



Early Development Instrument (EDI)

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Beginning in March 2018 at the Toronto District School Board, Kindergarten teachers will be working to complete individual questionnaires for Senior Kindergarten students in all elementary schools and Junior and Senior Kindergarten students in Model Schools for Inner Cities.

The Ministry of Education has asked regional school boards and school authorities to complete this questionnaire to collect information about how well children are prepared for success in school. The Offord Centre for Child Studies at McMaster University has been contracted by the Ministry to lead the data collection and analysis.

To achieve positive outcomes for students, it is important that education policies, programs and practices are based on evidence. As such, it is necessary for the Ministry to collect, analyse and report on information from schools. If you would like to learn more about how the Ministry of Education uses data, please visit www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/about/access.

What will take place?

The questionnaire, called the Early Development Instrument (EDI) was developed at McMaster University with the help of Principals and Kindergarten teachers and measures the developmental well-being of children.

If interested, you can ask your child's teacher for the exact date(s) that the questionnaire will be completed. This will not involve your time or your child's time, nor does it take way from classroom time. Your child's teacher is given time to complete the questionnaires.

The questionnaire is not a test or a tool for diagnosing a particular child's learning challenges. It will not become part of your child's school record and the results will focus on groups of children only, not individual children.

Confidentiality

Your child's privacy is a priority and all care has been taken to ensure it is protected. No data or records will be available or identifiable by name. The data will be stored at the Ministry of Education and treated with the high level of security that is applied to all student information in Ontario. The data will

be accessible only to the project team to produce findings about groups of children that will be used by both the community and the school system to support effective programming. Any publications that may result from this collection will not identify individual children.

Who do I contact if I have questions or concerns?

If you have questions, concerns or do not wish your child to be included in the EDI exercise, you may contact the following:

Nancy Keenan, School Principal at 416-393-9040

And

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Sincerely,



Nancy Keenan
Principal, TDSB

