



June 6, 2023

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The below message is sent on behalf of Our Kids Network.

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Our Kids Network, Halton Region, the Halton District School Board and Halton Catholic District School Board are conducting the Kindergarten Parent Survey (KPS). You are being asked to participate because you have a child currently enrolled in the Senior Kindergarten (Year 2) program.

Parents/guardians of Year 2 Kindergarten students may recall recently receiving a request regarding the Early Development Instrument (EDI) which was an initiative from the Ontario Ministry of Education. We are writing now to ask you to complete the Kindergarten Parent Survey (KPS) on behalf of Our Kids Network and Halton Region.

The results from the KPS provide valuable information about children and families in Halton. The information provided helps us promote early childhood development for all children in Halton and helps identify the kinds of programs and supports children and parents/guardians need.

You can see past results from the KPS in Our Kids Network's community reports found on [OKN Data Cycle Collection Page](#). Results of the 2023 KPS will be reported in the Fall of 2023 and will also be available at the [Our Kids Network's](#) website.

All of your responses will be kept strictly confidential, and you may choose not to answer any or all of the questions. No one at your child's school will see your responses. In order to ensure that no individual can be identified, all of the data from this survey will be summarized and reported at a group level.

The survey will be available [online](#) starting today June 6, 2023 to 26 June 2023 and is completely voluntary. The survey should take about 15 minutes to complete.

If you require a PDF file or printed copy of the survey, please contact Dr. Elisabeth Wells, Executive Director of Our Kids Network, at elisabeth@ourkidsnetwork.ca or by phone at 905-805-3541.

The survey is available in English. If your first language is not English and you need help completing the survey, please contact Halton Multicultural Council at 905-842-2486 ext.221. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact Dr. Elisabeth Wells.

If you would like to speak with someone from the Halton Catholic District School Board office, contact Dr. Lisa Collimore, Chief Officer, Research and Development Services at collimoreL@hcdsb.org. If you would like to speak with someone from the Halton District School Board office, contact Dr. Rossana Bisceglia, Manager of Research and Accountability at biscegliaro@hdsb.ca.

Sincerely,



Elisabeth Wells, Ph.D,
Executive Director, Our Kids Network

P.S. In appreciation of your participation, we have enclosed a complimentary book that you and your child can enjoy together.

The personal information collected through the KPS is collected on behalf of the Halton District School Board and the Halton Catholic District School Board under the authority of the Education Act (R.S.O. 1990 c.E.2) ss. 58.5, 265 and 266 as amended, in compliance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. M.56. The information will be used to improve services to children, make decisions on the allocation of resources and for general planning purposes. The information will be used in accordance with the Education Act, the regulations, and guidelines issued by the Minister of Education governing the establishment, maintenance, use, retention, transfer and disposal of pupil records.