

Board Development Topic: SOS-Q & OurSchool Survey

Date of Board Meeting:

February 29, 2024

Strategic Priority:

- High Quality Teaching and Learning
- Engagement of All Students, Families, and Communities
- Effective Policy and Procedures
- Healthy, Sustainable Physical & Social Environments

Quality Indicator(s):

QI 1.1 – Facilitating environments where students feel a sense of belonging and have high levels of intellectual engagement.

QI 1.2 – Facilitating environments where students feel a sense of belonging and have high levels of intellectual engagement.

QI 7.2 – Keeping the Board informed about Division operations, challenges, and celebrations.

Presented by:

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Information for the Board (10 fast facts):

1. SOS-Q (Student Orientation to School) - On February 9th, a parent letter was sent home, informing caregivers that the survey will be given to all grades 4-9 students the following week.
2. A link was sent to students on February 12th and will close several days after all technology is restored.
3. The survey is quite straightforward and takes most students less than thirty minutes to complete.
4. The survey is confidential but not anonymous.
5. Students or their parents can choose to opt out of the survey for themselves or for their children.
6. Prior to the survey being given out, staff are encouraged to speak with the students to create an understanding around why they are being asked to complete the survey.
7. Staff are generally assigned to classes to support students as they take the survey. Students can be given the list of terms and definitions provided by the Learning Bar. Staff can also support students as they would with an exam.
8. Our School is a provincially mandated survey. This year, they have set the measures and are not permitting changes or additional questions.

9. Results are provided to schools within two days of closing and division-wide aggregate results are sent within one week of the entire survey closing.
10. Some examples of questions include:
 - a. The things we learn at school are meaningful.
 - b. Teachers stop bullying when they see it happening.

Respectfully submitted,

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