



Dear Parent/Guardian:

In our continuing effort to improve school effectiveness, schools will be implementing the *Tell Them From Me* student survey (*TTFM*).

The *TTFM* survey allows students to have a voice about their school climate, context, and experiences of school. Feedback is anonymous and is used by schools and the Halton District School Board to set goals and monitor targets related to school and Board improvement plans.

During the course of the school year, all students will be given an opportunity to participate. While students are encouraged to complete the survey, participation is voluntary. Students completing the survey will be given a random username and password, so respondents cannot be linked to their responses.

The survey will be completed at school and will take most students approximately 35 minutes to complete. The student survey includes such topics as social/emotional outcomes (e.g. student engagement, emotional health), physical health outcomes (e.g. physical fitness), safety, bullying, and drivers of student outcomes (e.g. classroom context).

TTFM is based on the work Dr. J. Douglas Willms. Dr. Willms is widely known nationally and internationally for his work on the development of educational monitoring systems, including the *Programme for International Student Assessment* of the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Dr. Frank Nezavdal, Department of Research and Accountability, at (905) 631-6120 ext. 489 or at nezavdalf@hdsb.ca.

Sincerely,

An electronic signature of Stuart Miller, consisting of a stylized cursive script in black ink. The signature is overlaid on a light grey, semi-transparent watermark that reads 'electronic signature'.

Stuart Miller
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