

Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board's Catholic School Climate Survey

"Love one another as I have loved you"

John 15:12

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

The Ontario Ministry of Education focus on Safe Schools, Positive School Climate and its Equity and Inclusive Education Strategy require that all schools across the province implement a School Climate Survey for students every two years. Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board finds its direction and educational mission in the teachings of Christ as revealed through Scripture, Church Tradition, and Church Teaching. The board and its school communities are comprised of a faith-centred Eucharistic people who strive to form communities of learning that are Christ-centred, inclusive and reflective of a culture that respects and cherishes life for all. As a Catholic school board, Dufferin-Peel has applied its distinctive Catholic lens to the Ministry of Education's pillar: Community, Culture and Caring. A key part of this pillar, intended to meet provincial requirements, is the development and implementation of the Catholic Community Culture and Caring School Climate Survey.

Beginning in March 2011, and in support of the board's Safe, Caring, Inclusive and Healthy School Communities' initiative, Dufferin-Peel will be administering its Catholic Community Culture and Caring School Climate Survey to students, as appropriate, in Grades 4 to 12. The data from this survey will allow our school to understand the school climate from the students' perspectives.

The survey is confidential and anonymous in nature. The estimated time required to complete the survey is approximately 20 - 30 minutes; for students who may require additional time, it will be provided accordingly. The survey is computer-based and contains questions about students' general information (i.e., school name, grade, gender, years at the school), general safety and inclusion (i.e., feeling safe, concerns, feeling welcome and included, etc.), general school climate (i.e., friendly, accessible, inclusive, etc.), and will provide opportunities to identify bullying concerns and/or pro-active supports in bullying prevention.

The survey may provide opportunities for conversation with your son(s)/daughter(s) regarding his/her/their feelings of inclusivity and well-being. We invite you to communicate any questions, concerns and/or supportive comments to us at the school in order that our community may continue to work together to address any issues. If you have any additional questions, concerns, or general comments, please feel free to discuss these with your son/daughter's teacher(s) and/or the school administrative team.

Thank you for your continued collaboration in helping to ensure that our students feel a sense of safety and belonging, in support of improved student achievement and well-being.

Sincerely,

M. Vecchiarino
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