

SD 73 Parent Leadership Task Force
Parent Survey
Frequently Asked Questions

GENERAL:

1. What is the survey for?

This survey was created by parent volunteers who make up the School District 73 Parent Leadership Task Force. School District 73 created a Parent Leadership Task Force whose mandate is to develop a medium term (2-3 year) strategy for increasing and supporting parent leadership in the District with the goal of improving student achievement. This survey is one component of our information gathering process.

2. Why should I complete the survey - will it benefit my school or my children?

Your input into our research is important to the Task Force's final report. We ask for detailed, but not personal, information from you. For example, we ask what grade your student(s) are in, but not what school they attend. Your privacy is important to us.

3. Are there different ways to submit the survey?

The survey is accessed online through a site called **Survey Monkey**. The link to this survey will be held on the School District 73 District Parent Advisory Council site (<http://dpac.sd73.bc.ca>) as well as the School District 73 website (www.sd73.bc.ca). A paper copy is also available at each school. Please ask at the school office if you require a paper copy of the survey.

4. If I have questions, who do I contact?

A Parent Leadership Task Force member: Leigh-Anne Larsen at la.larsen@shaw.ca.

FILLING OUT THE SURVEY:

1. Why has this set of questions been chosen?

Each question has been carefully chosen to give the Task Force insight into what parent involvement looks like to the School District 73 parent. Your experiences, opinions, and comments both positive and negative are valuable to us.

2. Are there other languages available?

The survey is only available in English.

3. Can a preschool parent fill this out?

No. This is for parents/guardians of children within the School District 73 Kamloops/Thompson public school system in Kindergarten through Grade 12.

4. Is it the main caregiver at home that is required to fill out the survey?

Yes. The main parent/guardian/caregiver is asked to participate in the survey.

5. If I am new at the school, will that make a difference?

Not at all! The survey is set up for everyone to participate and we welcome all input.

6. How should I answer if I am not sure?

Most of the questions are set up to “check all that apply” or a “Yes”, “No” or “To some degree” format.

7. How should parents/guardians with more than one child at the school fill this out if the experience is different for each child?

Answer the questions with only one of your children in mind. You may want to refer to the child that is most relevant to your involvement or lack of involvement in school.

8. Are the staff and teachers getting a survey as well?

The administrators/teachers may be surveyed through facilitated meetings and/or surveys. However, they are also parents and are welcome to do the parent survey if they wish.

9. Do you have to fill out a comment to have the survey be complete?

No, but all comments are welcome.

RESULTS:

1. Is my response kept confidential?

There is no identifying personal data collected from this survey, only insights and experiences.

2. How will the results be used?

Once our research is complete, the Task Force will prepare a report with recommendations and present it to Dr. Sullivan (Superintendent of Schools) and the Board of Education.

3. How can I find out the results?

Stay tuned! The Task Force report will be available through school PACs, DPAC, the School Board Office and possibly through the media.

4. Is the survey intended to represent a) individual schools or b) the District as a whole?

The survey will represent parent perception across the District as a whole as there is no way for us to track which answers come from what parents and schools. Personal details are not asked to respect your privacy.