

RE: The Student Voice Survey

Dear Families,

We're so excited to be releasing the brand-new Student Voice Survey. Let us quickly introduce ourselves. We're Aisha and Deema, the HWDSB Student Trustees for the 2021-22 year. We represent HWDSB students at the Board table; we participate in discussions with the Board of Trustees, share the concerns and feedback of students, and facilitate the Student Senate. Student Senate is a leadership group made up of representatives from every HWDSB school.

This year, the Secondary Student Senate has worked to create a survey that will give every Grade 7 – Grade 12 student a platform to share their voice on the issues that matter to us. We have led the work with support from the HWDSB Research and Analytics Department and the Mental Health leadership.

[The Student Voice Survey](#) has four sections: About You, Student Well-Being, Equity and Inclusive Spaces, and Communication. The purpose of this survey is to gather feedback on the mental health resources that HWDSB students would like to see, how we can create equitable learning environments, and determine the best ways to communicate with and reach students.

Click the following link to preview the survey: [2022 Student Voice Survey](#)

What is the purpose of the study?

This survey will serve as the foundation for HWDSB's Mental Health Strategy for the next three years and determine the priorities of the Student Senate. The survey will open on May 16, 2022 and close on May 27, 2022.

We created this survey because we've been exactly where your youth are. We all deserve to have our voices heard and make the change that we want to see.

How is your child's privacy protected?

Although this is a survey created by students, the responses will be stored and analyzed by HWDSB's Research and Analytics Department. Your youth will not be identified by name in this study. Their answers will not be available to you or any school or school board staff. This is to ensure that each youth's answers are private and confidential. No information is added to your youth's school record from the study.



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If the Student Voice Survey information is used in research publications or in public documents, your youth and their school will not be identified in any way.

This survey is completely voluntary, and all responses will be anonymous. Youth can skip any questions they don't feel comfortable answering. We will be posting information about how to access the survey in several places for students. Please have a conversation with your child if you do not want them to take part. To see what questions we will be asking, [click here](#).

Where can I get more information?

If you have any questions about the survey content or purpose, don't hesitate to contact us at StudentTrustees@hwdsb.on.ca

Sincerely,

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