

May 23, 2023

Dear UCDSB Parents and Guardians,

The Upper Canada District School Board (UCDSB) is committed to providing a safe and inclusive school environment that positively influences student mental health, wellness and sense of belonging. As part of our ongoing efforts to ensure our schools are welcoming, inclusive and safe, we invite you to answer questions in the 2023 *Parent/Guardian School Climate Survey*: <https://forms.office.com/r/u5Y3hN8Wn9>

Under the Safe Schools initiative, every public school board in Ontario is required to collect school climate data for students, parents/guardians, and staff. While we collected student demographic data in the We All Belong Student Survey and the Intermediate Student Voice Survey, we are also required by the Ministry to collect anonymous school climate data.



Survey QR Code

We value your input and want to ensure that we are providing the best possible educational experience for our students. The purpose of this survey is to gather feedback on your perception of the school climate, including factors such as school/family engagement and communication, equity and inclusion, safety, and bullying/harassment. Your feedback will help us to:

- ✓ maintain and enhance a positive school climate;
- ✓ promote an environment of respect, safety and belonging for all students;
- ✓ enhance family engagement and partnerships between school and home;
- ✓ make informed and meaningful evidence-based decisions that support achievement and well-being;
- ✓ assess perceptions of safety; and
- ✓ make informed planning decisions about programs to help prevent bullying and promote safe and inclusive schools.

Please try and answer the questions from your perspective as a parent/guardian. If you have more than one child attending a UCDSB school, please complete a separate survey for each child using the same anonymous access link.

The data collected will be **confidential** and **anonymous**, so no one will know your responses to the questions. This survey is **voluntary** and you may skip any question you do not want to answer, but we hope you will answer as many questions as you can. The information you share will only be accessible to UCDSB staff in the Research Department.

The survey opens on **May 23, 2023 and closes on June 13, 2023**.

If you have questions and/or concerns about the survey, please contact Dr. Kathleen Moss, Research Officer for the UCDSB, kathleen.moss@ucdsb.on.ca, 1-800-267-7131 ext. 1295

Thank you for your support!

Upper Canada District School Board