



January, 29th 2016

Re: ACCOUNTABILITY PILLAR SURVEY

Information for parents:

From January 15, 2016 to February 26, 2016, Alberta Education will be conducting the annual Accountability Pillar Survey. In January, parents of students in grades 10 will receive a survey from Alberta Education. In February, students in grades 10 and all teachers will be completing their surveys online at school.

All surveys are anonymous and ask questions about experiences with the school. All parents/guardians receive the English version of the survey in the mail, but Alberta Education also provides it in Arabic, Blackfoot, Chinese, Cree, French, Korean, Punjabi, Spanish, Tagalog and Urdu. If you would prefer to respond to the survey in one of these languages, please tell the principal of your child's school and a copy will be sent to you.

It is very important that parents/guardians complete the survey and return it to Alberta Education. Alberta Education and the public use the results of the Accountability Pillar Survey to assess satisfaction with the quality of education in our schools. In addition, the Calgary Board of Education uses the information to improve teaching and learning for your children.

N.B. If you *Don't Know* the answer to a particular question, please skip that question and go to the next one, unless you want your response to count as a negative one.

Your voice matters. Your participation in the survey helps provide important information on the quality of education your child is receiving. Alberta Education and the Calgary Board of Education thank you for returning the parent Accountability Pillar Survey promptly. If you have questions, please contact the principal of your child's school.

The Accountability Pillar uses a set of 16 indicators consisting of surveys of students, parents and teachers on various aspects of quality; student outcomes such as dropout and high school completion rates; and provincial assessments of student learning. Interested in the results? Look for them in school and the CBE 3-Year Education Plans and Annual Education Results Reports, posted November 30, 2016.

We appreciate you taking the time to complete this survey.

Sincerely,

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