
	□ Yes □ No	0					
5.	a. Do you have ar (If you don't know						
	□ Yes □ No	o (If no, si	kip part b.)				
	<b>b. If you answere</b> (Please choose <u>all</u>			he reason(s) tha	t apply to you	from the following list:	•
	<ul><li>□ Autism</li><li>□ Behaviour</li><li>□ Blind and I</li><li>□ Deaf and F</li><li>□ Another real</li></ul>	lard of He	ı	☐ Developmenta☐ Gifted☐ Language Impa☐ Learning Disab☐	airment	☐ Mild Intellectual ☐ Physical Disability☐ Multiple Exception	y
. Scl	nool Environmen	<u>t</u>					
6.	Please think abou	ıt your ex	periences this	s school year wh	nen respondin	g to the following	

		Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Not Sure
a.	I enjoy being at this school.					
b.	This school building is clean and well maintained to provide a good environment for learning.					
C.	I feel supported by staff when I ask for help with my learning.					
d.	I feel safe at this school.					
e.	I feel safe on the way to and from school.					
f.	This school has clear expectations for student behaviour.					
g.	At this school, there is a welcoming environment.					
h.	I feel included when working with others in my classes.					
i.	Overall, I think this is a good school.					

#### **B.** Learning at School

# 7. Please think about your experiences this school year when responding to the following statements:

	Statements.	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Not Sure
a.	Doing well at school is important to me.					
b.	Staff at this school encourage me to be a responsible citizen.					
C.	At this school, I am participating in activities/campaigns that help protect the environment.					
d.	At this school, I am learning about environmental topics in the classroom.					
e.	My schoolwork is presented in a variety of ways to meet my needs (e.g., group discussions, working on my own, learning online and face to face, connecting with experts through videoconferencing).					
f.	I find my schoolwork interesting.					
g.	My schoolwork requires me to investigate real life issues.					
h.	I am encouraged to take risks in my learning.					
i.	I am learning about how to become a good digital citizen (e.g., appropriate use of social media, cyber bullying awareness).					
j.	I have access to a choice of learning spaces (e.g., quiet spaces, collaborative learning spaces, access to technology).					
k.	There is someone outside of school I can talk to about my schoolwork.					
I.	I use technology, including the internet, to help me learn outside of school.					
m.	What I learn at school is relevant in my everyday life.					

8. At this school, I have opportunities to:

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		Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Not Sure
a.	Use feedback to improve my work.					
b.	Set goals for my learning and follow through on those goals.					
C.	Think about how I learn.					
d.	Assess my own learning.					
e.	Give and receive feedback on my schoolwork from my peers.					
f.	Show what I have learned in a variety of ways.					
g.	Learn from my mistakes.					
h.	Share my thoughts about how I learn best.					
i.	Share my opinion about school priorities and programs.					
j.	Use technology to communicate and collaborate about my school work with others beyond school.					
k.	Use digital technology (e.g., online tools, computers, tablets) to help me learn.					
l.	Develop real world solutions to real world problems.					
m.	Learn about mental health.					
n.	Learn about social justice (e.g., understanding racism, sexism, disabilities, etc.).					

	☐ Yes	□ No	□ Not Sure	☐ I don't have personal technology					
	10. How do you feel	about math?							
				Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Not Sure	
а.	I like math.								
ე.	I am a confident proble	em solver in ma	ith class.						
Э.	I am able to answer ch	allenging math	questions.						
d.	The math I learn in cla	ss is useful for	everyday life.						
Э.	I connect new math co about math or other su	•	I already know						
	I know my strengths as	a math learne	er.						
<u>g.</u>	Even if I feel the math	is hard, I can le	earn it.						
٦.	I know the areas I need	d help in as a r	nath learner.						
	I know how to ask for h	nelp when I'm h	naving trouble in						

9. At school, are you encouraged to use personal technology for learning?

math.

world works.

There are lots of ways to solve most math problems.

Making mistakes is helpful in learning mathematics. I ask questions to help make sense of mathematics.

When working on problems in math class, I check to

o. Learning math helps to change my ideas about how the

m. I learn from other students in math class.

see if my answer makes sense.

## C. Mental Health and Well-Being

11. Please think about your overall mental health and well-being this school year when responding to the following statements:

	responding to the following statements:	1			1	1
		Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Not Sure
a.	When I have a problem with how I am doing at school, I can come up with ways to solve it.					
b.	I don't get too upset and I bounce back quickly when I get a grade or feedback that I don't like.					
C.	In general, I like the way I am.					
d.	When I am not doing well at school, I keep working and I try harder.					
e.	I feel like I am important to other people.					
f.	I feel proud of myself.					
g.	I feel like I matter to people at school.					
h.	I feel like I matter to people at home or in the community.					
i.	At home there is an adult who listens to me when I have a concern.					
j.	I feel like people won't value me if I don't do well at school.					
k.	I feel that family and friends support me in making choices about my life.					
I.	I feel like I have to be perfect in my schoolwork.					
m.	I feel like I have to be perfect in the way I look.					
n.	I would consider myself to be a weak person if I had to get help because of how I am feeling.					
0.	When I am feeling sad, I am good at cheering myself up.					
p.	I am happy with my life.					
q.	People at my school care about my well-being.					
r.	At school there is an adult who listens to me when I have something to say.					
S.	At my school, there is at least one caring adult who supports me.					
t.	The spaces at this school are designed with my needs in mind (e.g., places to work with others, quiet zones, prayer, active movement, etc.).					

12. In general, during this school year, how often did you feel:

	12. In general, during this school year, now often did	All the				
		Time	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
a.	Like you are pushed to do too much.					
b.	Like you are running out of time so that you would not be able to do anything fun.					
C.	Hopeful about the future.					
d.	Нарру					
e.	Lonely					
f.	Angry					
g.	Sad or depressed					
h.	Nervous or anxious					

13. a. Do you ever feel nervous or anxious <u>at school</u> ?	☐ Yes	□ No	)	
If you answered <u>No</u> , please skip part b.				
<ul> <li>b. If you feel nervous or anxious at school, do you thinl following? (Please choose <u>all</u> that are true for you.)</li> <li>Performing or speaking out loud in front of others</li> <li>Completing a test</li> <li>Spending time in groups with other students</li> <li>Sharing my ideas out loud when working in groups</li> <li>Another reason (please specify):</li> </ul>		because	of any of the	
14. a. Do you usually hide your feelings of anxiety and sadness?	Always	Often	Sometimes	Never
If you answered <u>Never</u> , please skip part b.				
b. If you hide your feelings of anxiety and sadness, do y following? (Please choose <u>all</u> that are true for you.)	you think i	t is beca	use of any of t	he
☐ I'm worried I will be judged for feeling that way ☐ I feel people will think I'm just looking for attention ☐ I feel it is a sign of weakness ☐ I am embarrassed ☐ I feel I am expected to always be strong ☐ I'm worried it will change how people feel about me ☐ Another reason (please explain):				
15. If you were concerned about your mental health who we (Please choose <u>all</u> that are true for you.)  School staff Friends My parent(s)/guardian(s) A mental health professional (e.g., doctor, counseld Internet/chat room No one Other person (please specify the relationship to you	or, social w			
16. Where do you get information about mental health?  (Please choose all that are true for you.)  School staff Friends Internet Media My parent(s)/guardian(s) A mental health professional (e.g., doctor, counseld other (please specify):		orker)		
<ul> <li>17. If you had a concern about your mental health and did to they helped you?</li> <li>Yes</li> <li>No</li> <li>I did not talk to an adult at school about it</li> </ul>	alk to an a	dult at so	<u>:hool,</u> did you	feel

	<ul> <li>18. If you had a concern about your mental health ar because of any of the following? (Please choose   I preferred to handle the problem myself   I didn't think they would be able to help   I didn't know who to approach at school   I was worried that other people would find our I did not have a mental health concern   Other (please specify):</li> </ul>	<u>all</u> that are			chool, is it	t
D. I	Healthy Schools					
	19. Please think about your experiences this school statements:	year wher	n respond	ing to the	following	
		Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Not Sure
	At this school, there is information about making healthy lifestyle choices (e.g., information on smoking, healthy eating, alcohol and drug abuse, stress management).					
b.	I usually participate in at least 60 minutes of physical activity every day (before, during, and after school).					
C.	I have physical education (gym) class or Daily Physical Activity (DPA) every day at my school.					
<u>E.</u>	Equity and Inclusive Education					
	20. My school is supportive of my faith accommodate etc.).	t <b>ions</b> (e.g.,	changes	to my musi	c, gym clas	SS,
	☐ Strongly Agree ☐ Agree ☐ Disagree	☐ Stron	gly Disagr	ee 🛭 No	ot Applicab	ole
	21. a. My social identities are talked about and seen exceptionality, etc.).	in my sch	<b>ool</b> (e.g., l	anguage, d	culture,	
	☐ Strongly Agree ☐ Agree ☐ Disagree	☐ Stron	gly Disagr	ee 🗆 No	ot Sure	
	b. I see the following social identities reflected a for you.)  My gender  My racial background  My culture  My Indigenous background (e.g., First National My first language, dialect or accent My religion or faith  The way I look (e.g., weight, body shape, community My special education needs (e.g., learning My physical disability  Another social identity (please explain):	on, Métis, l lothes, etc. disability, a	nuit, etc.)			

22. At school, I see, hear, or learn about my social identities in: Always Often Sometimes Never a. The classroom b. Extracurricular activities c. Guest speakers d. Other 23. a. In this school year, have you experienced discrimination in your school/class (e.g., treated negatively because of your gender, racial background, ethnic origin, religion, socio-economic background, special education needs, or other factors)? ☐ Yes ☐ No If you answered No, please go to Question 25. b. If you have experienced discrimination at school, do you think it is because of any of the following: (Please choose all that are true for you.) ■ Your gender ■ Your racial background ■ Your culture ☐ Your Indigenous background (e.g., First Nation, Métis, Inuit, etc.) ☐ Your first language, dialect or accent ☐ Your religion or faith ☐ The way you look (e.g., weight, body shape, clothes, etc.) ■ Your gender identity ■ Your family structure ☐ Your family's level of income Your grades or marks ☐ Your special education needs (e.g., learning disability, autism, behaviour, giftedness, etc.) Your physical disability ☐ Another reason (please explain): \_\_\_\_\_ 24. a. In this school year, have you talked to an adult at school about discrimination that you experienced in your school or class? (If you answered Yes, please skip part d.) ☐ Yes (If you answered No, please skip part b and c.) ■ No b. How satisfied are you with the way your school responded to your report of discrimination? ■ Very Satisfied □ Satisfied ☐ Unsatisfied ☐ Very unsatisfied ■ Not sure c. If you were not satisfied with the response, did you feel it was because of any of the following? (Please choose all that are true for you.) ☐ The process of reporting was confusing/unclear ☐ I felt I wasn't heard/listened to

■ Another reason (please explain):

☐ There was little/no follow up

d. If you experienced discrimination and did not talk to any of the following? (Please choose all that are true for		t school,	is it because of	of
☐ I preferred to handle the problem myself☐ I didn't think they would be able to help☐				
☐ I didn't know who to approach at school				
☐ I was worried that other people would find out				
Other (please specify):				
	Always	Often	Sometimes	Never
25. a. Do you feel welcome at your school?	∩iways			□ □
20. a. 20 you look wolcomo at your concort	_	_	_	_
If you answered <u>Always</u> , please skip part b).				
b. If you do not feel welcome, do you think it is because choose all that are true for you.)	e of any of	the follo	wing? (Please	
☐ Your gender				
☐ Your racial background				
☐ Your culture				
Your Indigenous background (e.g., First Nation, Me	étis, Inuit, e	tc.)		
☐ Your first language, dialect or accent				
☐ Your religion or faith				
<ul><li>The way you look (e.g., weight, body shape, clothe</li><li>Your gender identity</li></ul>	es, etc.)			
☐ Your family structure				
☐ Your family's level of income				
☐ Your grades or marks				
Your special education needs (e.g., learning disability)	lity, autism	, behaviou	ur, giftedness, e	etc.)
Your physical disability				
Another reason (please explain):				
OC - Davis factural and in actual activities to success	Always	Often	Sometimes	Never
26. a. Do you feel welcome in school activities, teams, or clubs?				
Clubs:				
If you answered Always, please skip part b).				
b. If you do not feel welcome, or that you do not belong	ı in school	activities	s. teams, or cli	ubs.
do you think it is because of any of the following: (Plea				,
☐ Your gender			• /	
Your racial background				
☐ Your culture				
☐ Your Indigenous background (e.g., First Nation, Mo	étis, Inuit, e	tc.)		
☐ Your first language, dialect or accent				
<ul><li>Your religion or faith</li><li>The way you look (e.g., weight, body shape, clother</li></ul>	o oto )			
☐ Your gender identity	:S, etc.)			
☐ Your family structure				
☐ Your family's level of income				
☐ Your grades or marks				
☐ Your special education needs (e.g., learning disable	lity, autism	, behaviou	ur, giftedness. e	etc.)
☐ Your physical disability	•		., .	,
☐ Another reason (please explain):				

	Always	Often	Sometimes	Never					
a. Do you feel there are barriers that stand in the way of your learning at school?									
If you answered <u>Never</u> , please skip part b).									
<ul> <li>choose all that are true for you.)</li> <li>Your gender</li> <li>Your racial background</li> <li>Your culture</li> <li>Your Indigenous background (e.g., First Nation, Months)</li> <li>Your first language, dialect or accent</li> <li>Your religion or faith</li> <li>The way you look (e.g., weight, body shape, clothed)</li> <li>Your gender identity</li> <li>Your family structure</li> <li>Your family's level of income</li> <li>Your grades or marks</li> <li>Your special education needs (e.g., learning disable)</li> <li>Your physical disability</li> </ul>	bus background (e.g., First Nation, Métis, Inuit, etc.) guage, dialect or accent for faith look (e.g., weight, body shape, clothes, etc.) dentity ructure level of income for marks education needs (e.g., learning disability, autism, behaviour, giftedness)								
a. Do you feel that school rules are applied to you in a	Always	Often	Sometimes	Never					
fair way?  If you answered <u>Always</u> , please skip part b.									
b. If you feel the rules have not been applied fairly, do y following? (Please choose all that are true for you.)  Your gender Your racial background Your culture Your Indigenous background (e.g., First Nation, Mayour first language, dialect or accent Your religion or faith The way you look (e.g., weight, body shape, clothed your gender identity Your family structure Your family's level of income Your grades or marks Your special education needs (e.g., learning disab your physical disability Another reason (please explain):	étis, Inuit, e es, etc.) ility, autism	tc.) , behaviou							

#### F. Caring and Safe Schools

Please think about your experiences this school year when responding to the following statements:

		Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Not Sure
29.	I am satisfied with the steps this school has taken to prevent bullying among students.					
30.	I am satisfied with the steps this school takes to deal with incidents of bullying among students.	0				
•					Yes	No
31.	If you were bullied or saw someone being bullied report it at your school?	now to				
32.	Are you aware of the anonymous reporting butto school and Board websites?					
33.	Do you feel unsafe in any of the following places (Please choose all that are true for you.)  In the classroom In the hallways In the school entrances and exits In the stairwells/under the stairs In the library In the computer rooms/labs In the gym In the change rooms or locker rooms In washrooms On school buses Outside on school grounds In the lunchroom or eating area/cafeteria In the portables Other places (please explain where):					
34.	This year, have you stayed away, or wanted to s school in order to avoid being bullied?	tay away fi		Yes	No	
35.	This year, have you been bullied by other studen school?	its at this				

If you answered No for Question 35, please go to Q41.

36.	How many times have you been bullied by an months?	other student(s) at school over the last two
	<ul> <li>□ Not at all</li> <li>□ 1-2 times</li> <li>□ 3-5 times</li> <li>□ 6-10 times</li> <li>□ More than 10 times</li> </ul>	
37.	In which of the following ways have you been year? (Please choose <u>all</u> that are true for you.)	bullied at your current school this school
	☐ Physically (e.g., someone has pushed, tripped, or hit you; taken or broken your belongings on purpose)	□ Verbally (e.g., someone has called you names, teased, or made fun of you; said mean things to you; embarrassed or threatened you)
	□ Electronically (e.g., someone has used social media tools (Instagram, Snapchat) to send messages or pictures in order to threaten you, hurt your feelings, embarrass you, make you look bad, or tell secrets about you)	□ Socially (e.g., someone has left you out of their group, refused to play or work with you, got other students not to talk to you or not to like you)
38.	If you have been bullied, do you think it is be that are true for you.)	cause of any of the following? (Please choose <u>al</u>
	☐ Your gender ☐ Your racial background ☐ Your culture ☐ Your Indigenous background (e.g., First Nat) ☐ Your first language, dialect or accent ☐ Your religion or faith ☐ The way you look (e.g., weight, body shape) ☐ Your gender identity ☐ Your family structure ☐ Your family's level of income ☐ Your grades or marks ☐ Your special education needs (e.g., learning) ☐ Your physical disability ☐ Another reason (please explain):	g disability, autism, behaviour, giftedness, etc.)
39.	Think of the last time <u>you were</u> bullied. What <i>you.)</i>	did you do? (Please choose all that are true for
	<ul> <li>☐ I ignored it.</li> <li>☐ I told my parent(s) or guardian(s) about it.</li> <li>☐ I told an adult at school about it.</li> <li>☐ I told an adult outside of school about it.</li> <li>☐ I told another student about it.</li> <li>☐ I called a helpline or online live chat counse</li> <li>☐ I used the Report IT button on the school or</li> <li>☐ I fought back.</li> <li>☐ Other (please explain):</li> </ul>	

	If you reported being bullied, did you feel an adult at your school listened to you and helped you?				No	I did not report it.			
40.									
4.4		Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Not Sure			
41.	There is an adult at this school with whom I would feel comfortable speaking if I am bullied.								
42.	There is an adult at this school with whom I would feel comfortable speaking if I know of someone else being bullied.								
	How often do you think staff at your school (e.g., staff) do the following:	teachers,	lunchroc	m supervi	sors, offic	e			
	notice bullying? try to stop bullying? ignore bullying? listen to both sides of the story?	Always	Often S	Sometimes  □ □ □ □ □	Never	Not Sure			
	Please indicate the number of times you have received sexual messages, videos or photos through technology such as text messages or the internet in the past 2 months:								
	□ 0 □ 1-5 □ 6-10 □ 11-15 □ 16-20 □ more than 21 □ Don't know								
	Please indicate where you've seen yourself most and alcohol use:	often this	school y	ear with re	spect to d	lrug			
	☐ Not using (e.g., not using drugs or alcohol)								
	☐ <b>Trying it out</b> (e.g., trying drugs or alcohol becayou may never use again)	ause you aı	re curious	, feeling pre	essure to fi	t in,			
	☐ Using sometimes (e.g., using sometimes: with	h friends, a	fter schoo	l/work, on t	he weeken	ıd)			
	□ Problem use (e.g., using substances regularly to use, using more to get the same effect, start					urge			
	Dependent (e.g., using regularly and often, fee or anxious, feeling physically ill when you are r around using)								

## H. About Me

We want to know more about you. The answers you provide will be used to help us serve you and other students better. Please answer the following questions but feel free to skip a question if you feel uncomfortable answering.

46.	a. Were you born in Cana	da?								
	☐ Yes (If yes, please s☐ No	kip part b.)								
	b. <u>If you were <i>not</i> born in Canada</u> , how long have you lived in Canada?									
	<ul><li>□ Less than 1 year</li><li>□ 1 year</li><li>□ 2 years</li><li>□ 3 years</li></ul>	<ul><li>4 years</li><li>5 years</li><li>6 years</li><li>7 years</li></ul>		□ 8 years □ 9 or mor	e years					
47.	Do you identify yourself a (You do <u>not</u> have to be bor									
48.	Which of the following best describes your racial/ethnic background? (Please choose <u>all</u> that apply to you.)									
	<ul> <li>□ Asian - East (e.g., Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Taiwanese, Mongolian, etc.)</li> <li>□ Asian - South (e.g., Indian, Pakistani, Sri Lankan, Tamil, Caribbean, etc.)</li> <li>□ Asian - Southeast (e.g., Filipino, Vietnamese, Cambodian, Indonesian, Malaysian, etc.)</li> <li>□ Black - (e.g., Moroccan, South African, Nigerian, Ghanaian, Caribbean, etc.)</li> <li>□ Indigenous (e.g., First Nation, Métis, Inuit, etc.)</li> <li>□ Latino or Hispanic (e.g., Colombian, Ecuadorian, Peruvian, Mexican, Salvadorian, etc.)</li> <li>□ Middle Eastern or West Asian (e.g., Iranian, Armenian, Afghan, Iraqi, Lebanese, etc.)</li> <li>□ White (e.g., British, Italian, German, Russian, French, etc.)</li> <li>□ Please write your racial/ethnic background if you do not see yourself reflected above:</li> </ul>									
49.	What is your cultural or r	eligious backgro	und? (You ma	ay write more th	an one.)					
50.	If you are of Indigenous a	ncestry, please	choose all tha	at apply to you	_ :					
	☐ First Nation ☐ M☐ Another Indigenous and	létis 🔲 Inu		-						
51.	About how many hours a	week (including	weekends) d	o you spend o	n:					
	Homework and studying utside of school time)	0 hours/Not Applicable □	1-10 hours	11-20 hours	21-30 hours	More than 30 hours □				
52.	Do you have access to th	e internet at hon	ne?	☐ Yes	□ No					
53.	What were most of your r	marks on your la	st report card	?						
	☐ Mostly A's ☐ Mostly	B's  Mostly (	C's ☐ Mostly	y D's 🔲 Most	ly R's					

Thank you for completing this survey.