



## York Catholic District School Board Curriculum & Assessment

**Memo To:** Elementary Principals  
Elementary Vice-Principals

**CC:** Grade 8 Teachers  
Core Resource / ISA Teachers  
Teacher Librarians

**From:** Marcelle McShine-Quao, Education Research Officer  
Diane Murgaski, Superintendent of Education: Curriculum and Assessment

**Date:** March 22, 2017

**Re:** Grade 8 Exit Survey (March 27 - April 28, 2017)

**Reference #:** C:175

Elementary schools are being asked to invite all Grade 8 students to complete an online survey regarding their perceptions about their experiences at their school and their plans for high school. The results of this survey will be used to inform decision-making as part of the board's on-going efforts to better meet the needs of all students and to improve faith development, student achievement and well-being.

The survey will be available online for students to complete in school from **27 March 2017 until the end of the school day on 28 April 2017**. A Synvoice message will be communicated centrally advising parents / guardians of the survey on 27 March 2017. We strongly encourage you to help all Grade 8 students have an opportunity to have their voices heard at school. The estimated time for survey completion is 15 minutes per student.

The link to the student survey can be accessed from the School Board's website at <http://www.ycdsb.ca/surveys.htm> or directly from <https://www.research.net/r/ZNSBVD9>

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your assistance with this initiative, especially at this busy time of year.

The following resources (accessed by clicking on the hyperlinks in [blue](#) below) are provided to assist you in preparing to administer the survey:

- [Recommended Preparation Checklist for the Grade 8 Student Survey](#)
- [Teacher Notes](#)
- Copy of the [Synvoice message](#) to be communicated centrally
- [Letter for Distribution to Catholic School Advisory Council Chair\(s\)](#) week of March 27, 2017
- [Copy of the Parent Letter for distribution to those who have not indicated their email address](#)
- Copy of the Grade 8 Exit Survey questions ([PDF version](#) / [Word version](#))

For assistance, please email [ExitSurvey@ycdsb.ca](mailto:ExitSurvey@ycdsb.ca) or phone Marcelle McShine-Quao, CEC ext. 13642.