

Dear families,

On Monday, HWDSB will launch **We All Count: HWDSB Student Census 2021**.

This message is to ensure you have the information you need before the links to the survey are emailed out.

1. Print and translated copies are available by request to [census@hwdsb.on.ca](mailto:census@hwdsb.on.ca). Please only complete one census form per student (online or print).
2. Families who do not want their child to participate can opt out by end of day Friday, April 30, using a form on the Parent Portal.
3. If you change your mind later, you can always email [census@hwdsb.on.ca](mailto:census@hwdsb.on.ca) and the student's data will be removed from the main data set (but cannot be removed from linked datasets we create because we have no way of knowing what data belongs to what student).
4. We are inviting and answering questions as we prepare for the census. Please learn more on our website [www.hwdsb.on.ca/weallcount](http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/weallcount), where you will find translated documents as well as Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) about the census. You can also contact our student census team at [census@hwdsb.on.ca](mailto:census@hwdsb.on.ca)

Completing the census is voluntary. However, we ask students to participate so we get an accurate picture of our student population. A high response rate will help us identify barriers, create strategies, and address barriers to student achievement and well-being through our programs and resources.

Thank you for helping HWDSB collect data in a responsible way, so that we can create more equitable outcomes in the education system.