

Subject: 2021 School Climate Survey

Dear Parents/Guardians:

The Lambton Kent District School Board (LKDSB) is conducting a School Climate Survey of students in Grades 4 to 6, and a separate survey of students in Grades 7 to 12 from **October 12-29, 2021**. Students will be asked to fill out the survey online, during the school day. The questions will focus on students' experiences and thoughts related to health, well-being, equity and inclusion, and safe schools.

The purpose of the survey is to seek feedback from students to help inform effective healthy living and mental health programming and services to support safe, welcoming and inclusive schools. The results will also be used to provide individual schools with the information necessary for ongoing student support planning. In addition, this is an opportunity for students to have their voices heard on these important topics.

The surveys will be anonymous and individualized results will be kept confidential, however aggregated school and Board responses will be shared publicly (except in cases where individuals may be identified). Participation is strictly voluntary. Teachers and staff will not be aware of individual student responses.

As part of the LKDSB's Mental Health Strategy, we want to engage our students and families by providing opportunities, such as this one, so that we continue to promote positive mental health and well-being in our schools.

Please contact the school by **Thursday, October 7, 2021**, if you do not want your child to participate in the survey. Messages can be sent to Kari.aubertin@lkdsb.net.

We thank you for your support of student success and well-being. Visit the LKDSB website for more information.

Sincerely,

Mrs. K. Aubertin