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## 2024 Valuing Voices Survey (Kindergarten to Grade 6)

Dear Parents/Caregivers:

Welcome to our 2024 Valuing Voices: Identity Matters Student Survey! The collection and reporting of identity-based data enables us to better understand how student identities affect experiences at school (such as sense of safety, feelings of belonging, mental health and achievement).

Participating in this survey ensures your voice is heard and helps us better understand the diverse experiences, strengths and needs within your school community. With your help, we can make more informed decisions and implement changes to support the learning, safety and well-being of OCDSB students.

As a parent or caregiver of a child in Kindergarten to Grade 6 in the OCDSB, you are invited to complete this survey on behalf of your child.

- The survey is voluntary. Participation is optional. You can answer some, all, or none of the questions. What you share is up to you.
- The survey is confidential. Your responses will be kept private and protected. Your name (or your child's name) will not be collected.
- A unique survey ID will be used by authorized research staff at the District to link identity data to other data sets (for example, achievement outcomes, participation rates in different programs/courses, suspension rates).
- Reporting will be based on groups and not at the individual student level in order to
  protect privacy and confidentiality. Individual responses will not be shared with your
  child's principal, teacher, or school staff.

If you have any questions, visit our webpage <u>ocdsb.ca/studentsurvey</u> or contact <u>valuingvoices@ocdsb.ca</u>.

Your participation is greatly appreciated!

This information is collected under the authority of the Education Act, R.S.O. 1990, Sections 169.1, 170 (1) and 171 (1), the Antiracism Act 2017, and in accordance with Section 29 (2) of the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. Questions or concerns about the collection, use or disclosure of personal information should be directed to the Freedom of Information Officer, Ottawa-Carleton District School Board, 613-596-8211 ext. 8310.

Q2 What is the first language(s) your child learned to speak? Select all that apply.
Albanian
Algonquin
American Sign Language
Amharic
Arabic
Bengali
Berber
Bosnian
Bulgarian
Burmese
Cambodian
Cantonese
Chinese
Creole
Croatian
Dari
Dutch
English
Estonian
Farsi
French
German

Greek
Gujarati
Harari
Hebrew
Hindi
Hungarian
Igbo
Inuktitut
Italian
Japanese
Kannada
Karen
Kinyarwanda
Kirundi
Korean
Kurdish
Lao
Latvian
Lingala
Macedonian
Malayalam
Mandarin

Marathi
Mongolian
Nepali
Norwegian
Pashto
Persian (Farsi)
Polish
Portuguese
Punjabi
Romanian
Russian
Serbian
Serbo-Croatian
Sinhala
Slovak
Somali
Spanish
Swahili
Swedish
Tagalog
Tamil
Telugu

	Thai
	Turkish
	Twi
	Ukrainian
	Urdu
	Uzbek
	Vietnamese
	Yoruba
	Another language not listed above (please specify):
	Not Sure
	Does your child identify as First Nations, Métis, and/or Inuit?  No  Yes
Q5 I	If YES, please select all that apply.
	Yes, First Nations
	Yes, Métis
	Yes, Inuit
	You may provide additional information about the nation, region, or community to child belongs:

Q7 Does your child consider themselves a Canadian?
○ Yes
○ No
O Not sure
Q8 Ethnic groups have a common identity, heritage, ancestry, or historical past, often with identifiable cultural, linguistic and/or religious characteristics.
What is your child's ethnic or cultural origin(s)? Select all that apply.
Acadian
Afghan
Afrikaner
Akan
Albanian
Algerian
Alsatian
American
Amhara
Angolan
Anishinaabe
Antiguan
Arab
Arawak
Argentinian

Armenian
Ashanti
Assyrian
Australian
Austrian
Azerbaijani
Bahamian
Bangladeshi
Bantu
Barbadian
Basque
Bavarian
Belgian
Belizean
Bengali
Beninese
Berber
Bermudan
Bhutanese
Bolivian
Bosnian
Brazilian

Breton
Bulgarian
Burkinabe
Burmese
Burundian
Byelorussian
Cambodian
Cameroonian
Canadian
Carib
Caribbean origins
Catalan
Chadian
Channel Islander
Chilean
Chinese
Colombian
Congolese
Coptic
Cornish
Corsican
Costa Rican

Cree
Croatian
Cuban
Cypriot
Czech
Czechoslovakian
Danish
Dinka
Djiboutian
Dominican
Dutch
East Indian
Ecuadorian
Edo
Egyptian
English
Eritrean
Estonian
Ethiopian
Ewe
Fijian
Filipino

Finnish
First Nation
Flemish
French
Frisian
Gabonese
Gambian
Georgian
German
Ghanaian
Goan
Greek
Grenadian
Guadeloupean
Guatemalan
Guinean
Gujarati
Guyanese
Haitian
Harari
Hawaiian
Hazara

Hispanic
Hmong
Honduran
Hungarian
lbo
Icelandic
Indonesian
Inuit
Iranian
Iraqi
Irish
Israeli
Italian
Ivorian
Jamaican
Japanese
Jewish
Jordanian
Karen
Kashmiri
Kazakh
Kenyan

Kittitian/Nevisian
Korean
Kosovar
Kurd
Kuwaiti
Kyrgyz
Laotian
Latvian
Lebanese
Liberian
Libyan
Lithuanian
Luxembourger
Macedonian
Malagasy
Malaysian
Malian
Malinké
Maltese
Manx
Maori
Martinican

Maure
Mauritian
Maya
Métis
Mexican
Mi'kmaq
Moldovan
Mongolian
Montenegrin
Montserratan
Moroccan
Nepali
New Brunswicker
New Zealander
Newfoundlander
Nicaraguan
Nigerian
Norwegian
Nova Scotian
Ojibwé
Ontarian
Oromo

Pacific Islands origins
Pakistani
Palestinian
Panamanian
Paraguayan
Pashtun
Peruvian
Peulh
Polish
Polynesian
Portuguese
Puerto Rican
Punjabi
Québécois
Roma
Romanian
Russian
Rwandan
Salvadorean
Samoan
Saudi Arabian
Scottish

Senegalese
Serbian
Seychellois
Sicilian
Sierra Leonean
Singaporean
Sinhalese
Slavic
Slovak
Slovenian
Somali
South African
Spanish
Sri Lankan
St. Lucian
Sudanese
Swedish
Swiss
Syrian
Taiwanese
Tajik
Tamil

	Tanzanian Tanzanian
	Fatar Catar
	Гһаі
	Fibetan
	Гigrian
	Togolese
	Frinidadian/Tobagonian
	Funisian
	Γurk
	Furkmen
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$\Box$ (	Jighur
$\Box$ (	Jkrainian
$\Box$ (	Jruguayan
$\Box$ (	Jzbek
$\Box$	/enezuelan
$\Box$	/ietnamese
$\Box$	/incentian/Grenadian
$\Box$	Velsh
	West Indian
	Volof
	∕emeni

	Yoruba
	Yugoslavian
	Zambian
	Zimbabwean
	Zulu
	Another ethnicity not listed above
Q9 <b>F</b>	Please identify your child's ethnic or cultural origin(s) if not previously listed:

Q10 People are often described as belonging to a certain "race" based on how others see and behave toward them. These ideas about who belongs to what race are usually based on physical features such as skin colour. Ideas about race are often imposed on people by others in ways which can affect their life experiences and how they are treated. Race is often confused with ethnicity, but there can often be several ethnicities within a racialized group.

In our society, people are often described by their race or racial background. Which racial group(s) best describes your child? Select all that apply.

Black (African, Afro-Caribbean, African-Canadian descent)

East Asian (Chinese, Korean, Japanese, Taiwanese descent)

Indigenous (First Nations, Métis, Inuit descent)

Latino/Latina/Latinx (Latin American, Hispanic descent)

Middle Eastern (Arab, Persian, West Asian descent, e.g. Afghan, Egyptian, Iranian, Lebanese, Turkish, Kurdish, etc.)

South Asian (South Asian descent, e.g. East Indian, Pakistani, Bangladeshi, Sri Lankan, Indo-Caribbean, etc.)

Southeast Asian (Filipino, Vietnamese, Cambodian, Thai, Indonesian, other Southeast Asian descent)

White (European descent)

A racial group(s) not listed above (please specify below):

Q11 People can be treated differently based on their religion, or perceived religion, which can lead to negative impacts and unequal outcomes. Islamophobia and antisemitism are examples of the way religion can be racialized. People can experience racism not only based on skin colour but also other perceived characteristics that are associated with religion.

Wh	at is your child's religion, creed and/or spiritual affiliation? Select all that apply.
	Agnostic
	Atheist
	Buddhist
	Christian
	Hindu
	Indigenous Spirituality
	Jewish
	Muslim
	Sikh
	Spiritual, but not religious
	No religious or spiritual affiliation
	Religion(s) or spiritual affiliation(s) not listed above (please specify below):
	Not sure
	I do not understand this question

Q12 Gender identity refers to a person's internal sense or feeling of being a woman, a man, both, neither or anywhere on the gender spectrum, which may or may not be the same as the person's sex assigned at birth (for example, male, female, intersex) It is different from and does not determine a person's sexual orientation.

Wh	at is your child's gender identity? Select all that apply.
	Boy or man
	Gender Fluid
	Gender Non-conforming
	Girl or woman
	Non-Binary
	Questioning
	Trans boy or man
	Trans girl or woman
	Two-Spirit
	Gender identity(ies) not listed above (please specify below):
	Not sure
	I do not understand this question
	I prefer not to answer

Q13 Some people identify as having a disability because of a permanent or long-term health condition that makes it difficult for them to function in an environment that is not fully inclusive and accessible. A person's disability may be diagnosed or not diagnosed. It may be hidden or visible. Some students who have disabilities may have a special plan at school to help them (an Individual Education Plan or IEP), but some do not.

Does your child have a disability?
○ Yes
○ No
O Not sure
O I do not understand this question
O I prefer not to answer
Q14 If YES, please select all that apply:
Addiction(s)
Autism Spectrum Disorder
Blind or low vision
Chronic pain
Deaf or hard of hearing
Developmental disability(ies)
Learning disability(ies)
Mental health disability(ies)
Mobility
Physical disability(ies)
Speech impairment
Any disability not listed above (please specify below):

Q15 Was your child born in Canada?
○ Yes
○ No
Q16 If NO, is your child currently:
O a Canadian citizen
O a member of an Indigenous community (for example, First Nations, Inuit, Metis)
an international student (enrolled through a study permit)
a landed immigrant/permanent resident
O a refugee claimant
a conventional refugee
a member of a diplomatic family
O Not sure
O I do not understand this question

# Q17 Sense of Belonging and Social Connectedness

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
My child feels like they belong at this school.	0	$\circ$	$\circ$	$\circ$	$\circ$
My child feels accepted by other students at this school.	0	0	$\circ$	$\circ$	$\circ$
My child feels like they are part of the school community.	0	$\circ$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
My child has friends at school they can trust.	0	$\circ$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
My child has friends at school that support and care about them.	0	$\circ$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
My child is able to make friends easily at school.	0	$\bigcirc$	$\circ$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
My child is treated with kindness by other students at school.	0	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\circ$	$\bigcirc$
My child is treated with dignity and respect by other students at school.	0	$\bigcirc$	$\circ$	$\circ$	$\circ$

# Q18 Student Relationships with Adults at School

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
My child feels accepted by staff and adults at school.	0	$\bigcirc$	$\circ$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
Teachers and other adults who work at my child's school care about my child.	0	$\circ$	$\circ$	0	$\circ$
Teachers and other adults who work at my child's school treat my child with dignity and respect.	0	$\bigcirc$	$\circ$	$\circ$	$\circ$
Teachers and other adults who work at my child's school listen to what my child has to say.	0	$\circ$	$\circ$	$\circ$	$\circ$
My child has at least one school adult they could turn to for help, advice, or support.	0	$\circ$	$\circ$	$\circ$	$\circ$
Teachers and other adults at my child's school treat my child fairly.	0	$\bigcirc$	$\circ$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
Teachers at my child's school pay attention to the needs, abilities, and interests of my child.  My child is comfortable asking	0	0	$\circ$	$\circ$	0
their teacher or other adult at school for help with their schoolwork.	0	0	0	0	0
My child's teachers are available when they need them.	0	$\circ$	$\circ$	$\bigcirc$	$\circ$

# Q19 Intellectual Engagement

Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with each of the following statements:

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
My child likes the challenges of learning new things in school.	0	0	$\circ$	$\circ$	$\circ$
My child tries hard to do well in school.	0	0	$\circ$	$\circ$	$\circ$
School is important to my child.	0	$\bigcirc$	$\circ$	$\bigcirc$	$\circ$
My child is interested in their school work.	0	$\bigcirc$	$\circ$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
I feel my child's school experience is preparing them well for their next step in learning.	0	0	$\circ$	$\circ$	0

### **Q20 Extracurriculars**

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
There are lots of opportunities for my child to get involved in school activities (school dances, sporting events, performances) and extracurriculars outside of class (clubs or organizations, musical groups, sports teams, student	0	0	0	0	0
government). My child feels included in school activities and extracurriculars at school.	0	0	0	$\circ$	0

### **Q21 School Environment**

Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with each of the following statements:

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
My child likes being at this school.	0	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\circ$
My child's school is a friendly and welcoming place.	0	$\circ$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\circ$
My child's school is inviting and comfortable.		$\circ$	$\circ$	$\circ$	$\circ$

## **Q22 School Discipline**

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
The school rules are fair.	0	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
School rules are applied equitably (or fairly) to all students.	0	$\circ$	$\circ$	$\circ$	0
The consequences for breaking rules are fair.	0	$\circ$	$\bigcirc$	$\circ$	$\circ$

## **Q23 Instructional Environment**

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
Teachers give my child individual support and attention when needed.	0	0	$\circ$	0	$\circ$
My child gets lots of chances to participate in class.	0	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
My child has the same opportunities for a quality education as other students.	0	$\circ$	$\circ$	$\circ$	$\circ$
My child's teachers encourage them to do their best work.	0	$\bigcirc$	$\circ$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
Teachers have high expectations for my child to succeed.	0	$\bigcirc$	$\circ$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
Teachers are enthusiastic and positive about teaching and student learning.	0	0	$\circ$	0	$\circ$

#### **Q24 Representation**

Identity can mean different things to different people, but simply identity refers to how we see ourselves in the world. Identities might be multiple and complex, and include things like our name, age, gender identity, culture or ethnicity, aspects of our physical appearance (for example, hair colour, skin colour, race), aspects of who we are on the inside (for example, religion, personality, interests, hobbies), and our experiences and relationships with others.

At my child's school, I feel my child's own background and identity are reflected positively in:

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree	Not sure
Pictures, posters, and displays in school	0	$\circ$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\circ$
Learning materials teachers use in class (for example, books, videos/films)	0	$\circ$	$\circ$	0	$\circ$	$\circ$
Lessons or curriculum content	0	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
Extra-curricular activities (for example, sports, clubs, art activities) School events/activities	0	$\circ$	$\circ$	$\circ$	0	$\circ$
(for example, cultural celebrations, religious/faith/ethnic	0	0	0	0	0	0
activities) Educators (for example, teachers, EAs, ECEs, LSTs, vice-principal(s), principal)	0	0	0	0	0	$\circ$

# Q25 Identity

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree	Not sure
My child's identity is welcomed at school.	0	$\bigcirc$	$\circ$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
My child has opportunities to express their identity.	0	0	0	$\circ$	0	0
My child has opportunities to learn about their own background and identity.	0	0	$\circ$	$\bigcirc$	0	$\circ$
My child has opportunities to learn about the background and identity of others.	0	0	$\circ$	0	0	$\circ$

# **Q26 Feeling Safe at School**

How safe does your child feel at school? "Feeling safe" means feeling comfortable, relaxed, and not worrying that someone will harm your child's body, hurt their feelings, or damage their belongings.

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree	Not applic able
My child feels safe at school.	0	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
My child feels safe going to and from school.	0	$\circ$	$\circ$	$\circ$	$\circ$	$\circ$
My child feels safe in the classroom.	0	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
My child feels safe in other parts of the school (for example, gym, cafeteria, washroom, hallways, change rooms).	0	0	0	0	0	0
My child feels safe outside on school property (for example, school parking lot).	0	0	0	0	0	0

## Q27 Bullying

Bullying is when a person tries to hurt another person *on purpose*, and does it *more than once*. It can be physical, verbal, or social, and can also take place online with emails or text messages. The person who does the bullying is usually in a position of *real* or *perceived power* (such as greater in strength or popularity). Sometimes a group of students will bully others. Bullying is NOT when students of the same strength or popularity get in a fight or argument.

In the past 4 weeks, how often has your child experienced the following:

		Less	Once				
	Never	than once a month	or twice a month	Once a week	Several times a week	Every day	Not sure
My child has been physically bullied (for example, repeatedly hit, kicked, pushed or shoved, belongings taken or broken) or	Never	monur	monut	WEEK	WEEK	uay	Suite
threatened with physical bullying.  My child has been verbally bullied (for example, repeatedly teased, called names,	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
made fun of, put down, insulted, or threatened). My child has been socially bullied (for example, repeatedly ignored, excluded on purpose, had rumours spread about them, or	0	0	0	0	0	0	
had others try to embarrass them or make them look bad). My child has been cyberbullied (for example, teased, called names, threatened, or	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
put down by pictures, text messages, emails or social media).	0	$\circ$	$\circ$	$\circ$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\circ$

### **Q28 Sexual Harassment**

Sexual harassment involves touching someone in a sexual way, spreading sexual rumours about someone, making sexual comments or jokes about someone's body, or directing unwanted sexual attention or advances toward someone.

In the past 4 weeks, has your child been sexually harassed at school?
○ No
○ Yes
O Not sure
Q29 Stereotyping, Prejudice and/or Discrimination
Stereotyping is when someone assumes that a group of people who share some characteristics also share certain qualities (e.g., when someone assumes something about someone because of one part of their identity).
Prejudice is when someone has a belief (usually negative) about a person or group based on a stereotype.
Discrimination is when someone acts on their prejudiced beliefs. Discrimination is unfair treatment of one particular person or group of people. Usually, the different treatment is because of the person's sex, religion, nationality, ethnicity (culture), race, or other personal traits. Racial discrimination is isolating a person based on their race and treating them differently because of their race.
Has your child experienced stereotyping, prejudice, or discrimination at school this year?
○ No
○ Yes
O Not sure

Q30 If you answered YES, please identify the reason. Select all that apply.
Your child's appearance
Your child's clothing
A disability that your child has
Your child's ethnic or cultural background
Your family's level of income
Your family's structure
Your language background (for example, your child's first language)
Your child's gender or gender identity
Your child's grades or achievement level (either low or high)
Your child's Indigenous identity (First Nations, Métis, Inuit)
Your child's race
Your family's religion or faith
Another reason not listed
Q31 <b>General Well-Being</b> In general, how would you describe your child's well-being (feeling good physically, mentally, emotionally)?
O Excellent
O Very good
Good
○ Fair
OPoor
O Not sure

### Q32 Social and Emotional Skills

Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with each of the following statements:

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree			
My child can handle difficult problems.	0	$\circ$	0	0	$\bigcirc$			
My child knows what things they are good and bad at (their strengths and needs).	0	0	0	0	0			
My child can control how they behave.	0	$\circ$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$			
My child thinks about the consequences of what they do.	0	0	$\circ$	$\circ$	$\circ$			
My child tries to understand how others think and feel.	0	0	$\circ$	$\bigcirc$	$\circ$			
Q33 In this last part of the survey, we welcome you to share any additional thoughts or comments. The other information you have shared will be kept private, but any thoughts you share below will be shared anonymously with your child's principal. Your comments will not be identified as belonging to you, as long as you do not include your name or other identifying information.								
Is there anything else you wo	uld like to sha	are with your	child's principa	al?				

Thank you for your participation.

We would like to reassure you that your responses will remain confidential.