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Dear Parents, Guardians and Caregivers of Kindergarten to Grade 6 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 families in Kindergarten to Grade 6 to participate in a system-wide Student Census and Well-Being Survey entitled, **ADSB Student Voice 2022**.

In November, parents/guardians of students in Kindergarten to Grade 6 will receive a letter and online link to access the ADSB Student Voice Survey. The survey will take approximately 30 minutes to complete and will include questions that ask questions about student identity (Student Census), and student experiences in and outside of school (Well-Being Survey). Parents/guardians will be asked to complete the survey on behalf of their child, but with their child's input. If you have multiple children in Kindergarten to Grade 6, you will be asked to complete a separate online survey for each child. Students in Grades 7 to 12 will complete the survey in class.

Information collected in this survey is confidential, but it 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.

Participation is voluntary. However, it is important that the ADSB Student & Parent Voice survey reflects the voices of *all* students and parents/guardians—the more responses we receive, the more effective the data will be to help inform and improve programming and instruction. We recognize that not all communities have reliable Internet access. If you are unable to complete the survey online and would like to request a printed copy, please return the form below to your school 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

Virtual: Link to be Shared

In-Person Sites

Hornepayne K-12

Korah CVS

White Pines CVS

Fill out this section only if you would like to request a printed copy of the survey. Please tear off this section and return it to your child's school by **October 28, 2022**.

☐ I would like a paper copy of the ADSB Student Voice Survey.

My child's first and last name: _____ Grade: _____