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# Report 10-198 to Strategic Planning and Priorities Committee

# Re: 2010 OCDSB Student Survey

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# **PURPOSE:**

1. To provide an overview of the 2010 OCDSB Student Survey (Appendix A).

# **BACKGROUND:**

2. The current strategic plan of the Board includes the following community objective and district goal:

To celebrate our commitment to community through responsible citizenship, collaborative partnership and the stewardship of resources by recognizing the diversity of our community through the development and implementation of a diversity strategy.

- 3. The District has established a goal to raise graduation rates to 90 per cent by the year 2020. An important part of our strategy to realize this goal is our multi-faceted approach to supporting equity of opportunity and equity of access in our schools. The OCDSB has made a commitment to the simple, but powerful statement: *Everyone is welcome here.* One element of creating a sense of belonging stems from seeing one's own self-identity positively reflected in a learning environment.
- 4. The Student Survey is one of the key components in the five-phase OCDSB Diversity Strategy building process that was brought forward in Report No. 10-081 to the Strategic Planning and Priorities Committee, April 7, 2010.
  - 4.1 The survey is in alignment with the requirements of the Ministry of Education's PPM 119: Developing and Implementing Equity and Inclusive Education Policies in Ontario Schools directing all publicly funded schools to increase the response to a full range of diverse needs and opportunities in the educational community.
  - 4.2 All school boards are mandated to conduct an Aboriginal self-identification. They are also required to conduct a school climate survey as part of the Safe Schools' program.
- 5. The OCDSB has chosen to conduct a more inclusive survey of our student population to provide relevant information that will inform our program decisions. Like its counterpart, the OCDSB Workforce Survey conducted in April, 2010, the 2010 Student Survey of all students in the OCDSB is designed to create a better, more empirical understanding of the people in our school district, and to use this information to positively align supportive equity and inclusive education initiatives with real needs.

# STATUS:

- 6. Research suggests that students who feel welcomed and accepted in their schools are more likely to succeed academically. We also know that students learn best when they are known well and they are in a positive learning environment that inspires and motivates them. The survey seeks to gather the data that will better inform us about the demographics and environmental factors affecting our students.
- 7. The objectives of the student survey are to:
  - a) better know the unique and diverse characteristics of our student population
  - b) identify student populations that are underserved
  - c) establish or enhance programs and interventions to close student achievement gaps, and
  - d) survey school climates and foster positive change.
- 8. Survey results will inform:
  - a) the Board Improvement Plan
  - b) the school improvement plans, and
  - c) future program reviews, research opportunities and partnership opportunities.
- 9. The student survey will be available to every student in the district from K through 12. Students in Junior Kindergarten to Grade 6 will bring the survey home to be completed with parental help either on-line or on paper. Students in Grades 7 12 will have the opportunity to complete the survey on-line at school.
- 10. The survey is confidential and will take approximately 20 30 minutes to complete and asks a broad range of school climate and student diversity questions. To ensure confidentiality, each student will be assigned a random and unique survey number. No name or student number will be included on the survey.
- 11. The survey is voluntary; parents of students in grades K through 6 will provide consent through participation in the survey. For students in grades 7 to 12, the survey will be completed in class and students may choose not to participate. Parents of students in grades 7 to 12 who do not want their child to participate are encouraged to discuss the issue with their child and to advise the school in writing by November 19, 2010.
- 12. The survey will be conducted in the following manner (see Appendix B):
  - a) Administered between November 22, 2010 and December 10, 2010, with schools given the option of the most suitable times and dates for delivery
  - b) Each OCDSB school will create a site-based team to oversee the administration of the survey
  - c) Central support will be provided throughout to support the site in administering the survey.
  - d) Random unique codes will be assigned to each student survey
  - e) Each unique survey code will expire after the survey is entered on-line
  - f) Multiple security measures will be used to protect link between student and unique code
  - g) Completed surveys will be provided directly to the firm conducting the survey on our behalf
  - h) Individual student responses will not be available to school or district staff
  - i) Only aggregate reports will be used and survey data will never be available on an individual student basis.

- 13. Upon completion of The Survey, results will be migrated under secure conditions from TWI to secure storage at OCDSB to allow for the next phase of the Diversity Plan and the use of the survey data.
- 14. Substantial consideration has been given to issues of privacy, legislative compliance, research ethics and survey methodology. In addition to ensuring compliance with the Education Act, the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and the Ontario Human Rights Code, the following considerations and/or reviews have been undertaken:
  - a) Development of an Ethical Code
  - b) Review of and compliance with the Ontario Human Rights Commission publication: *Count Me In! Collecting Human Rights-Based Data*
  - c) Survey reviewed by OCDSB Quality Assurance
  - d) Survey reviewed by OCDSB legal department
  - e) Review by OCDSB Privacy & Information Management Committee
  - f) Review of Information and Privacy Commission Report regarding the Toronto District School Board Student Survey
  - e) Review and compliance with Information and Privacy Commissioner (IPC) (Ontario): Best Practices For Protecting Individual Privacy in Conducting Survey Resources as well as discussions with and review by the IPC of the OCDSB Student Survey
  - g) Development of a privacy agreement between OCDSB and TWI survey firm.
- 15. The analysis of the survey information will focus on aggregates by district and schools, not individual students. The survey data will inform our district and school improvement planning process. It will also inform future decisions about programs, research and partnership opportunities.

# FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

16. The cost of the survey was included in the budget and funds are drawn from several areas including Diversity and Equity initiatives, Safe Schools, Aboriginal Education and School Operations.

# **CONSULTATION:**

- 17. The development of the survey has been a collaborative and consultative process and has included broad consultation with the following groups:
  - a) Ottawa-Carleton Association of School Councils (OCASC)
  - b) Student Leaders
  - c) Community Council on Ethno-cultural Equity
  - d) OCDSB System Leaders
  - e) Education Federations
  - f) OCSDB Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)
  - g) Diversity Inclusion Task Force
  - h) Aboriginal communities
  - i) Immigrant communities
  - j) Faith communities

- 18. The Communications Department has been supporting the survey development and has helped to create a number of communications documents to support the survey. These include:
  - a) A Powerpoint presentation for principals to use with staff and school councils;
  - b) A postcard with frequently asked questions to be sent to every home;
  - c) A poster to be displayed in all schools;
  - d) A letter from the Director of Education to be sent home with all students;
  - e) A letter explaining how to complete the survey;
  - f) An updated section on the website with detailed information about the survey;
  - g) A dedicated e-mail address and telephone line for survey inquiries;
  - h) A plan for district wide Synervoice messaging about the survey; and
  - i) The translation of survey communications materials into seven languages.

# **SUMMARY:**

19. This survey is a significant undertaking and a critical component of our commitment to better understanding the needs of our students. The survey brings together our commitments to student achievement, equity and inclusion and the need for data informed decision making. In addition to addressing our mandated requirements with respect to school climate and aboriginal self-identification surveys, this survey will provide data that will be extremely useful in developing future board and school improvement plans.

# SUBMITTED FOR INFORMATION.

Barrie Hammond Director of Education and Secretary of the Board Walter Piovesan Superintendent of Instruction

Please do not put your child's name or student ID number on this survey.



# **CONFIDENTIAL WHEN COMPLETED** School:

Grade:

Thank you for agreeing to complete this survey. The survey is **VOLUNTARY and CONFIDENTIAL**. You are invited to complete the survey on-line or through a paper format that is attached. If you choose to complete the survey on-line, please use the survey number provided for each child in your household to log onto the system. If you have more than one child in our school District, please complete and submit a separate survey for each child using the individualized code provided for each child. Your individual responses will not be shared with anyone. For the purposes of this survey, "parent" includes a guardian or caregiver with significant or primary responsibility for the child.

# THANK YOU for helping to make a difference in our ability to serve your child or children.

# PART I: QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR CHILD

Knowing and building on current strengths is one of the keys to inspire learning and building student success. Please share some of the key areas that your child has demonstrated a strong interest and/or strength. Please check all that apply.

		Weekly	Monthly	A few times a year	Never
a)	Arts (e.g. visual arts, drama, dance, music)				
b)	Cultural group activities				
c)	Leadership programs (e.g. peer helpers)				
d)	Religious/faith events and activities				
e)	School special events (e.g. concerts)				
f)	Sports (e.g. intramurals, sport teams)				
g)	Other activities (i.e. computers, chess)				

# 1. How often does your child take part in the following activities in school?

# 2. How often does your child take part in the following activities outside of school?

	Weekly	Monthly	A few times a Year	Never
a) Arts (e.g. visual arts, drama, dance, music)				
<ul><li>b) Cultural group activities (i.e. language lessons)</li></ul>				
C) Leadership programs (e.g. YW/MCA)				
<ul> <li>Religious events and activities</li> </ul>				
<ul><li>e) Sports</li><li>(e.g. swimming lessons, community tea</li></ul>	ms)			
f) Youth group activities				
Other activities (e.g. girl guides, boy scout)				



# 3. How would you describe your child's skill level in each of the following areas?

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Having Difficulty	Not Sure	Not Yet
Arts (e.g. visual arts, drama, dance, music)						
Leadership (e.g. team or group leader)						
Math						
Oral communication (e.g. public speaking)						
Physical Activities (e.g. skateboarding, team sports, recreational sports)					-	
Problem solving (e.g. finding ways to solve personal/social problems)			-	-	-	
Reading						
Social skills (e.g. getting along with others)	-	-		-		
Technology						
Writing						
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# 4. Has your child received any awards, certificates or recognition in the following activities? (Check <u>all</u> that apply)

		In his/her current school	In his/her previous school (s)	In our Community	Does not apply
a)	Academics				
b)	Arts (e.g. visual arts, drama, dance, music)				
c)	Charitable or humanitarian activities (e.g. environment)	D			
d)	Clubs and activities				
e)	Leadership				
f)	Sports/Recreation				
g)	Volunteer				
h)	None yet				

# 5. Where was your child born? (*Pick one of the following*)

- □ In Ottawa
- □ In Ontario
- □ In Canada, in a province or territory outside Ontario
- Outside Canada, in another country



- 6. Is your child of Aboriginal descent: (If "No" go to question X; if "Yes", pick one of the following)
  - First Nations (Status)
  - □First Nations (Non-Status)
  - 🗆 Inuit
  - Métis
  - □Aboriginal person from outside Canada

# 7. Which of the following best describes your child's background? (Please check all that apply)

- □ Aboriginal
- □ Arab
- Black
- □ Chinese
- □ Filipino
- □ Japanese
- □ Korean
- □ Latin American
- □ Mixed Race
- □ South Asian (e.g., Pakistani, Sri Lankan, etc.)
- □ Southeast Asian (e.g., Cambodian, Malaysian, Laotian, Vietnamese, etc.)
- □ West Asian (e.g., Afghan, Iranian, etc.)
- White
- □ Other Specify: \_
- 8. Does your child have a disability or exceptionality or special need? People with disabilities are those who may have a continuing difficulty in hearing, speaking, moving around, learning, etc.

□Yes

No

b) If yes, pick as many as apply:

- Behaviour Hearing Learning
- □ Vision □ Speech and language needs
- □Mental Health issues (e.g. anxiety) □Physical needs (e.g., body movement)
- c) If yes, is your child currently receiving special education support? Yes No Not sure

9. Before starting school in kindergarten, did your child regularly attend any of the following programs: (Please check all that apply)

- Child care centre
- □ Home day care
- Pre-school programs
- □Home care by a parent or family member □Home care by a nanny or babysitter
- □None of the above

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# PART II: ABOUT YOUR FAMILY

10. Please indicate the ethnic/cultural group(s) of your ancestors. Please note the list of ethnic and cultural groups cited below reflects the major groups reported in the Ottawa-Carleton region during the 2006 Statistics Canada reports.

# **British Isles origins**

- English
- Irisĥ
- Scottish
- Welsh

# **French origins**

- Acadian П
- French П

## **Aboriginal origins**

- Inuit П
- Métis
- North American Indian

### **Other North American** origins

- American Π
- Canadian

## **Caribbean origins**

- Barbadian
- Guyanese
- Haitian
- Jamaican
- Trinidadian/ Tobagonian
- West Indian

### Latin, Central and South American origins

- Colombian
- Mexican
- Peruvian П
- Salvadorean

## **European origins**

- Western European
- Austrian
- Belgian
- Dutch (Netherlands)
- German
- Swiss П

### Northern/Scandinavian

- Danish
- Finnish
- Icelandic
- Norwegian Π Swedish
- Eastern European
- Baltic origins  $\square$
- Π Latvian
- Lithuanian

# Czech and Slovak

- Czech Slovak
- Hungarian (Magyar)
- Polish
- Romanian П
- Russian
  - Ukrainian

## **European origins** continued...

# Southern European

- Bulgarian
- Croatian
- Greek
- Italian
- Portuguese
- Serbian  $\square$
- Slovenian
- Spanish

### Jewish European Jewish

# African origins

- Π Black
- Burundian  $\square$
- Congolese
- Eritrean Ethiopian
- Ghanaian П
- Nigerian
- Rwandan
- Somali
- South African П

# Arab origins

- Egyptian
- Iraqi
- Lebanese
- Maghrebi origins
- Palestinian
- Syrian

#### West Asian origins

- Afghan
- Armenian
- Iranian
- Israeli Turk

## South Asian origins

- Bangladeshi
- East Indian
- Pakistani
- Punjabi
- Sri Lankan
- Tamil

### East/Southeast Asian origins

Cambodian  $\square$ 

Japanese

Vietnamese

**Oceania origins** 

Australian

Other origins

Other

Unknown

Pacific Islander

please specify

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Korean

Chinese Filipino

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11. The language(s) spoken most often at home is/are: (Please check all that apply to you) Please note, the options listed below do not include every possible language, however, these are the languages most often reported to Statistics Canada.

# **Official languages**

- English
- □ French

# European

# **Aboriginal languages**

- □ Algonquin
- Cree
- Ojibway
- **European languages**

# Celtic languages

- □ Gaelic languages
- □ Welsh

# Germanic languages

- Dutch
- German
- Yiddish
- Danish
- Norwegian
- Swedish

## Romance languages

- Italian
- Portuguese
- Romanian
- Spanish

# Hellenic languages

□ Greek

# (continued...)

# Northeast languages

- Latvian Π Lithuanian
- Estonian
- Finnish
- Hungarian

## Slavic languages

- Bosnian
- Bulgarian
- Croatian
- Czech
- Polish
- Russian
- Serbian
- Serbo-Croatian П Slovak
- Slovenian
- Ukrainian

# **Turkic languages**

- □ Armenian
- Turkish

# African languages

- Akan (Twi)
- Lingalà  $\square$ Rundi (Kirundi)
- Rwanda
- (Kinyarwanda)
- Swahili

# Afro-Asiatic languages

- Ormoro
- Somali
- Amharic
- Arabic
- Hebrew
- Tigrigna

#### Indo-Iranian languages Bengali Π

- Gujarati
- Hindi
- Marathi Panjabi (Punjabi)
- Sindhi
- Sinhala (Sinhalese)
- П Urdu
- Kurdish
- Pashto
- Persian (Farsi)

# **Dravidian languages**

- Kannada
- Malayalam
- Tamil
- Telugu

# Asiatic languages

- Japanese
- Korean
- Cantonese Mandarin
- Lao
- Thai
- Khmer (Cambodian)
- Vietnamese

# Malayo-Polynesian languages

#### Ilocano

- Malay
- Tagalog (Filipino)

Other languages Other - Please specify:

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# 12. Who are the adult caregivers your child lives with most of the time? (Please check one only).

Mother

- □ Mother and Father
- □ Half-time with each parent
- Father and step mother
   Two mothers
- □ Father mother □ Mother
  - Mother and step fatherFoster parents

- Two fathers
   Adult relatives/guardians
- □ Other:

(please specify)

# b) Using your selection in 12a, what level(s) of education have you completed in Canada or in any other country?

Parent	Gender	Elementary	High School	Trades or Apprenticeship	College	University	Other
Parent/Guardian 1	□Male □Female						
Parent/Guardian 2	□Male □Female						

# c) Using your selection in 12a, what is your employment status?

Parent	Gender	Employed Full-Time	Employed Part-Time	Self- Employed	Un- employed	Stay at Home Parent	Retired	Other
Parent/Guardian 1	□Male □Female							
Parent/Guardian 2	□Male □Female							

# d) How many people live in your home on a regular basis?

- \_\_\_\_\_ children
- \_\_\_\_\_ adults

# 13. What is your religious or spiritual affiliation?

- □ Aboriginal spirituality
- Baha'i
- Buddhist
- $\Box$  Catholic
- D Protestant (e.g. Anglican, United, Presbyterian, Baptist, Mennonite)
- □ Christian Orthodox
- Eastern Religions (e.g. Taoism, Shintoism, Confucianism)
- Hindu
- □ Jewish
- Muslim Shia"
- Muslim Sunni
- Sikh
- I do not have a religious or spiritual affiliation
- □ Other Specify:
- Prefer not to disclose
- $\hfill\square$  I do not know

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# PART III: LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

Creating and sustaining a positive learning environment is critical to student success. Please share your thoughts on your child and your experience with our current learning climate.

## 14. How does your child feel about school:

		Always	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never	Not applicable
a)	My child enjoys being at school						
b)	My child feels that school is a friendly and welcoming place						
c)	My child feels that school is an inviting place to learn						
d)	My child gets along well with other students in school						
e)	My child feels accepted by students in his/her school						
f)	My child feels accepted by adults in his/her school						

# 15. Does your child feel they do not belong at their school? Yes No

# If yes, do you think it was because of the any of the following? (Please check all that apply)

- □ My child's age
- □ My child's gender
- My child's ethnocultural or racial background
- □ My child's Aboriginal background (First Nation, Métis, Inuit)
- □ My child's language background (first language)
- □ My child's disability
- □ My child's exceptionality
- □ My child's grades or marks
- □ My child's appearance and/or clothing
- □ My child's religion or faith
- □ My family's level of income
- □ My child's activities or hobbies
- □ Other please specify:

# 16. In your child's school, how often has he or she learned about the experiences and/or achievements of:

		Always	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never	Don't Know
a)	Women and girls						
b)	Aboriginal peoples (First Nation, Métis, Inuit)						
c)	Different ethnocultural or racial groups						
d)	Different religious/faith communities						
e)	People with disabilities or exceptionalities						
f)	People of different sexual identities						
g)	People of different income levels						



17. In your child's school, people of different backgrounds and abilities are seen and/or included in:

		Always	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never	Don't Know
a)	Pictures or posters in the school						
b)	Displays of student work						
c)	Materials used in class (e.g., books and videos)						
d)	Discussions & presentations about topics studied in class						
e)	School publications (e.g. newsletters)						
f)	Special Events and celebrations						
g)	School Staff						
h)	School Council						
i)	Volunteers						
j)	Other students						

## 18. a) Do you feel there are barriers that stand in the way of your child's learning at school?

Yes

Not sure

- b) If you answered <u>ves</u>, do you think that these barriers exist because of any of the following? (Please check all that apply)
  - My child's age
  - My child's gender
  - My child's ethnocultural or racial background
  - My child's Aboriginal background (First Nation, Métis, Inuit)

🗆 No

- □ My child's language background (first language)
- My child's disability or exceptionality
- □ My child's grades or marks
- □ My child's appearance and/or clothing
- □ My child's religion or faith
- □ My family's level of income
- □ My child's activities or hobbies
- Other please specify:

# 19. How do you feel that your child is treated by school staff in your school:

- □ the same way as everyone else
- better than others
- worse than others

# 20. a) Do you understand the expectations of the school for your child around:

		Yes	No
a.	Academic success (belief that all students can learn)		
b.	Attendance		
с.	Behaviour/Code of conduct		
d.	Community of Character/Character Development		

b) Do you feel that these expectations have been applied to your child in a fair manner?

All the time	Most of the time	Some of the time
□ Rarely	Not sure	



If yes, please indicate the type of accommodation requested

	Granted	Denied	Alternative Accommodation Negotiated
Permission to observe a religious practice during school hours			
Permission to wear an item (of clothing) connected with a religious belief.			
Time away from school to observe a religious holiday			
Other (please specify)	] -		

# PART IV: SAFETY

Safety is an important part of ensuring student success. "Feeling safe" means feeling comfortable, relaxed, and not worried that someone could harm your child physically or emotionally.

# 22. How often -

	Always	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
a) Does your child feel safe at school?					
b) Does your child feel safe on the way to and from school?					
c) Does your child feel safe in your neighbourhood?					

# 23. a) Has your child experienced being bullied/harassed in any of the following ways?

Definition of Bullying: Bullying is defined as the use of one's strength or popularity to injure, threaten or embarrass another person. Bullying can be physical (hitting, kicking or shoving), verbal (teasing, putting down or insulting someone on purpose) or social (involves getting others repeatedly to ignore or leave someone out on purpose). It is not bullying when two students of about the same strength argue, fight or tease each other.

Always	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never

If you answered "Never" to all of the questions in Q23a, please go to Q24



b) If your child has been threatened, bullied or harmed by anyone at your current school, do you think it is because of any of the following: (*Choose all that apply*)

- My child's age
- □ My child's gender
- □ My child's ethnocultural or racial background
- D My child's Aboriginal background (First Nation, Métis, Inuit)
- □ My child's language background (first language)
- □ My child's disability or exceptionality
- □ My child's grades or marks
- □ My child's appearance and/or clothing
- □ My child's religion or faith
- □ My family's level of income
- My child's activities or hobbies
- □ Other please specify: \_

# c) <u>Where and how often has your child experienced bullying/harassment?</u>

		Always	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
a)	Areas off school property					
b)	Cloak rooms or locker rooms					
c)	Classrooms					
d)	Computer rooms					
e)	Library					
f)	Lunchroom or eating area/cafeteria					
g)	Office					
h)	Electronically (via facebook, twitter etc.)					
i)	Gym					
j)	Hallways					
k)	School entrances and exits					
I)	Washrooms					

# d) <u>When</u> and how often has your child experienced bullying/harassment?

		Always	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
a)	Before school					
b)	After school					
c)	Between classes					
d)	During breaks (spares, lunch)					
e)	During classes					
f)	During extracurricular activities					
g)	On school field trips					
h)	On the way to and from school					
i)	Playground					
j)	School bus					
k)	On Weekends					

# 24. To your knowledge, has your child stayed away from certain classes or areas of the school to avoid being bullied/harassed?

Always	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never	Don't Know

25. How does your child get to school?



- Walk (alone)
- □ School bus/taxi
- □ Bike

Walk (with siblings/friends)
 Driven
 skateboard/ roller blades/scooter

- Walk (supervised by an adult)
- OC Transpo
- $\Box$  Other please specify

# 26. How often does school staff contact you if your child:

	Always	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never	Not Sure
Is a victim of bullying/harassment						
Bullies/harasses another child						

# 27. Are you aware of how to report bullying/harassment, to school staff?

Yes (go to X)
 Yes, but I have never reported it (go to X)
 No (go to X)

# b) How often do you contact your school if your child:

		Always	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never	Not Sure
a)	Is a victim of bullying/harassment						
b)	Witnesses another child being bullied/harassed						
c)	Bullies/harasses another child						

# c) When you have reported or told someone about your child being bullied or harassed, who did you contact?

		Please check	all that apply
a)	Teacher		
b)	Vice-principal		
c)	Principal		
d)	Superintendent		
e)	Other		
(ple	ease specify)		

# 28. If you have been bullied, has it affected:

		Always	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
a)	Your child's feelings about going to school					
b)	Your child's performance in school (e.g. your grades have dropped)					
C)	Your child's attendance (e.g. skipping classes)					
d)	Other					



29. My child's school's focus on the following character development has helped in creating a safe, welcoming and inclusive learning environment?

		Always	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Don't know
a)	Acceptance					
b)	Appreciation					
c)	Cooperation					
d)	Empathy					
e)	Fairness					
f)	Integrity					
g)	Optimism					
h)	Perseverance					
i)	Respect					
j)	Responsibility					

# PART V: LEARNING SUPPORT, TOOLS & RESOURCES

There are various tools and resources available to help your child succeed. In this section, please share with us what you are aware of and what additional support your child may need to achieve success.

30. Has your child had his/her eyesight or hearing tested in the last two years?

Eyesight	□Yes	No
Hearing	□Yes	No

Has your child visited a dentist in the past year?
 Yes □ No

# 32. How often do you:

		Always	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
a)	Communicate with your child's teachers?					
b)	Attend parent-teacher interviews?					
c)	Attend meetings (i.e. School Council) and event at your child's school?					
d)	Volunteer at your child's school?					

# 33. How often does your child:

	Always	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never	Don't Know
a) Seek extra help with homework in school?						
b) Seek help with homework outside of school if needed?						

## 34. How much time does your child spend on homework per night?

- □ Less than 30 minutes□ More than 60 minutes
- □ 30 to 40 minutes □ None
- 40 to 60 minutes



# 35. Do you think free or low-cost breakfast programs should be offered in your school community? □Yes □No □Not sure

# 36. What do you want your child to do after high school?

Attend community college

- □ Take an apprenticeship before going to work
- □ Attend university

- Not sureOther
- □ Go directly to work
- If you have completed a paper format of the survey, please place the completed survey in the self-addressed return envelope and seal it before returning to the school with your child no later than December 12, 2010. If you have completed the survey online, simply press submit and the process is complete.

Thank you for your participation.

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# **CONFIDENTIAL WHEN COMPLETED** School: Please do not put your name or student number on this survey.

Grade:

THE OTTAWA CARLETON DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD INVITES YOU TO COMPLETE THIS STUDENT SURVEY.

The survey is **VOLUNTARY** and **CONFIDENTIAL**. <u>Your individual responses will not be shared with anyone</u>. Please answer the questions as completely and accurately as possible. THANK YOU for your cooperation.

# PART I: QUESTIONS ABOUT ME

Knowing and building on current strengths is one of the keys to inspire learning and building student success. Please share some of the key areas that you have a strong interest and/or strength. Please check all that apply.

1. How often do you take part in the following activities *in school*?

				A few	
		Weekly	Monthly	times a year	Never
h)	Arts (e.g. visual arts, drama, dance, music)				
i)	Cultural group activities				
j)	Leadership programs (e.g. peer helpers)				
k)	Religious events and activities				
I)	School special events (e.g. dances, concerts)				
m)	Sports (e.g intramurals, sport teams)				
n)	Student council activities				
o)	Student publications (e.g. yearbook, newspaper, magazine)				
l) _(ple	Other:ease specify)				

# 2. How often do you take part in the following activities outside of school?

	$\langle \rangle \rangle$	Weekly	Monthly	A few times a year	Never
a)	Arts (e.g. visual arts, drama, dance, music)				
b)	Cultural group activities (e.g. language lessons)				
c)	Leadership programs (e.g. YW/MCA)				
d)	Religious events and activities				
e)	Sports (e.g sport teams)				
f)	Youth group activities				
g) ma	Youth publications (e.g. newspaper, gazine)				
h)	Other social activities (e.g. computers, chess)				



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# 3. How do you see yourself in each of the following areas?

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Having Difficulty	Not Sure
Arts (e.g. visual arts, drama, dance, music)					
Leadership (e.g. leading a group or team)					
Math					
Oral communication (e.g public speaking)					
Physical Activities (e.g. skateboarding, team sports, recreational sports)					
Problem solving (e.g finding ways to solve personal/social problems)					
Reading					
Social skills (e.g. getting along with others)					
Technology					
Writing					
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# 4. Have you received any awards, certificates or recognition for your participation in the following activities? Please check <u>all</u> that apply

		In my current school	In my old school (s)	In my Community	Does not apply
i)	Academics				
j)	Arts (e.g. visual arts, drama, dance, music)				
k)	Charitable or humanitarian activities (e.g. environment)				
I)	Clubs and activities				
m)	Leadership				
n)	Sports/Recreation				
o)	Volunteer				
p)	None yet				

# 5. <u>At your current school</u>, have you ever been asked to help students as a: *Please check all that apply*

Peacemaker/peer mediator	Peer Mentor	Reading buddy
School ambassador	Peer Tutor	Greeter
□Monitor	Link crew memb	er
□Not yet	□Other:	

# 6. <u>At your current school</u>, how often have you been asked to lead an activity, a group or a team?

Many times	Sometimes	A few tir	mes	Never
If never, would you like to be	asked?	□ Yes	□No	



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#### The language(s) spoken most often at home is/are: Please check all that apply. 7.

Please note, the options listed below do not include every possible language, however, these are the languages most often reported to Statistics Canada

## **Official languages**

- □ English
- □ French

# **Aboriginal languages**

- □ Algonquin
- Cree
- Ojibway

# **European languages**

- Celtic languages
- □ Gaelic languages
- □ Welsh

### Germanic languages

- Dutch
- German
- Yiddish
- Danish
- Norwegian
- Swedish

# Romance languages

- Italian
- Portuguese
- Romanian
- Spanish

## Hellenic languages

□ Greek

# European (continued...)

# Northeast languages

- Latvian  $\square$ П Lithuanian
- Estonian
- Finnish
- Hungarian

### Slavic languages

- $\square$ Bosnian
- Bulgarian
- Croatian
- Czech
- Polish
- Russian
- Serbian
- Serbo-Croatian
- Slovak
- Slovenian Ukrainian

# **Turkic languages**

- Armenian Π
- Turkish

# Afro-Asiatic languages

African languages

Rundi (Kirundi)

(Kinyarwanda)

Akan (Twi)

Lingalà

Rwanda

Śwahili

- Ormoro
- Tigrigna

# Indo-Iranian languages

- Gujarati Hindi
- Marathi
- Panjabi (Punjabi)
- Sindhi
  - Sinhala (Sinhalese)
- Urdu
- Kurdish
- Pashto Persian (Farsi)

# **Dravidian languages**

- Kannada
- Malayalam  $\square$
- Tamil
- Telugu

# Asiatic languages

- Japanese
- Korean
- Cantonese Mandarin
  - Lao
- Thai
- Khmer (Cambodian)
- Vietnamese

## Malayo-Polynesian languages

- Ilocano
- Malay
- Tagalog (Filipino)

Other languages

# Other - Please specify:

#### Somali Amharic Arabic

- Hebrew

- Bengali

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#### 8. Which of the following physical language skills do you know, use or understand?

- □ Braille
- □ American Sign Language (ASL)
- Quebec Sign Language (QSL)
- None

# 9. Do you have a disability, exceptionality or a special education need?

People with disabilities are those who may have a continuing difficulty in hearing, speaking, moving around, learning, etc.) (The Education Act defines an exceptional student as one "whose behavioural, communication, intellectual, physical or multiple exceptionalities are such that he or she is considered to need placement in a special education program by a committee"

Yes

□ No I don't know

(If yes, please go to question XX. If no, or don't know, please go to question XX)

# b) If yes, pick as many as apply:

□ Behaviour □Hearing □Mental Health (e.g. anxiety, depression) □Learning Vision □Mobility (e.g., body movement) □Speech

c) Are you currently receiving special education support? □Yes

□ Not sure □No

#### 10. Where were you born? (Pick one of the following)

- □ In Ottawa
- □ In Ontario
- □ In Canada, in a province or territory outside Ontario
- Outside Canada, in another country

11. Do you identify yourself as Canadian? Yes 🗆 No (You do not have to be born in Canada to identify yourself as Canadian)

#### 12. Are you of Aboriginal heritage? Yes 🗆 No (If "No" go to question X; if "Yes", pick one of the following)

- First Nations (Status)
- First Nations (Non-Status)
- Inuit
- Métis
- Aboriginal person from outside Canada



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## 13. Which of the following best describes your background? (*Pick one only*)

- □ Aboriginal
- Arab
- Black
- □ Chinese
- □ Filipino
- □ Japanese
- □ Korean
- □ Latin American
- □ Mixed Race
- □ South Asian (e.g., East Indian, Pakistani, Sri Lankan, etc.)
- □ Southeast Asian (e.g., Cambodian, Malaysian, Laotian, Vietnamese, etc.)
- □ West Asian (e.g., Afghan, Iranian, etc.)
- White
- □ Other Specify:

## 14. What is your gender?

- l am
- FemaleMalePrefer not to disclose
- Transgender

# 15. How do you identify your sexual orientation? (You may choose more than one)

Bisexual
Lesbian (female)
Transsexual

□ Gay (male)□ Queer□ Two-spirited

Heterosexual (straight)Questioning

□ Prefer not to disclose

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## 16. Based on your current school progress, do you plan to graduate from high school?

I definitely will	I think I will	I'm not sure	I don't think I will
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# 17. Have you thought about your future career or occupation?

- Yes, I have decided on my future career or occupation specify: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_
- Yes, I have been thinking about it
- □ Yes, but I have no idea
- □ No, I have not thought about my future career or occupation

## 18. Immediately after high school:

	Return to school for additional credits	Attend college	Attend university	Work	Enroll in an apprenticeship program	Other Plans	Not sure
I plan to							
My parents or caregivers expect me to							
My teachers expect me to							
My friends expect me to							

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#### 19. Where were your parents or guardians born?

- In Ottawa
- In Ontario
- In Canada, in a province or territory outside Ontario
- Outside Canada, in another country
- I don't know

20. What is the ethnic or cultural background of your parents and grandparents? Please note the list of ethnic and cultural groups cited below reflects the major groups reported in the Ottawa-Carleton region during the 2006 Statistics Canada reports. Please check all that apply

## **British Isles origins**

- English
- Irisĥ
- Scottish
- Welsh

# **French origins**

- □ Acadian
- Π French

## **Aboriginal origins**

- Inuit
- Métis
- North American Indian

# **Other North American**

- origins
- American  $\square$
- Canadian

# **Caribbean origins**

- Barbadian
- Guyanese
- Haitian
- Jamaican
- Trinidadian/
- Tobagonian West Indian

# Latin, Central and

- South American origins Colombian
- Mexican
- Peruvian
- Salvadorean

# **European origins**

# Western European

- Austrian  $\square$
- Belgian Dutch (Netherlands)
- German
- Swiss

# Northern/Scandinavian

- Danish
- Finnish
- Icelandic
- Norwegian Swedish

### Eastern European **Baltic origins**

- Latvian
- Lithuanian

## Czech and Slovak

- Czech П
- Slovak Hungarian (Magyar)
  - Polish
- Romanian
- Russian
- Ukrainian

# **European origins** continued...

## Southern European

- □ Bulgarian
- Croatian
- n Greek
- Italian
- Portuguese
- Serbian
- Slovenian
- Spanish Π

Jewish European Jewish

# African origins

- Black Π. Burundian  $\square$
- Congolese
- Eritrean
- Ethiopian
- Ghanaian
- Nigerian
- П Rwandan
- Somali
  - South African

## Arab origins

- Egyptian  $\square$
- Iradi
- Lebanese
- Maghrebi origins
- Palestinian Syrian

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- West Asian origins
- Afghan Armenian
- $\square$
- Iranian Israeli
- Turk
- South Asian origins

East/Southeast Asian

Cambodian

Chinese

Japanese

Vietnamese

Pacific Islander

**Oceania origins** 

□ Australian

Other origins

□ Unknown

Other

(Please specify)

Filipino

Korean

- Bangladeshi
- East Indian
- Pakistani ГŤ
- Punjabi
- Sri Lankan
- Tamil

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# 21. Who are the adult caregivers you live with most of the time? (Please check one only). If you do not live with adult caregivers, go to 21e.

□ Two mothers

Other:

- Mother and FatherHalf-time with each parent
- MotherFather and step mother
- □ Father
- Mother and step father
   Foster parents

- Two fathersAdult relatives/guardians
- (please specify)

# b) Using your selection in 18a, what level(s) of education have your parents/guardians completed in Canada or in any other country?

Parent	Gender	Elementary	High School	Trades or Apprenticeship	College	University	l don't Know
Parent/Guardian 1	□Male □Female						
Parent/Guardian 2	□Male □Female						

# c) Using your selection in 18a, what is your parents'/guardians' employment status?

Parent	Gender	Employed Full-Time	Employed Part-Time	Self- Employed	Un- employed	Stay at Home Parent	Retired	l don't Know
Parent/Guardian 1	□Male □Female							
Parent/Guardian 2	□Male □Female							

# d) how many people (including you) live in your home on a regular basis?

\_\_\_\_\_ children adults

- e) I live
  - on my own
  - □ with friends

in a group Group homeOther:

# 22. What is your religious or spiritual affiliation?

- □ Aboriginal spirituality
- Baha'i
- Buddhist
- □ Catholic
- Derotestant (e.g. Anglican, United, Presbyterian, Baptist, Mennonite)
- □ Christian Orthodox
- Eastern Religions (e.g. Taoism, Shintoism, Confucianism)
- □ Hindu
- Jewish
- Muslim Shia"
- Muslim Sunni
- □ Sikh
- $\hfill\square$  I do not have a religious or spiritual affiliation
- □ Other Specify: \_
- Prefer not to disclose
- □ I do not know

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# PART III: QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

Creating and sustaining a positive learning environment is critical to student success. Please share your thoughts on your experience regarding your learning climate.

# 23. How do you feel about your school:

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# If yes, do you think it was because of any of the following? (check all that apply)

- □ My gender
- □ My ethnocultural or racial background
- □ My Aboriginal background (First Nation, Métis, Inuit)
- □ My language background (my first language)
- A disability or exceptionality that I have
- □ My grades or marks
- □ My appearance and/or clothing
- □ My religion or faith
- □ My family's level of income
- □ My sexual orientation
- □ My perceived sexual orientation
- My body/image
- □ My family structure
- D My program i.e. applied, academic, immersion
- □ Other please specify:

# 25. In your school, how often have you learned about the experiences and/or achievements of:

		Always	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
h)	Women and girls					
i)	Aboriginal peoples (First Nation, Métis, Inuit)					
j)	Different ethnocultural or racial groups					
k)	Different religious/faith communities					
I)	People with disabilities or exceptionalities					
m)	Gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, transsexual or two-spirited people					
n)	People of different income levels					



26. In your school, people of different backgrounds and abilities are seen and/or included in:

		Always	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
k)	Pictures or posters in the school					
I)	Displays of student work					
m)	Materials used in class (e.g., books and videos)					
n)	Discussions & presentations about topics we study in class					
o)	School publications (e.g., yearbooks, newsletters, newspapers)					
p)	Special Events and celebrations					
q)	School Staff					
r)	School Council					
s)	Volunteers					
t)	Other students		Q			

# 27. a) Do you feel there are barriers that stand in the way of your learning at school?

Yes

Not sure

- c) If you answered yes, do you think that these barriers exist because of any of the following? (Please check all that apply to you)
  - My gender
  - □ My ethnocultural or racial background
  - D My Aboriginal background (First Nation, Métis, Inuit)

🗆 No

- My language background (my first language)
- A disability or exceptionality that I have
- □ My grades or marks
- □ My appearance and/or clothing
- □ My religion or faith
- □ My family's level of income
- □ My sexual orientation
- □ My perceived sexual orientation
- My body/image
- My family structure
- □ Other please specify:

# 28. How do you feel that you are treated by school staff in your school:

- □ the same way as everyone else
- □ better than others
- □ worse than others
- 29. a) Do you understand your school's expectations around:

		Yes	No
А	cademic success (belief that all students can learn)		
A	ttendance		
В	ehaviour/Code of conduct		
C	community of Character/Character Development		

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# b) Do you feel that school expectations have been applied to you in a fair manner?

- □ All the time Rarely
- □ Most of the time Not sure

□ Some of the time

#### 30. At your current school, have you requested a religious accommodation? Yes 🗆 No b) if yes, please specify type of accommodation requested Granted Alternative Denied

		Ac	ccommodations provided
Permission to observe a religious practice during school hours (e.g. prayers)			
Permission to wear an item (of clothing) connected with a religious belief.			
Time away from school to observe a religious holiday			
Other (please specify)		-	
	<u>.</u>		

# PART IV: QUESTIONS ABOUT SAFETY

Safety is an important part of ensuring student success. "Feeling safe" means feeling comfortable, relaxed, and not worried that someone could harm you physically or emotionally.

31.							
			Always	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
	d)	Do you feel safe at school?					
	e)	Do you feel safe on your way to and from school?					
	f)	Do you feel safe in your neighbourhood?					

Definition of Bullying: Bullying is defined as the use of one's strength or popularity to injure, threaten or embarrass another person. Bullying can be physical (hitting, kicking or shoving), verbal (teasing, putting down or insulting someone on purpose) or social (involves getting others repeatedly to ignore or leave someone out on purpose). It is not bullying when two students of about the same strength argue, fight or tease each other.

32. a) In your current school, have you ever experienced being bullied/harassed in any of the following ways?

	Always	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
<ul> <li>Verbally with insults or name calling</li> </ul>					
<ul> <li>j) Verbally with threats to hurt you</li> </ul>					
k) Physically by an individual					
<ol> <li>Physically by a group of individuals</li> </ol>					
m) Socially by being excluded or shut out from a group					
<ul> <li>n) Socially by theft or destruction of your personal property</li> </ul>					
o) Electronically via e-mails, facebook, texting etc.					
p) Other (please specify					

If you answered "Never" to all of the questions in Q31a, please go to Q33



b) If you have been threatened, bullied or harmed by anyone at your current school do you think it is because of? (Choose all that apply)

- My gender
- □ My ethnocultural or racial background
- □ My Aboriginal background (First Nation, Métis, Inuit)
- □ A disability or exceptionality that I have
- □ My language background
- □ My grades or marks
- □ My appearance and/or clothing
- □ My religion or faith
- □ My family's level of income
- □ My sexual orientation
- □ My perceived sexual orientation
- □ My body/image
- $\Box$  Other please specify:

# d) If you have been threatened, bullied or harmed by anyone at your current school, where and how often did it happen?

		Always	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
m)	Areas off school property					
n)	Cloak rooms or locker rooms					
o)	Classrooms					
p)	Computer rooms					
q)	Library					
r)	Lunchroom or eating area/cafeteria					
s)	Office					
t)	Electronically (via facebook, twitter etc.)					
u)	Gym	Ľ				
V)	Hallways					
w)	School entrances and exits					
X)	Washrooms					

## d) <u>When</u> and how often have you experienced bullying/harassment?

		Always	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
I)	Before school					
m)	After school					
n)	Between classes					
o)	During breaks (spares, lunch)					
p)	During classes					
q)	During extracurricular activities					
r)	On school field trips					
s)	On the way to and from school					
t)	Playground					
u)	School bus					
V)	On Weekends					

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# e) Who do you go to for help when you have been threatened, bullied or harmed? Please check all that apply.

a)	My teachers	
b)	My guidance counsellor(s)	
c)	My principal	
d)	My vice-principal(s)	
e)	My social worker	
f)	My coach	
g)	My friends	
h)	My parents, guardian or caregivers	
i)	Other family members or relatives	
j)	No one	
k)	Other	
	(please specify)	

# f) If you have been bullied, has it affected:

		Always	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
e)	Your feelings about going to school					
	Your performance in school (e.g. your grades have dropped)					
g)	Your attendance (e.g. skipping classes)					
h)	Other( please specify)					

# 33. How often has your school's focus on the character development traits below helped in creating a safe, welcoming and inclusive learning environment?

		Always	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Not Sure
k)	Acceptance					
I)	Appreciation					
m)	Cooperation					
n)	Empathy					
o)	Fairness					
p)	Integrity					
q)	Optimism					
r)	Perseverance					
s)	Respect					
t)	Responsibility					

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# PART V: LEARNING SUPPORT, TOOLS & RESOURCES

There are various tools and resources available to help you succeed. In this section, please share with us what you are aware of and what additional support you may need to achieve success.

# 34. After school, if needed, who usually <u>helps</u> you with your homework? (Pick all that apply)

Parents/guardians/caregivers

□ Teachers □ E

Brother(s)/Sister(s)People in the community

Other family membersOn-line tutors

□ Friends □ □ Paid tutors □N

□No one

Other:

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□ Free tutor(s) offered in my school or community

- □ I do not need help with home work
- 35. Outside of school, who usually gives you advice about school and future career advice? (*Pick all that apply*)

		Schooling	Career Advice
a)	Parents/guardians/caregivers		
b)	Grandparents		
c)	Brother(s)/Sister(s)		
d)	Other family members		
e)	People in the community		
f)	Friends		
g)	Teachers		
h)	Guidance Counsellors		
i)	Other counsellors (e.g. youth counsellors)		
j)	No One		
k) (ple	Otherease specify)		

# 36. Do your parents, guardians or caregivers:

		Always	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Not sure
a)	Expect you to succeed in school					
b)	Help you to set goals and make plans					
C)	Talk to you about your schoolwork					
d)	Communicate with your teachers (e.g., by telephone, e-mail)					
e)	Attend parent teacher interviews					
f)	Attend meetings and events at school					
g)	Volunteer at the school					
h)	Other (specify)					

# 37. Have you had your eyesight or hearing tested in the last 2 years?

Eyesight	Yes	🗆 No	I don't know
Hearing	Yes	□ No	I don't know

🗆 No



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# 38. Have you been to a dentist in the last year?

Yes

I don't know

# 39. How often do any of the following prevent or delay you from finishing your homework?

		Always	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Not at all
a.	Difficulty of the homework					
b.	Health reasons					
C.	Household chores					
d.	No proper space at home to do homework					
e.	No study materials to help me					
f.	Part-time job					
g.	Religious/faith activities					
h.	Spending time on the internet					
i.	Spending time with friends					
j.	Sports or recreation activities					
k.	Watching TV		Ū.			

# 40. About how many hours a week (including weekends) do you spend on?

	None	1 to 5 hours	6 to 10 Hours	11 to 15 Hours	15 Hours or More
a. Homework and studying					
b. Part-time work for pay					
c. Community Service					

# 41. On a regular school day, how much time do you spend on the following activities before or after school?

		None	Less than one hour	1 to 2 hours	More than 2 hours
a)	Household chores				
b)	Looking after brothers, sisters, and/or family members				
c)	Helping with a family business				
d)	Watching TV				
e)	Playing computer/video games				
f)	Playing sports and recreational activities				
g)	Religious/faith activities				
h)	Other leisure activities (e.g. going to movies, talking on the phone, listening to music, going to the mall, hanging out with friends)				
i)	Reading				
j)	Internet/e-mail				

# 42. During the school week, how often do you?



	Every day	Most days	Some days	Never	
Eat breakfast before coming to school					]
Eat lunch					
Eat dinner					
Have a snack during the school day					]

# 43. How often do you use a computer:

	Not Available	Every day	Several times a week	Not very often	Almost never
At school					
At home					
In the community (e.g., friends, internet café)			D		
At the library					

Thank you for completing the 2010 OCDSB Student Survey and for helping us to serve you –

> Together we can make a difference. Together we can create a culture where *I belong...We belong*

# Appendix B

# 2010 OCDSB Student Survey Key Dates

October 6	Principals' Operations meeting			
October 13	Vice-principals' Operations meeting			
October 20	Superintendency presentations			
October 20-22	Schools to finalize survey team and select a Lead contact			
October 25-29	Schools to consider deliver logistics, including administration dates computer lab rotations, support for students needing help and/or accommodations.			
October 25	Postcard produced centrally, sent home by schools.			
October 25 to November 20:	Site-based communications and information.			
	<ul> <li>School Staff Meeting presentation</li> <li>School Council presentation</li> <li>School Newsletter, Website updates</li> <li>Informing and preparing students</li> </ul>			
November 1	First letter to parents. Produced centrally, sent home by school.			
Nov 6 and Oct 30	Saturday/Sunday: Central Synrevoice reminder of letter home.			
November 8-10	Survey and support documents to schools.			
November 13 and 20	Saturday/Sunday: Central Synrevoice message to homes.			
November 22 to } December 10 }	SURVEY			
December 13 to 15	Surveys sent back to Board			