Safe, Caring and Inclusive Schools Survey--STUDENTS

A Safe, Caring and Inclusive School (SCIS) is a place where all partners – students, staff, parents, and community members treat one-another fairly, with respect and kindness, and act in a socially responsible way towards all members of the school community. It is an inclusive community where diversity is affirmed within a framework of common values, and where all members participate in decision making and cooperate to promote the well–being of all. High expectations exist so that students are engaged academically, socially and intellectually. Studies emphasize the contribution of a positive learning environment to student success.

Before schools can build and/or strengthen a safe, caring and inclusive school culture, they need to get greater insight to the existing culture. Safe, Caring and Inclusive Schools surveys will assist schools in understanding and describing the current school culture while identifying areas for improvement. It is important to ensure that representatives from all sectors of the school and its community participate in any type of survey or assessment.

The generally accepted factors that comprise school climate include: relationships between students, and between students and staff; teaching and learning environment; school safety and the physical school environment.

Three groups are being surveyed: students in grades 3, 4, 5, 7, 9 and 11, school staff and parents/guardians. In response to the scope of data for elementary schools, we have developed a new grades 3 and 4 survey for your consideration. This grades 3 and 4 survey is optional.

All surveys will be available in electronic format.

The SCIS Survey for **Students** can be accessed at:

Grades 3 and 4 Students
https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SCIS_Grade3_4

Grade 5 Students
https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SCIS_Grade5

Grades 7, 9 and 11 Students
https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SCIS_Grades7_9_11

Responses to the surveys are anonymous and confidential.

All Surveys will be open beginning on May 1, 2014 and will close on May 31, 2014.