



Dear Parent/Guardian:

In our continuing effort to improve school effectiveness, we will be implementing an on-line school survey for students called Tell Them From Me (TTFM).

The TTFM survey allows students to give input into school improvement initiatives anonymously. During the course of the school year, all students will be given an opportunity to participate. While students are encouraged to complete the survey, it is not mandatory. Everyone completing the survey will be given a random username and password, so respondents cannot be linked to their responses.

The survey will be completed at school and will take most students approximately 35 minutes to complete. The student survey includes such topics as social/emotional outcomes (e.g. student engagement, emotional health), physical health outcomes (e.g. physical fitness, risky behaviours), safety and bullying, and drivers of student outcomes (e.g. quality instruction, classroom context). The survey also allows students to give their thoughts and feedback in an open-ended question response. Feedback from the survey is used by individual schools and the Halton District School Board to set goals and monitor targets related to school and Board improvement plans.

TTFM was created by The Learning Bar, based on the work by co-founder Dr. J. Douglas Willms. Dr. Willms is widely known nationally and internationally for his work on the development of educational monitoring systems, including the Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) of the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development. Since 2004, Tell Them From Me is Canada's largest national school survey.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact:

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