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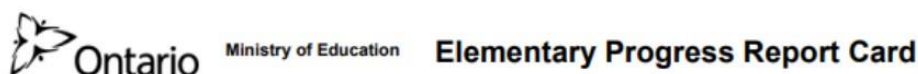
STUDENT IDENTIFICATION SURVEY  
 Avon Maitland District School Board

Dear Parents/Guardians Kindergarten to Grade 6:

Ensuring equity is a central goal of Ontario’s publicly funded education system. It stems from a fundamental principle that every student should have the opportunity to succeed personally and academically, regardless of background, identity or personal circumstances.

As part of this vision, the Ministry of Education’s Equity Secretariat has approached Ontario school boards to pilot an identity-based data collection project. AMDSB accepted the opportunity and we are now progressing forward with the work. This board-wide voluntary student survey will enhance our knowledge of the self-identified composition of our students. Data collected will contribute to achieving our strategic outcomes: to create positive, inclusive learning environments and to maximize outcomes for students.

Parents/guardians of children enrolled in kindergarten to grade 6 are requested to complete the survey online on their child’s behalf. The survey can be accessed through the board’s website at <http://bit.ly/iammesurvey>. The survey will be open from December 3, 2018 to December 7, 2018. Parents/guardians are requested to log into the survey using their child’s Active Directory login which includes the **first four letters of their child’s given name, first four letters of their surname and first three numbers of their Ontario Education Number (OEN)** which is printed at the top of their progress report (see example below). Your child regularly uses their Active Directory login at school, so it is possible that he/she will be able to type in his/her login for you. Younger children may not be able to do this. Paper copies of the survey will be provided to K-6 parents/guardians upon request, if that is the preferred method of completion of the survey.



Date:

Student:		OEN: <b>123</b> 456 789	Days Absent:	Total Days Absent:
Grade:	Teacher:		Times Late:	Total Times Late:
Board:		School:		
Address:		Address:		

First 3 numbers of the OEN

The survey results are confidential but not anonymous. Only approved board staff will have access to the raw data. Personal information is collected under the authority of the **Education Act, RSO 1990, c. E-2**, and in compliance with the **Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, RSO 1990, c. M-56**. The personal information collected will be used for educational, health and welfare purposes affecting students. Questions about this collection **or use** should be directed to the Principal of your School or Superintendent of Education, Avon Maitland District School Board, 62 Chalk Street North, Seaforth, N0K 1W0, telephone (519) 527-0111 or (800) 592-5437.

The survey results will be used along with other types of data (e.g. demographic, school program, services and achievement) to: better understand and respond to diverse student populations and communities; identify and respond to barriers to student success; enhance the creation and distribution of programs and services. For example, it is our aim to use the data to examine areas within our board to implement culturally responsive teaching practices, which in turn improves student engagement. Furthermore, we can use the data when working with our community partners to examine student support resources both in the community and at school. System staff will share the anonymous base results of the survey in the form of infographic posters, which will also be shared on the board's website.

To ensure that this student survey will reflect the voices of all students, it is important to have as many parents/guardians complete the survey as possible. Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,

Dr. Lisa Walsh  
Director of Education

This letter is available in Dutch, German, Spanish, Arabic and Lao. Individuals may request a translated copy at their individual school.

### **Dutch**

Een kopie van deze brief is beschikbaar in uw eigen taal. Neem a.u.b. contact op met de school om een vertaalde versie te krijgen. Hartelijk dank.

### **German**

*Eine Kopie dieses Briefes ist in Ihrer Sprache verfügbar. Bitte kontaktieren Sie Ihre Schule, um eine übersetzte Version zu erhalten. Vielen Dank.*

### **Spanish**

Esta carta está disponible en su idioma. Comuníquese con la escuela para recibir una versión traducida. Gracias.

### **Arabic**

تتوفر نسخة من هذا الخطاب بلغتك. يرجى الاتصال بمدرستك للحصول على نسخة مترجمة. شكرًا لك.

### **Lao**

ຈົດໝາຍສະບັບນີ້ ມີສໍາເນົາແປເປັນພາສາຂອງທ່ານ. ກະລຸນາຕິດຕໍ່ຫາໂຮງຮຽນຂອງທ່ານ ຖ້າຕ້ອງການເອກະສານສະບັບແປ. ຂອບໃຈ.