

May 21, 2024

Dear Spring Valley Families,

As part of our ongoing efforts to create and maintain safe, inclusive, and welcoming schools, all students from Grades 4 to 12 in the Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board, their parents/caregivers, and school staff will be asked to participate in an anonymous School Climate Survey.

The School Climate Survey is required every two years by the Ministry of Education and asks students for their opinion on key areas that research has shown to have an impact on student learning outcomes – with a focus on the sense of belonging, relationships, safety, and well-being. The survey is customized for KPR students, with one version for Grade 4-6 students, and a slightly longer version for Grade 7-12 students.

The parent/caregiver and school staff version of the School Climate Survey contains questions about how students are doing as well as how parents and staff feel about their school. Your answers to this survey will help us know how to make your school experience better.

The survey measures include but are not limited to:

- School Experiences (e.g., sense of belonging, relationships, learning engagement),
- Environment (e.g., school environment, learning environment, school discipline, diversity, representation, and inclusion),
- Safety (e.g., bullying, harassment, discrimination), and
- Well-being (e.g., general well-being, and social and emotional feelings).

Some important notes about the survey:

- The survey is voluntary; students and parents/caregivers can decide whether they want to complete the survey and can skip any questions they do not want to answer.
- The survey is anonymous and confidential.
- Parents who do not want their child (or children) to complete the survey must advise the homeroom teacher by May 24th.
- The student survey takes approximately 20 minutes to complete and is completed during class time.
- Accommodations will be provided for students with diverse learning needs.
- Results of this survey will be reported at the school level and individual respondents will not be identified.
- Information will be used by schools to build safer spaces in which everyone is respected and feels that they belong.
- Students will complete the survey online at school between May 27 and June 14, 2024.
- Parents/caregivers will receive an email with a link to the parent survey on May 27th.
- Questions and answers about the surveys are posted on the School Climate Survey web page, linked from the KPR homepage www.kprschoools.ca

Please feel welcome to contact me with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Mr. Cooper,
Principal