

# Student Survey 2015 Grade 5 - 6 students

Welcome, and thank you for completing this survey.

This survey asks about you and your experiences at **this school**. The York Region District School Board is interested in what you and other students have to say and would like your honest answers to the questions that follow. Your feedback will help in making decisions about improving schools, so please take the survey seriously. Student responses from the last Student Climate Survey helped to create goals and strategies which are now included in the Board Improvement Plan (e.g., supports to address student mental health and ways to reduce bullying). As well, student feedback from the survey was used in the creation of your school's improvement plan.

This survey is being completed by students in all schools in the York Region District School Board and is collected under the authority of the Education Act. The information you provide is anonymous and your responses will be kept strictly confidential. Only the YRDSB Research Services team will see the completed questionnaires. The results of <u>all</u> questionnaires will be combined together and reported back to the school without any individual student being identified. **Please do not write your name on this survey.** 

We would like you to answer the first three questions; however, please feel free to skip a question in the rest of the survey if it makes you uncomfortable or if you don't know the answer. You can ask an adult for help if you do not understand a question.

This survey will take about 30 minutes to complete.

## Remember: Your answers to this survey will help make schools more welcoming and safer for all students.

1.	The name of	your school:		
2.	What grade a	are you in?	Grade 5	Grade 6
3.	Are you?	Male	Female	Other, please specify:

### A. Learning Environment

How you feel about your school and schoolwork is important to us. Please think about your current school when answering the following questions.

#### 4. How do you feel about your school?

		Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Not Sure
a.	I enjoy being at this school.					
b.	I feel safe to share my ideas and thinking in my classes.					
C.	I feel valued in my school.					
d.	Adults at this school care about me as a person.					
e.	Staff at this school encourage me to be a responsible citizen.					
f.	At my school, I am learning to understand and accept differences in people.					
g.	This school has programs and activities that interest me.					
h.	Staff at this school are willing to take suggestions from students.					
i.	At this school, I am learning about how to protect the environment.					
j.	At this school, I am learning to practice good character values (e.g., respect, responsibility, optimism).					
k.	I know the school rules about how students should behave.					
I.	This school building is clean and well maintained to provide a good environment for learning.					

#### 5. How do you feel about your schoolwork?

		Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Not Sure
a.	I understand what I need to do to improve my schoolwork.					
b.	I find my schoolwork interesting.					
C.	Doing well at school is important to me.					
d.	I try hard with my schoolwork even when I find it difficult.					
e.	My schoolwork is presented in a variety of ways (e.g., discussion, independent learning).					
f.	I have someone outside of school with whom that I can discuss my schoolwork.					
g.	I feel confident in my ability to do my schoolwork.					
h.	I feel staff at my school believe that I can be successful.					
i.	I am learning about different points of view through my schoolwork.					
j.	What I learn at school is useful in my everyday life.					
k.	I am given feedback regularly to help me with the next steps in my learning.					

		Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Not Sure
I.	I am given opportunities to use feedback to improve my work.					
m.	My schoolwork requires me to investigate real life issues.					
n.	I know how to use tools to assess my learning (e.g., checklists, rubrics, success criteria, work samples/exemplars).					
0.	I have the opportunity to show what I have learned in a variety of ways (assessments).					
р.	At school, I am encouraged to learn from my mistakes.					
q.	At school, I am encouraged to share my thinking on what I am learning.					
r.	My parent(s)/guardian(s) expect me to do well in school.			٦	٦	
S.	I have access to technology to help me learn outside of school.					

#### 6. How do you feel about math?

		Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Not Sure
а.	I like math.					
b.	I am good at math.					
C.	I am able to answer challenging math questions.					
d.	The math I learn in class is useful for everyday life.				٦	
e.	I connect new math concepts to what I already know about math or other subjects.					
f.	I apply new math concepts to real-life problems.					
g.	Even if I feel the math is hard, I can learn it.					

#### 7. I have enough opportunities in my school to:

		Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Not Sure
a.	Participate and be a member of a leadership group (e.g., in class, with teams, in a club, with a group).					
b.	Share my opinion about school priorities, programs and opportunities in the classroom and school.					
C.	Help the local community (e.g., food drives, greening/eco work, fundraising).					
d.	Help the global community (people in other countries) (e.g., social justice activities,charity fundraising).					
e.	Learn about various social issues such as poverty.					
f.	Engage with technology to communicate with others beyond my school.					
g.	Use digital technology (e.g., computer, tablets) to help me learn.					

#### 8. Are you allowed to use personal technology for learning at school?

- □ Yes □ No □ Not Sure □ I don't have personal technology
- 9. Canada has two official languages, French and English. When given the opportunity, I try to speak in French.

□ Strongly Agree □ Agree

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Strongly Disagree

B. About M	e
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We want to know more about you and your family. Please answer the following questions but feel free to skip a question if you don't know the answer or if it makes you feel uncomfortable.

10.	a. Are	you of Ab	original	ancestry?	Y 🗖 Yes	s 🗖 No	(If no, ski	p part b.	)
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- b. If yes, please check <u>all</u> categories that apply to you:
  - □ First Nations □ Métis □ Inuit
  - Please specify if we missed your choice: \_\_\_\_\_
- 11. Are you currently receiving support at school for English as a Second Language (ESL)?

### 12. a. Do you have an *Individual Education Plan* (IEP) to support your learning? (*if you don't know the answer to this question, please ask your teacher for help*)

□ Yes □ No (If no, skip part b.)

**b.** If you answered <u>Yes</u>, please choose the reason(s) that apply to you from the following list: (please choose <u>all</u> that apply to you)

- □ a. Autism
  □ b. Behaviour
- □ c. Blind and Low Vision
- □ d. Deaf and Hard of Hearing
- m. Other:

- □ e. Developmental Disability □ f. Gifted
- □ g. Language Impairment □ h. Learning Disability
- i. Mild Intellectual Disability
   j. Physical Disability
- □ k. Speech Impairment
- □ I. Multiple Exceptionalities

#### 13. Were you born in Canada?

❑ Yes (If yes, please skip part b.)
❑ No

b. If you were not born in Canada, how long have you lived in Canada?

Less than 1 year	4 years		8 years
1 year	5 years		9 or more years
2 years	6 years		
3 years	7 years		
14. a. Do you have a sma	art phone?	🗅 Yes	D No

b. Do you have access to the internet at home?	Yes	🗖 No
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### 15. About how many hours a week (including weekends) do you spend on homework and studying (outside of schooltime):

- O hours/Not Applicable
- □ 1 10 hours
- □ 11 20 hours
- □ 21 30 hours
- More than 30 hours

#### 16. What were most of your marks on your last report card?

Mostly A's - (80% or over)
 Mostly B's - (70-79%)
 Mostly C's - (60-69%)
 Mostly D's - (50-59%)
 Mostly R's - (Below 50%)

<u>C. Healthy Living/Well Being</u> Your health and well being is important. Please share your thoughts on the following questions related to healthy living.

17. Please respond to the following statement
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a.	At this school, adult and student leaders promote activities and ideas that are healthy for me.					
b.	At this school, there is information about making healthy lifestyle choices (e.g., information on smoking, healthy eating, alcohol and drug abuse, stress management).					
C.	At this school, if food and beverages are available for sale, they are healthy choices that I like.					
d.	I usually participate in at least 60 minutes of physical activity every day (before, during, and after school).					
e.	I have physical education (gym) class or Daily Physical Activity (DPA) every day at my school.					
f.	At this school, there are safety procedures for myself or others who have medical conditions (e.g., allergies, heart conditions, diabetes).					
g.	When I have a problem with how I am doing at school, I can come up with ways to solve it.					
h.	I bounce back quickly and don't get too upset when I get a grade or school feedback with which I am not happy.					
i.	In general, I like the way I am.					
j.	When I am not doing well at school, I keep working and I try harder.					
k.	I feel like I am important to other people.					
١.	I feel proud of myself.					
m.	I feel like I matter to other people.					
n.	I feel like people won't value me if I don't do well at school.					
0.	I feel that family, friends, and people at school support me in making choices about my life.					
p.	I usually hide my feelings of anxiety and sadness so that people do not know how I am really feeling.					
q.	I feel like I am expected to be perfect.					
r.	If I needed supports related to mental health, I would know where to go to get help.					
S.	I would feel like a weak person if I had to get help because of how I am feeling.					
t.	When I am feeling sad, I am good at cheering myself up.					

#### 18. Please respond to the following questions:

		All the Time	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
a.	In general, how often do you feel like you are pushed to do too much?					
b.	In general, how often do bad or upsetting things happen to you?					
C.	In general, how often do you feel like you are running out of time so that you would not be able to do anything fun?					

#### 19. In general, how often do you feel:

		All the Time	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
a.	Нарру					
b.	Lonely					
C.	Angry					
d.	Sad or depressed					
e.	Hopeful about the future					
f.	Nervous or anxious					

#### 20. If you were concerned about your mental health who would you talk to?

(please check all that are true for you)

- a. 🛛 School staff
- b. 🛛 Friends
- c.  $\Box$  My parent(s)/guardian(s)
- d. D A mental health professional (e.g., doctor, counselor, social worker)
- e. 
  Internet/chat room
- f. Other person (please specify the relationship to you):\_\_\_\_\_

#### 21. Where do you get information about mental health?

(please check <u>all</u> that are true for you)

- a. 🛛 School staff
- b. 🛛 Friends
- c. 🛛 Internet
- d. 🛛 Media
- e. D My parent(s)/guardian(s)
- f. D A mental health professional (e.g., doctor, counselor, social worker)
- g. Gother please specify):\_\_\_\_\_

#### D. Equity and Inclusivity

In the YRDSB we believe that striving for equity and inclusivity means that we do our best to meet individual student needs and remove barriers to student success.

22. a. Do you feel that you get the support you need at your school to learn to the best of your ability?	Always	Often	Sometimes	Never
lf you answered <u>Always,</u> please skip part b.				
<b>b. If you feel you do <u>not</u> always get the support yo of the following?</b> (please choose <u>all</u> that are true for		u think it i	is because of a	any
<ul> <li>a. Your gender</li> <li>b. Your race, culture or skin colour</li> <li>c. Your Aboriginal background (First Nation, Mér</li> <li>d. Your first language, dialect or accent</li> <li>e. Your religion or faith</li> <li>f. The way you look (e.g., weight, height, hair, b</li> <li>g. Your family's level of income</li> <li>h. Your grades or marks</li> <li>i. Your special learning needs</li> <li>j. You are new to this school</li> <li>k. Another reason (please explain):</li> </ul>	ody shape, the	·	ou wear)	
23. a. Do you ever feel unwelcome or uncomfortable at	Always	Often	Sometimes	Never
your school?				
lf you answered <u>Never</u> , please skip part b).				
<b>b. If you feel unwelcome or uncomfortable, do you following?</b> (please choose <u>all</u> that are true for you.)	think it is bec	ause of a	ny of the	
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- e. D Your religion or faith
- f. The way you look (e.g., weight, height, hair, body shape, the clothes you wear)
- g. D Your family's level of income
- h. D Your grades or marks
- i. D Your special learning needs
- j. D You are new to this school
- k. Another reason (please explain):

	Always	Often	Sometimes	Never
24. a. Do you feel that school rules are applied to you in a fair way?				

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If you answered <u>Always</u>, please skip part b.

- b. If you feel the school rules have <u>not</u> always been applied to you fairly, do you think it is because of any of the following? (please choose <u>all</u> that are true for you)
- a. D Your gender
- b. D Your race, culture or skin colour
- c. D Your Aboriginal background (First Nation, Métis, Inuit)
- d. U Your first language, dialect or accent
- e. D Your religion or faith
- f. D The way you look (e.g., weight, height, hair, body shape, the clothes you wear)
- g. D Your family's level of income
- h. D Your grades or marks
- i. D Your special learning needs
- j. D You are new to this school
- k. D Another reason (please explain):

#### E. School Safety

Please let us know how safe you feel at school by answering the following questions.

#### 25. Please respond to the following statements about safety:

a. b. c.	I feel safe at this school. I feel safe on the way to and from school. I feel safe in my neighbourhood.	Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Not Sure
	26. If you were bullied/harassed or saw someone be bullied/harassed, would you know how to report at your school?		Yes	No		
	27. Are you aware of the anonymous reporting butte called Report IT on the school and Board websit					
	<ul> <li>28. Do you feel unsafe in any of the following places (Please check <u>all</u> that are true for you.)</li> <li>a. In the classroom</li> <li>b. In the hallways</li> <li>c. In the school entrances and exits</li> <li>d. In the stairwells/under the stairs</li> <li>e. In the library</li> <li>f. In the computer rooms/labs</li> <li>g. In the gym</li> <li>h. In the change rooms or locker rooms</li> <li>i. In washrooms</li> <li>j. On school buses</li> <li>k. During times when you are outside on school</li> <li>l. In the lunchrooms or eating area/cafeteria</li> <li>m. In the portables</li> <li>n. While communicating electronically (e.g., to the school of th</li></ul>	ool ground		ial media, c	hat rooms)	

	Yes	No
29. Have you ever stayed away, or wanted to stay away from school in order to avoid being bullied/harassed?		
30. Have you ever been bullied/harassed at school?		

If you answered <u>No</u> for Question 30, please skip the next <u>four</u> questions and go to Q35.

- 31. How many times have you been bullied/harassed by another student(s) at school over the last two months?
  - Not at all
  - □ 1-2 times
  - □ 3-5 times
  - □ 6-10 times
  - □ More than 10 times
- **32.** In which of the following ways have you been bullied/harassed at your current school? (*Please check all that are true for you.*)

#### a. D Physically

(e.g., someone has pushed, tripped, or hit you; taken or broken your belongings on purpose)

#### c. **D** Electronically

(e.g., someone has used social media tools (Instagram, Vine, 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)

#### b. 🖵 Verbally

(e.g., someone has called you names, teased, or made fun of you; said mean things to you; embarrassed or threatened you)

#### d. 🛛 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)

### **33.** If you have been bullied/harassed at your current school, do you think it is because of any of **the following?** (please check <u>all</u> that are true for you)

- a. **Q** Your gender
- b. D Your race, culture or skin colour
- c. D Your Aboriginal background (First Nation, Métis, Inuit)
- d. U Your first language, dialect or accent
- e. D Your religion or faith
- f. The way you look (e.g., weight, height, hair, body shape, the clothes you wear)
- g. D Your family's level of income
- h. D Your grades or marks
- i. D Your special learning needs
- j. D You are new to this school
- k. 🛛 Another reason (please explain): \_\_\_\_\_

#### 34. Think of the last time you were bullied/harassed. What did you do?

(please check <u>all</u> that are true for you.)

- a. 🛛 I ignored it.
- b. **I** told my parent(s) or guardian(s) about it.
- c.  $\Box$  I told an adult at school about it.
- d. **I** told an adult outside of school about it.
- e. **I** told another student about it.
- f. I called a helpline.
- g. I used the Report IT button on the school or Board website.
- h. **I** fought back.
- i. D Other (please explain) \_\_\_\_

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Not Sure
35. There is an adult at this school with whom I would feel comfortable speaking:	U			0	
a. if I am bullied/harassed					
b. if I see someone else being bullied/harassed					
36. I am satisfied with the steps my school has taken to:	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Not Sure
a. raise awareness about bullying/harassment					
b. respond to incidents of bullying/harassment					
<b>37. What strategies have helped to raise your aware</b> (please check <u>all</u> that are true for you.)	ness abou	t bullyin	g/harassm	ent?	

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a.		Assemblies	

- b. **Guest speakers**
- c. D Posters
- d. **Classroom lessons**
- e. 
  Given Student-led initiatives
- f. **D** Student councils
- g. 
  □ Conferences
- h. 🛛 Social media
- i. Other (please explain) \_\_\_\_\_

#### 38. How often do you think adults (e.g., teachers, lunchroom supervisors, office staff) at your school do the following:

		Always	Often	Sometimes	Never	Not Sure
a.	notice bullying/harassment?					
b.	try to stop bullying/harassment?					
c.	ignore bullying/harassment?					
d.	listen to both sides of the story?					

Thank you for completing this survey. Please return the questionnaire to your teacher.