Monday, March 8, 2021

Dear TSS families:

The District School Board of Niagara believes that diversity is a source of strength and innovation. Our schools embrace and appreciate the values, identities and lived experiences of all of our students. The DSBN is committed to ensuring that everyone feels included and has a strong sense of belonging. By participating in the ***“My Voice Counts”*** Student Census Survey, our students will help us understand who they are so we can serve everyone better.

Collecting information through this survey will help us to identify, eliminate, and respond to systemic barriers to student success, create more equitable and inclusive school environments, and, further support student achievement and well-being in targeted and intentional ways.

Students in Grades 9-12 will complete the ***“My Voice Counts”*** Student Census Survey online, during school time, between **March 22-April 1**. The survey is voluntary, although we strongly encourage all students to complete it. The more responses we receive, the more effective the DSBN can be in supporting all students moving forward. The survey will take approximately 10 minutes and is entirely confidential.

If you have any questions, please reach out to your school principal or visit our website at:[**www.dsbn.org/myvoicecounts**](http://www.dsbn.org/myvoicecounts)where you will find ourFrequently Asked Questions page and other helpful information. The survey will be available in English, Arabic, Simplified Chinese, Korean, Hungarian, Spanish and Vietnamese. More information to follow.

The voice of our students will help shape the future of the DSBN.

Thank you for supporting this important work.

Sincerely,

**Karen Ferguson**

**Principal, Thorold Secondary School**