



March 2017

Dear Parents, Guardians or Caregivers:

The Toronto District School Board (TDSB) conducted its first *Student Census* for all Grade 9-12 students in 2006 and the second one in 2011. The data collected from both rounds of the *Census* have provided the school system, parents and the community with valuable information to help improve our schools for the benefit of all students. (Please visit www.tdsb.on.ca/census to learn more about the TDSB *Census* and its positive impact.)

The third TDSB *Student Census* is coming up in April 2017. As in the last two rounds of the *Census*, the survey will be completed in class. The questions are also similar to the previous *Census* questions, which ask students about themselves, their experiences in and outside of school, and their well-being. This information is collected under the authority of section 170(1)(6) of the Education Act (R.S.O. 1990, c. E. 2) for educational and research purposes only.

Each survey form has a unique code (for tracking purposes). However, no personal identification - such as, student name or ID number - will appear on the form. This is to ensure that the information provided by students will remain confidential. All completed survey forms will be shipped directly to the Board's Research Department for processing and analyses, and all the survey results will be reported at the aggregate level.

To ensure that this *Student Census* will reflect the voices of all students, it is important to have as many students complete the survey as possible. However, should you decide not to have your child participate in this *Census*, please fill out the form below and return it to your child's school before March 31, 2017.

We thank you for your support!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Malloy'.

John Malloy
Director of Education

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Fill out this section only if you decide not to have your child participate in the *Student Census*.

I do not wish my child, _____, from this school _____ in Grade ____ to participate in the *Student Census* during the month of April 2017.

Parent/Guardian/Caregiver's Name: _____ Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please tear off this section and return it to your child's school before March 31, 2017.