

Thank you for taking the time to complete the School Climate/Well-Being Survey for Students. The Durham District School Board (DDSB) is committed to providing a safe and caring learning environment for all students.

This survey asks about your experiences, attitudes and behaviours related to your school and your well-being. We want to know what you think. **This is not a test**, and there are no wrong answers. Please respond honestly and completely. The information from the survey will help us understand what you think about your school experience.

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The survey is anonymous (your name will not appear anywhere) and your answers are confidential. No one will be told how you answered. Your answers will be combined with those of other students. The information that you and your classmates provide will be used by the staff at your school and the DDSB to help promote a healthy and safe environment for all students.

This survey is voluntary. You do not have to answer all of the questions if you do not want to, but we hope you will answer as many questions as you can!

If you require accommodation under the Human Rights code to participate in this survey please contact your school's administrator.



If you are worried, sad, confused, need help or just need someone to talk to, you can contact Kids Help Phone anytime. This service is completely anonymous and confidential. Call 1-800-668-6868 Text 686868

or visit their website for information and resources KidsHelpPhone.ca



#### **Survey Instructions:**

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# Tell Us About Yourself

#### My current grade is:

O Grade 4	Grade 7	◯ Grade 10
◯ Grade 5	Grade 8	Grade 11
Grade 6	Grade 9	Grade 12

# Have you changed your learning environment since the start of school in September 2022?

### For example changed schools



## What is your gender identity?

(Select all that apply)

A person's internal and deeply felt sense of being a boy/man, a girl/women, both, neither or having another identity on the gender spectrum. A person's gender identity may be different from the sex assigned at birth (e.g., female, intersex, male).

Girl/Woman
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Gender Fluid (refers to a person whose gender identity or expression changes or shifts along the gender spectrum.)

Gender Nonconforming (not being in line with the cultural associations made in a given society about a person's sex assigned at birth.)

Boy/Man
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Non Binary (refers to a person whose gender identity does not align with the binary concept of gender such as man/boy or woman/girl.)

] Transgender (refers to a person whose gender identity differs from the one associated with their birth-assigned sex.)

Two-Spirit

Questioning (refers to a person who is unsure about their gender identity.)

Choose not to answer

I do not understand this question

A gender identity not listed above (please specify):

#### What is your racial identity?

(If you are interracial, select all that apply)

Race is a social construct that groups people on the basis of common ancestry and characteristics and affects how some people are perceived and treated. Race is often confused with ethnicity (a group of people who share a particular cultural heritage or background); there may be several ethnic groups within a racialized group. Black (African, Afro-Caribbean, African Canadian descent) East Asian (Chinese, Korean, Japanese, Taiwanese descent) Indigenous (First Nations, Métis, Inuit descent) Latino/Latina/Latinx (Latin American, Hispanic descent) Middle Eastern (Arab, Persian, West Asian descent, e.g., Afghan, Egyptian, Iranian, Lebanese, Turkish, Kurdish, etc.) South Asian (East Indian, Pakistani, Bangladeshi, Sri-Lankan, Indo-Caribbean, etc.) Southeast Asian (Cambodian, Filipino, Indonesian, Thai, Vietnamese, other Southeast Asian descent) White (European descent) Choose not to answer I do not understand this question A racial identity not listed above (please specify):

# Indicate any religion, creed, or spirituality with which you identify. *(Select all that apply)*

Religion: a professed system and confession of faith, including both beliefs and observances or worship. A belief in a God or gods, or a single supreme being or deity is not necessarily required. Religion includes the practices, beliefs and observances that are part of a faith or religion. It does not inlcude personal, moral, ethical or political views.

Buddhist
Catholic
Christian (e.g., Orthodox, Protestant, etc.)
Hindu
Indigenous Spirituality
Jewish
Muslim
Sikh
No religious or spiritual affiliation
Choose not to answer
I do not understand this question
A religion, spiritual affiliation, creed or belief not listed above (please specify):



What is your sexual orientation? (Select all that apply)

Sexual orientation is the direction of one's sexual interest or attraction. It is a personal characteristic that forms part of who you are. It covers the range of human sexuality and is different from gender identity.

Asexual (a person that experiences no sexual attraction to others.)

Bisexual (a person who is physically/sexually and emotionally attracted to both males and females.)

Gay (a person who is physically/sexually and emotionally attracted to someone of the same sex. The term 'gay' refers to males, but in some contexts can be used for both males and females.)

Lesbian (a woman who is attracted physically/sexually and emotionally almost exclusively to other women.)

Pansexual (a person who is attracted physically/sexually and emotionally to others, without being limited by sex or gender identity.)

Queer (the term 'queer' refers to ideas, practices, persons or identities that go against the standards that form the heteronormative social model.)

Straight (a person who is physically/sexually and emotionally attracted exclusively to someone of the oposite sex.)

Two-Spirit

Questioning (refers to a person who is unsure about their sexual orientation.)

Choose not to answer

I do not understand this question

A sexual orientation not listed above (please specify)



Do you consider yourself to be a person with a disability?

\*Defining disability is a complex, evolving matter. Disability is a term that covers a broad range and degree of conditions, some visible and others not (e.g., physical, mental, and learning disabilities, hearing or vision disabilities, epilepsy, environmental sensitivities). A disability may be present from birth, may be caused by an accident, or may develop over time.

- O Yes
- 🔿 No
- 🔿 Unsure
- Choose not to answer
- ) I do not understand this question

#### If yes, please select all that apply.

Autism

Behaviour

Blind or Low Vision

- Deaf or Hard of Hearing
- Developmental Disability
- Mental Health Disability
- Physical Disability

Speech/Language Impairment

A disability or condition not listed above (please specify):



# WELL-BEING. EVERYONE. EVERY DAY

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### **Belonging and Connectedness**

Please share how strongly you agree or disagree with the following statements:

#### W1 The school staff greet me by name.

#### Strongly agree

- 🔿 Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Unsure

#### W2 My school is a welcoming place.

- Strongly agree
- O Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- 🔵 Unsure

### W3 I feel safe at school.

◯ Strongly agree

Agree

O Disagree

○ Strongly disagree

◯ Unsure

W4 I feel accepted by other students at school.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree

○ Strongly disagree

◯ Unsure



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### **Belonging and Connectedness**

# Please share how strongly you agree or disagree with the following statements:

#### W5 I feel accepted by the adults at school.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- O Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- 🔿 Unsure

### W6 I feel like I matter to the teachers/staff at school.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- 🔵 Unsure

#### W7 I feel like I matter to my classmates.

- Strongly agree
- O Agree
- O Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- 🔵 Unsure

### W8 I feel like I belong at school.

◯ Strongly agree

Agree

O Disagree

○ Strongly disagree

🔵 Unsure

## W9 I feel like I would be missed if I did not attend this school.

- ◯ Strongly agree
- Agree
- O Disagree

○ Strongly disagree

O Unsure



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### **Meaningful/Engaged Learning**

# Please share how strongly you agree or disagree with the following statements:

#### W10 At school, students have a say in how things work.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- 🔵 Unsure

#### W11 At school, students are encouraged to help make decisions.

Strongly agree

Agree

- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- 🔵 Unsure

### W12 I feel like I have a say, and what I think matters at my school.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- O Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- 🔵 Unsure



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### **Supportive Relationships**

# Please share how strongly you agree or disagree with the following statements:

#### W13 The teachers/staff at my school accept me.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- O Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- 🔿 Unsure

W14 The teachers/staff at my school are proud of the things I do.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- 🔵 Unsure

### W15 I feel important to people at my school.

◯ Strongly agree

Agree

O Disagree

○ Strongly disagree

🔵 Unsure

### W16 The teachers/staff at my school believe that I can succeed.

- ◯ Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree

○ Strongly disagree

◯ Unsure



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### **Supportive Relationships**

# Please share how strongly you agree or disagree with the following statements:

#### W17 The teachers/staff at my school take time to get to know me.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- 🔵 Unsure

W18 I support others at my school when I see they might be feeling sad, anxious, hopeless, stressed, angry or confused.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- 🔿 Unsure

W19 Others at my school recognize when I might be feeling sad, anxious, hopeless, stressed, angry or confused.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- O Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- 🔿 Unsure

W20 I feel supported at my school when feeling sad, anxious, hopeless, stressed, angry or confused.

◯ Strongly agree Agree Disagree ( ) Strongly disagree ( ◯ Unsure



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### **Supportive Relationships**

# Please share how strongly you agree or disagree with the following statements:

W21 I know where to ask for help at my school when feeling sad, anxious, hopeless, stressed, angry or confused.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- O Disagree
- O Strongly disagree
- 🔿 Unsure

W22 I feel there is someone at my school to talk to when feeling sad, anxious, hopeless, stressed, angry or confused.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- 🔵 Unsure

W23 There are teachers/staff at my school that I can count on when a problem occurs.

$\bigcirc$	Strongly	agree
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- Agree
- 🔿 Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- O Unsure

W24 There is at least one teacher/staff member at my school who helps me achieve my goals.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- O Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- 🔿 Unsure



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### **Supportive Relationships**

# Please share how strongly you agree or disagree with the following statements:

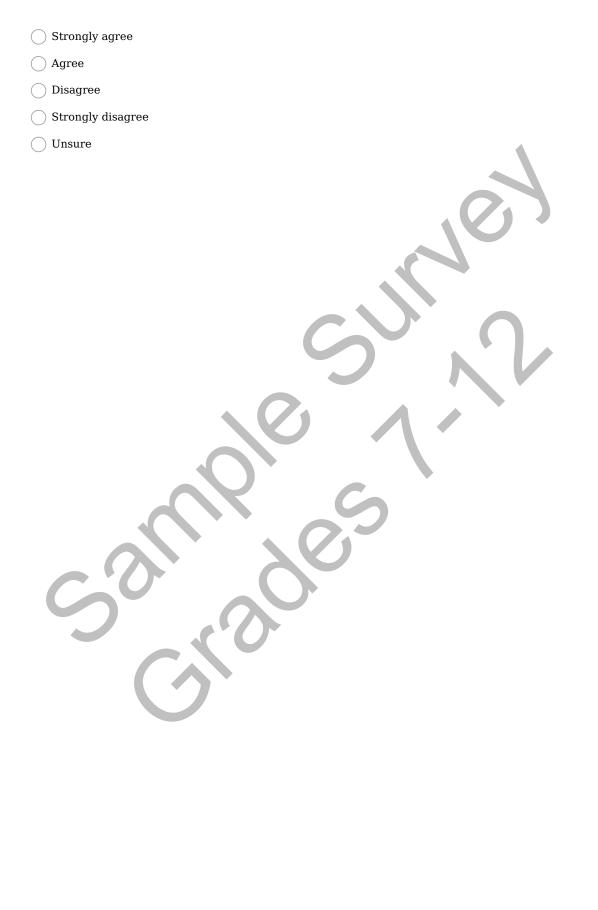
W25 There is at least one staff member at my school who treats me with respect and listens to me.

- Strongly agree
- O Agree
- O Disagree
- O Strongly disagree
- 🔵 Unsure

W26 There is at least one staff member at my school who encourages me to keep getting better.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- 🔵 Unsure

W27 There is at least one staff member at my school who helps me to expand my thinking.





# **KNOW** the **difference**

## BULLYING

intent to harm
deliberate act
power imbalance

CONFLIC

 generally voicing a difference of opinion
 often spontaneous
 often schoolmates or friends disagreeing

• a single interaction

## How safe do you feel at school?

"Feeling safe" can mean not worrying that someone could harm your body, hurt your feelings, or damage your belongings.

## SC1 This is how safe I feel in each of these places:



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## **Being Bullied**

### SC2 How often have you been bullied at school?

- 🔵 Not at all
- Once this year
- $\bigcirc$  More than once

#### SC3 How often have you been bullied on your way to or from school?

- 🔵 Not at all
- Once this year
- More than once

# SC4 How often have you experienced these forms of bullying at school?

		Once this	More than
	Not at all	year	once
Physical	0		$\bigcirc$
Verbal	Q	0	$\bigcirc$
Social		$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
Electronic		$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$



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## **Being Bullied**

## SC5 How often have you been bullied at school because of...

		Once this	More than	
	Not at all	year	once	
race, culture or skin colour?	$\bigcirc$	$\sim$		
Indigenous identity (First Nation, Métis, Inuit)?	0	9	0	
sex?	0	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	
gender identity and/or gender expression?	0	$\bigcirc$	0	
religion?	0	$\bigcirc$	0	
disability?	$\bigcirc$	0	$\overline{\bigcirc}$	
family income?	$\circ$		$\bigcirc$	
sexual orientation?		0	$\bigcirc$	

# SC6 During the current school year, how often have you stayed away from school to avoid being bullied?

O Not at all

- Once this year
- More than once



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## **Reporting Bullying**

### SC7 Are you aware of how to report bullying at your school?

- O Yes
- 🔿 No

# SC8 If you have been bullied at school this year, who have you told? *Select all that apply.*

I have not been bullied.
Lunchroom supervisor
Parent/Guardian
Principal/Vice Principal

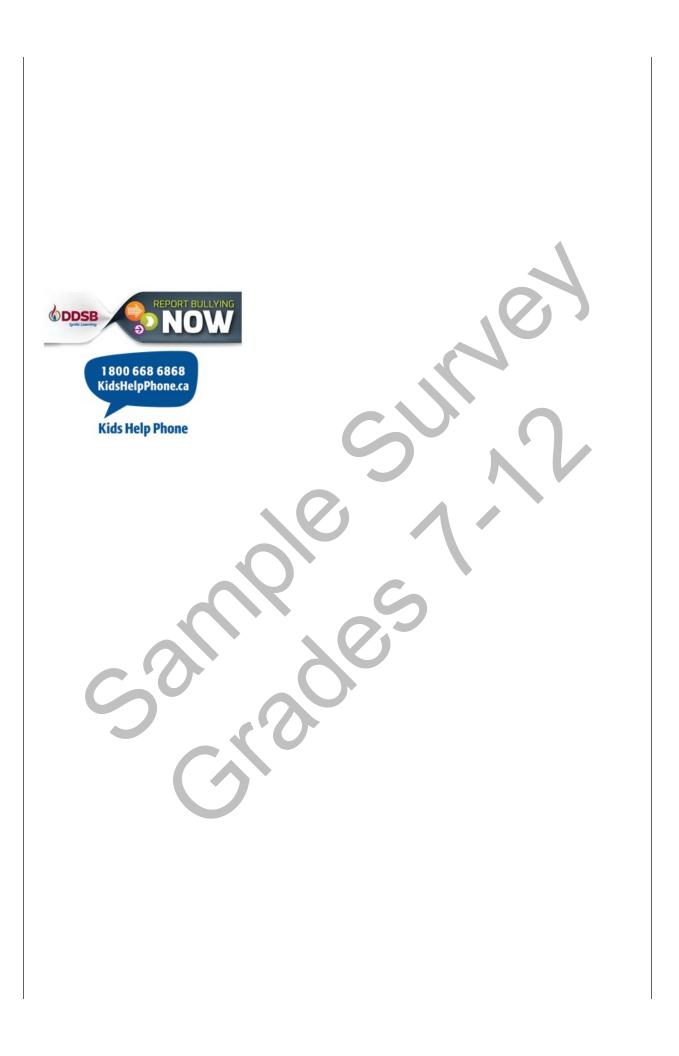
Teacher/Educational Assistant

- Another adult
- Another child

"Report Bullying Now" on the school website

Kids Help Phone

No one





SC8-1 If you did not report it to anyone, what stopped you from reporting it? *Select all that apply.* 

- I was afraid of being bullied myself.
- I didn't think anything would happen as a result of reporting.
- I didn't want to be seen as someone who tells on others.
- I didn't know how to report it, who I should tell.



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### **Others Being Bullied**

### SC9 How often have you bullied others at school?

- Not at all
- 🔵 Once this year
- $\bigcirc$  More than once

# SC10 How many times has a group that you were a part of, ever bullied another student?

- O Never
- One time
- 🔿 2-3 times
- 4 or more times

# SC11 How many times have you stood by and watched while someone else was bullied?

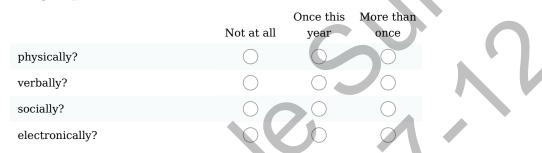
- Never
- One time
- 🔵 2-3 times
- 4 or more times



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## **Others Being Bullied**

# SC12 At school, how often have you on your own or as part of a group, bullied other students...



# SC13 At school, how often have you on your own or as part of a group, bullied other students because of...

	Not at all	Once this year	More than once
race, culture or skin colour?	0	Q	$\bigcirc$
Indigenous identity (First Nation, Métis, Inuit)?	0	0	$\bigcirc$
sex?	0		$\bigcirc$
gender identitiy and/or gender expression?	0	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
religion?		$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
disability?	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
family income?	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
sexual orientation?	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$



# SC14 Do you ever feel unwelcome or uncomfortable at your school because of any of the following? *Select all that apply.*

	Gender	identity
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Race, culture or skin colour

Home language

Grades or marks

Appearance

Religion or faith

Family's income

Ability/disability

Sexual orientation

No

Other reason(s) not listed (please specify)



SC15 Are there school activities, teams or clubs that you would like to take part in, but have not, because of any of the following? Select all that apply.
Gender identity
Race, culture or skin colour
Home language
Grades or marks
Appearance
Religion or faith
Family's income
Ability/disability
Sexual orientation
No Contraction of the second s
Other reason(s) not listed (please specify)

SC16 Suggest ways that the school can help build better relationships between students and staff:



# Please share how strongly you agree or disagree with the following statements:

#### A1 I like to read.

- ◯ Strongly agree
- Agree
- O Disagree
- Strongly disagree

### A2 I think I am a good reader.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

## A3 At home, my family likes to read.

- ◯ Strongly agree
- Agree
- O Disagree
- Strongly disagree



# Please share how strongly you agree or disagree with the following statements:

#### A4 I like to write.

- ◯ Strongly agree
- O Agree
- 🔿 Disagree
- O Strongly disagree

#### A5 I think I am a good writer.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- 🔿 Disagree
- Strongly disagree

## A6 I like to talk about what I have written.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- 🔿 Disagree
- Strongly disagree



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# Please share how strongly you agree or disagree with the following statements:

#### A7 At school, students cooperate with each other.

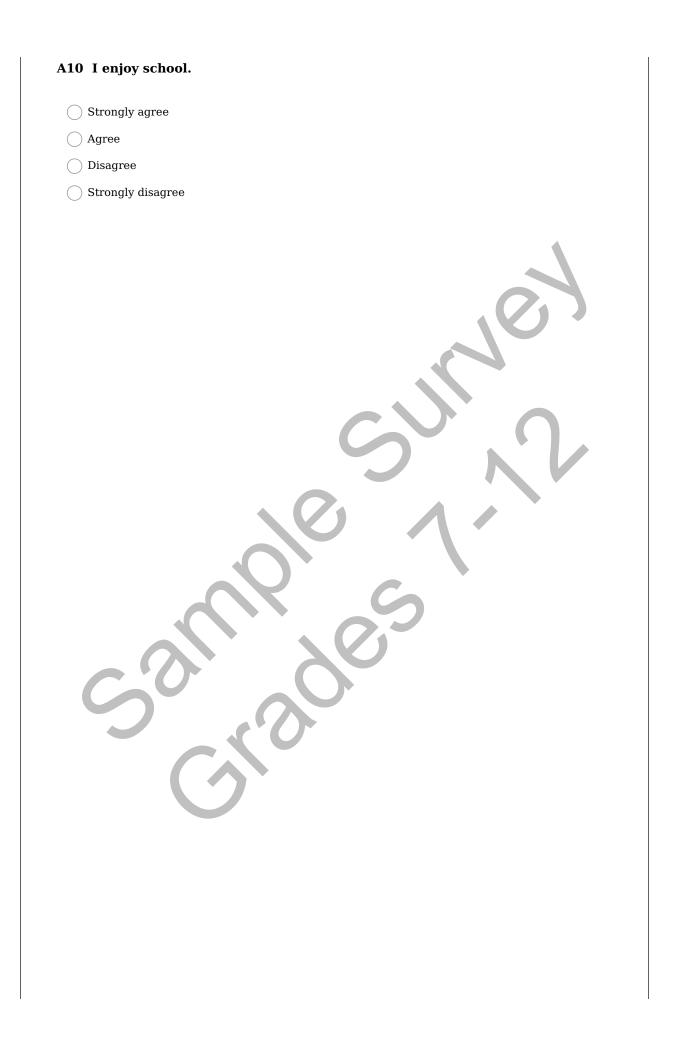
- Strongly agree
- Agree
- 🔵 Disagree
- Strongly disagree

### A8 People of all cultures and identities are respected at my school.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

### A9 I see my identity represented in the classroom.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- 🔵 Disagree
- Strongly disagree





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# Please share how strongly you agree or disagree with the following statements:

#### A11 The feedback that I receive on assignments and tests is helpful to me.

- Strongly agree
- 🔵 Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

### A12 I am interested in the topics that are taught to me.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

#### A13 I use what is taught in the classroom outside of school.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- 🔵 Disagree
- Strongly disagree

### A14 At home, I receive assistance/help with my school work.

- ◯ Strongly agree
- Agree
- O Disagree
- Strongly disagree

### A15 I volunteer my time at school and/or outside of school.

- ◯ Strongly agree
- Agree
- O Disagree
- Strongly disagree



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# Please share how strongly you agree or disagree with the following statements:

#### A16 I have opportunities to participate in clubs, teams or activities at school.

- Strongly agree
- O Agree
- 🔵 Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- N/A

### A17 I participate in clubs, teams or activities outside of school.

Strongly agree

🔵 Agree

- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- N/A

### A18 I have opportunities in school for fitness and physical activity.

- ◯ Strongly agree
- Agree
- 🔿 Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- 🔿 N/A

### A19 I like physical education (activities/sports/skills).

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- O Disagree
- O Strongly disagree

### A20 I like health education (nutrition/healthy choices).

- ◯ Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree



# Please share how strongly you agree or disagree with the following statements:

#### A21 I like science.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- 🔿 Disagree
- O Strongly disagree

## A22 I like social studies (history/geography).

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- 🔿 Disagree
- Strongly disagree

### A23 I like the arts (music/drama/dance/visual arts).

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- O Disagree
- Strongly disagree



# Please share how strongly you agree or disagree with the following statements:

A24 I like courses that are hands on or skill-based (construction/hairstyling/robotics).

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- O Disagree
- Strongly disagree

#### A25 I enjoy using digital devices for my learning (Chromebooks, iPads).

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- O Disagree
- Strongly disagree

### A26 Using digital devices improves my learning.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- O Disagree
- Strongly disagree



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# Please share how strongly you agree or disagree with the following statements:

#### A27 I like math.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- 🔵 Disagree
- Strongly disagree

#### A28 I think I am good in math.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- O Disagree
- Strongly disagree

#### A29 Outside of school, I use math skills to solve everyday problems.

- ◯ Strongly agree
- 🔵 Agree
- 🔵 Disagree
- Strongly disagree

Excellent	
Good	
Fair/Average	
Having difficulty	



## Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey.

Please click on **DONE button** to submit your answers.



To protect against the disclosure of personal information associated with individual student results, suppression rules will be implemented and statistics will be suppressed where the number of respondents is so low that individual results could be determined from the aggregated value.

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This information is collected and compiled in accordance with Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (MFOIPOP), for purposes consistent with the provision of public educational services by the Durham District School Board and in particular with respect to the stated subject and purpose set out in the introduction of this survey.

Click **Done** button and your responses will be submitted.