

Dear parent(s)/guardian(s),

You are receiving this letter because the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board (DPCDSB) is running its Catholic Community, Culture, and Caring (CCCC) School Climate Survey for students in Grades 4-12 this April. Please read this letter carefully for details.

What is the CCCC School Climate Survey?

Ontario's *Education Act* and the Ministry of Education's *Policy/Program Memorandum (PPM) 145: Progressive discipline and promoting positive student behaviour* require all school boards to conduct anonymous school climate surveys of students, parents and guardians, and staff at least once every two years. To meet this requirement, DPCDSB is making its CCCC School Climate Survey available to students from April 22 through May 13, 2025. The CCCC School Climate Survey asks students in Grades 4 and older how they feel about feeling included, safe, and supported by other students and staff at school, as well as whether they have been bullied or excluded at school.

What are we asking from you?

The CCCC School Climate Survey is important for students to complete. The information students give DPCDSB about their school climate helps local schools understand how students feel about school so that school staff can put plans in place to make sure school climate is positive for everyone. To get this information, we need your help:

- If your child is in **Grades 4 or older, please make sure they complete the CCCC School Climate Survey**. The survey is available 24/7 on the [DPCDSB Student Dashboard](#) from now until May 13, 2025. Students in Grades 7 and older can also access a link to the CCCC School Climate Survey on their [MyBlueprint](#) account.
- If you would like to complete the CCCC School Climate Survey for Parents and Guardians, please visit [DPCDSB's CCCC School Climate Survey webpage](#) and click the survey link. You can also go to this web page to take a look at samples of the survey questions for students and for parents and guardians.

How is my and/or my child's privacy protected?

The CCCC School Climate Survey is anonymous. That means we won't ask you or your child to tell us your or their name, and we won't collect any personal identifiers like student number or internet location information like IP addresses. Also, when we use the survey data, we only study and report what groups of more than ten students or parents and guardians tell us, so no one can guess who said what about a school.

Does my child have to participate in the CCCC School Climate Survey?

Participation in the CCCC School Climate is **strictly voluntary**. The choice **to participate or not participate will not affect your child's marks or treatment in their classroom or school, and it will not affect any services that your family receives from the school or from DPCDSB**. Students can simply decide, with the consent of their parents and guardians, whether they wish to participate. Even if they decide to participate, they can skip any questions they do not wish to answer, or they may choose to stop participating at any time.

Parents and guardians who choose to do the parent and guardian version of the CCCC School Climate Survey may also choose whether or not they participate. Parents and guardians can skip any questions they do not wish to answer or can stop answering at any time. When completing the parent and guardian version of the CCCC School Climate Survey, please think about the school experiences of your oldest or only child attending a DPCDSB school.

We hope you decide to encourage your child to complete the CCCC School Climate Survey. This important survey lets DPCDSB hear from the students themselves about school climate. Listening to as many students as we can helps us understand what we are doing well and where we need to improve. We also hope you take the time to do the parent and guardian version of the survey. The information students and parents and guardians share with us helps each of our schools to plan ways to create schools that are safe and accepting places where everyone is supported to believe, excel, respect, thrive, and trust.

May God continue to bless you and your family,

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