

MENTAL HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

From March to May 2017, all students in Grades 5 to 12 were invited to participate in the <u>YRDSB</u> School Climate Survey for Students. Results from this survey will be used to inform Board and school improvement planning to support student achievement and well-being, and create more equitable and inclusive school environments.

Elementary

Secondary



STRENGTHS

I feel like I matter to people at home or in the community.

84% 79%

When I am not doing well at school, I keep working and try harder.

85% 80%

At this school, I have opportunities to learn about mental health.

75% 64%



OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH

I feel like I matter to people at school.

59% 57%

I feel like people won't value me if I don't do well at school.

34% 46%

I feel like I have to be perfect in my schoolwork.

55% 62%

I always/often hide my feelings of anxiety and sadness.

41% 53%



STRATEGIES AND RESOURCES

Enhance the capacity of staff to create inclusive schools and classrooms where students feel they matter and are connected to caring adults (e.g., <u>Culturally Responsive Pedagogy</u> and <u>School Mental Health ASSIST</u>)

Implement proactive, responsive, and inclusive approaches to mental health that focus on the whole child. (e.g., <u>Ontario's Strategy for Well-Being</u>, <u>How Do We Know we are Making a Difference</u>, and <u>Positive Mental Health Toolkit</u>)

Build and sustain stigma free environments through collaboration with students, families, staff members and community partners to increase awareness and reduce the stigma of mental illness and addiction. (e.g., <u>Stigma Reduction Resources</u>)

Please refer to the YRDSB Mental Health and Addiction Strategy for additional information