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Dear UCDSB Parents and Guardians,

Under the Safe Schools initiative, every public school board in Ontario is required to collect school climate data for students, parents/guardians, and staff. As part of the Upper Canada District School Board's (UCDSB) continuing efforts to promote a positive school environment, we are excited to share with parents and guardians survey details about our new *2024 Spring Amplify Survey*, a follow up to the [student climate survey done in the fall](#).

The survey will be administered from March 18-28 and we are inviting students in Grades 4-12 to participate. There are 8 questions on the survey and class time will be given to complete this. The survey link will be sent to student email accounts.

The *Student Climate Survey* ask questions about:

- school safety
- belonging
- mental health and well-being
- skill development
- extra-curricular activities and sports.

**2024 Spring Amplify Survey:**

- ✓ Data Collection March 18-28, 2024
- ✓ Parents can view survey questions [on the UCDSB website](#).
- ✓ Voluntary (Teachers will provide survey instructions in-class).
- ✓ Accommodations will be available for students who require supports.
- ✓ Parents may opt-out and students can skip questions or decide not to complete the survey at any time.
- ✓ Anonymous (students are only asked about their grade and school; no other personal information is required)
- ✓ Confidential
- ✓ Administered during instructional time in-class.
- ✓ Only Grades 4-12 (same survey questions for all students participating).
- ✓ 8 questions
- ✓ Only the Research Department will have access to the survey data.

**Student feedback will help us to:**

- ✓ Track and monitor school climate indicators twice a year.
- ✓ Maintain and enhance a positive school climate.
- ✓ Promote an environment of respect, safety and belonging for all students.
- ✓ Make informed and meaningful evidence-based decisions that support achievement and well-being.

**If you do not want your child to participate in the student climate survey, please contact your school Principal.**

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](mailto:kathleen.moss@ucdsb.on.ca), 1-800-267-7131 ext. 1295

Thank you for your support!

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