

Introduction for Research

Dear SD69 Parent or Guardian,

As part of my Education Doctorate Degree program through the University of Kansas, I am conducting research to better understand parent and guardians' perceptions of British Columbia's New Curriculum. My project will entail the completion of surveys that typically take about 10 minutes to complete. If you agree to participate in my research by completing one of these surveys, doing so will not cause you any discomfort, nor will it subject you to any kind of risk or harm.

The Department of Education at the University of Kansas supports the practice of protection for human subjects participating in research. The following information is provided for you to decide whether you wish to participate in the present study. You should be aware that even if you agree to participate in this survey by clicking the link below, you are free to disengage at any time in the process without penalty.

Although participation may not benefit you directly, I believe that the information obtained from this study will help Qualicum School District staff communicate more effectively with parents regarding student learning and assessment. It may also inform the British Columbia Ministry of Education and Childcare and educators all across British Columbia in with further curriculum and assessment design, as well as in their communication with provincial stakeholders.

Your participation is solicited, but strictly voluntary. Clicking the submit button in the survey form will give you another link, where you can give your contact information if you wish to be included in a random draw for one of several gift certificates to restaurants in the Oceanside area. You will not be asked to share your name as part of the survey process, and if you do wish to be included in the draw, you can provide whatever contact information you choose (such as an email or phone number) so you can be reached if you are selected. No one other than myself and my research advisor will see the specific responses, and the responses will not be associated with any contact information you choose to provide. Any contact information collected will be deleted within a month of the gift certificates being handed out. If you would like additional information concerning this study before or after it is completed, please feel free to contact me by phone or mail. My district email is pjory@sd69.bc.ca and my program email is pjory@ku.edu.

Completion of the survey indicates your willingness to take part in this study and that you are at least 18 years old. Please limit survey participation to one per person.

For a GoogleForms Survey link, please use the following: <https://forms.gle/snnk5cZ5drX12ZnNA>

For a MSTeams Form Link, please use the following: <https://forms.office.com/r/q7SpSvZyTS>

If you have any additional questions about your rights as a research participant, you may call (785) 864-7429 or write the Human Research Protection Program (HRPP), University of Kansas, 2385 Irving Hill Road, Lawrence, Kansas 66045-7563, email irb@ku.edu.

Sincerely,

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“Watching the morning break, I realize again that darkness doesn't kill the light

—it defines it.” — Richard Wagamese