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Dear Parents & Guardians,

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In our continuing effort to increase school effectiveness, we will be implementing an online school survey for students, teachers, and parents – Tell Them From Me (TTFM).

TTFM is an online school survey that allows students, teachers, and parents to give their input into school improvement initiatives in an anonymous way. Over the course of the school year, all students, teachers, and parents will be given an opportunity to participate. They are encouraged to complete the survey, but may choose not to if they wish. For families with more than one child at the school, please answer based on the experience of your youngest child. Everyone completing the survey will be given a random username and password. Thus, respondents cannot be linked to their responses, ensuring anonymity.

To complete the parent survey, please go to www.tellthemfromme.com and enter your username and password which is stapled to this letter

The student survey will be completed online and will require around 30 minutes. The student survey measures include such topics as social/emotional outcomes (e.g. student engagement, emotional health), physical health outcomes (e.g. physical fitness, risky behaviours), 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.

The parent survey is also completed online and will require approximately 30 minutes. The parent survey measures include such topics as two-way communication, parent support of learning at home, school support of learning and social/emotional development, and parent support of learning at school. The survey also allows parents to give their thoughts and feedback in an open-ended question response.

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 has quickly grown to become Canada's largest national school survey. Hundreds of schools in fifty school districts and divisions across Canada have used The Learning Bar's surveys.

If you would like more information or if you have any questions, please contact me at the school to discuss this new initiative.

Thank you for your continued support in our school improvement efforts.

Sincerely,

Matt Turner