Email Text to Parents/Guardians about the 2021 YCDSB Grades 7 & 8 Student Census

4 February 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians,

In support of its mission to educate and inspire all students to achieve their full potential in a safe and caring environment, the York Catholic District School Board (YCDSB) is conducting a voluntary and confidential Student Census. The purpose of the Student Census is to understand the backgrounds, experiences and needs of our students and communities to ensure schools are equitable and inclusive for all students.

The Student Census will be conducted online in all Grades 7 & 8 classes in York Catholic Elementary Schools. Students in Grades 7 & 8 will be given time in class to complete the 15-minute online Student Census between 16 February and 5 March 2021.

Please see the attached letter from our Director of Education and Human Rights & Equity Advisor to find out more information and access the Student Census questions.

There are a few important things to note:
- Participation in the Student Census is voluntary.
- All students are encouraged to answer all questions. However, if your child is not comfortable answering a question, they should skip the question and move to the next question.
- No program or report card marks will be withheld from any student who does not complete the Student Census.
- Student information will remain private and confidential.
- Reports will never single out or identify a student or family and will only be reported in summary to understand the needs of students and communities.
- If you do not want your child to participate in the Student Census, please advise your child's school and complete this form by 11 February 2021 to ensure that your child does not receive an invitation to participate in the Student Census.
- To find out additional information, visit the YCDSB Student Census website (www.ycdsb.ca/census) or email census@ycdsb.ca.

Thank you. Stay well and be safe.