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Dear Parents, Guardians and Caregivers of Grades 9 to 12 Students:

In the Algoma District School Board (ADSB), we are committed to providing the very best learning environments so that *all* students can achieve personal excellence. In order to do this, we must truly understand the needs of students and their families. To help us in this work, we are inviting all students in Grades 9 to 12 to participate in a system-wide Student Census and Well-Being Survey entitled, **ADSB Student Voice 2022**.

During the month of November, students in Grades 9 to 12 will be invited to complete the ADSB Student Voice survey in class. The questionnaire will take approximately half a class period to complete, and will include questions that ask students about themselves and their experiences in and outside of school. Parents/guardians of students in Kindergarten to Grade 6 will be invited to complete a survey online with their child(ren) at home.

ADSB Student Voice is confidential, but it is not anonymous. All collected responses will be securely stored and will only be accessed by authorized staff to identify and summarize trends among students. The ADSB is committed to the highest levels of privacy and confidentiality in collecting information about students and follows all privacy requirements outlined in the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (MFIPPA). The information gathered through the Student Census is collected under the legal authority of the Education Act (R.S.O. 1990, c. E. 2, as amended) for educational and research purposes only.

It is important that the ADSB Student Voice survey reflects the voices of *all* students—the more responses we receive, the more effective the data will be to help inform and improve programming and instruction. Should you decide not to have your child participate in the ADSB Student Voice survey, please return the form below to your school Principal by **October 28, 2022**.

We invite all members of our school communities to learn more about the ADSB Student Voice surveys, and ask questions, at virtual **Community Information Sessions** on either October 25 or October 26. Links to join these virtual sessions will be shared through Edsby and by email through School Messenger. However, various ADSB sites will also be available to attend these sessions in-person. Additional information, including *Frequently Asked Questions* can be found at www.adsb.on.ca under **ADSB Student Voice 2022**. If you have any questions, please contact Superintendent Joe Maurice at 705-945-7245.

We thank you for your continued support.

Lucia Reece
Director of Education

Community Information Sessions

October 25 – 6:30 pm

Virtual: Link to be Shared

In-Person Sites

Central Algoma SS
Chapleau K-12
Elliot Lake SS
Michipicoten HS
Superior Heights CVS
W.C. Eaket

October 26 - 6:30 pm

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In-Person Sites

Hornepayne K-12
Korah CVS
White Pines CVS

Fill out this section **only if you DO NOT** want your child to participate in the 2022 ADSB Student Voice survey. Please tear off this section and return it to your child's school **by October 28, 2022**.

I do **not** want my child, _____, to participate in the ADSB Student Voice survey.
(Print student name)

Parent/Guardian's name: _____

Signature: _____