

## “Tell Them From Me” School Climate Survey

### Fast Facts for Parents

#### What?

The **Tell Them From Me** survey is a short (20 minute) survey for students with a focus on gathering information about students experiences of school safety and acceptance. It is a web-based survey that guarantees anonymity of the respondents.

#### Who?

The DSBN will be surveying all students in Grades 4 to 12.

#### Why?

A safe, inclusive and accepting school supports students to do their best in the classroom and beyond. Hearing the student voice is key to the development and implementation of school and Board level improvement plans. The **Tell Them From Me** survey allows students to anonymously disclose their personal experiences of bullying and exclusion. The data from the surveys will give schools a ‘big picture’ of the bullying and school safety issues that need to be addressed. Students participating in the survey will not be asked for any personal information that will reveal their identity.

The **Tell Them From Me** survey also fulfills a requirement of the “Accepting Schools Act”, a recent amendment to the Ontario Education Act. Parents are encouraged to learn more about Ontario’s Action Plan for Accepting Schools by visiting [www.ontario.ca/acceptingschools](http://www.ontario.ca/acceptingschools) or the Safe Schools Strategy, [www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/parents/safekit.html](http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/parents/safekit.html).

#### When?

Students will take the same survey twice for the purpose of gathering comparative data. The first time will be in March, 2014 and the second time will be in March, 2015.

#### Other Important Facts:

- The survey is compatible with text to speech technology.
- Only school principals and superintendents have access to the data reports and only the summary of results will be shared with staff and School Council members to determine team planning.

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