



St. Clair Catholic Conducts *Stronger Together Student Census* May 16 – 27, 2022

The St. Clair Catholic District School Board is conducting its student census from May 16 to 27, 2022. The *Stronger Together Student Census* will provide important information to help the Board better serve students and school communities. The information gathered will assist in the identification and elimination of barriers to student success, and help in the development of effective programs, supports and resources to better meet the needs of students, in the promotion of their wellbeing, achievement and success.

"Diversity, equity and inclusion are all part of an ongoing conversation," says Lisa Demers, Superintendent of Education. "From the information provided through our census, we will better understand the barriers students face in our schools and communities. *Stronger Together* is a safe place to empower students to find their voice and actively pursue change."

To protect the privacy and confidentiality of students and their families, any reports on findings from the *Stronger Together Student Census* will only contain data about groups of students, and not individual students. Individual student data, or information from the *Stronger Together Student Census*, will not be released.

The information is collected under the authority of the *Education Act* and the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (MFIPPA) and is aligned with Ontario's Anti-Racism data standards and the *Ontario Human Rights Code*.

Completing the census is not mandatory; however, all students are encouraged to participate. Secondary students will be given class time to complete the questionnaire. Elementary students will complete the survey at home, with the assistance of parents/guardians.

For a list of FAQs, or for more information, visit the Board website at: <u>https://strongertogether.st-clair.net/</u>

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