



BC Family and Student Survey - Children and Youth with Disabilities In Education

Instructions and Description

INSTRUCTIONS

Please fill in this survey once per student. It takes about 8 minutes.

If you wish you are welcome to leave your contact information. We will not share it with anyone else but may contact you in the future. If you need advocacy support right now, check the box at the end of this survey and we will reach out to the email address you supply.

Why this survey?

On July 29th, 2020, the government of BC announced their K-12 Education Restart Plan for September.

<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020EDUC0040-001415>

Inclusion BC, Family Support Institute, BC Parents of Complex Kids and BCEdAccess are collecting feedback from families and their children and youth with disabilities and who have extra support needs from 12 pm Thursday, August 6th to 11:59 pm Saturday August 8th.

We will share the results publicly, and with the BC government, including Education, the education working groups, Health and the Public Health Office to inform discussions and plans.

Filling out this survey means you consent to the use of the information you have submitted for the above purpose.

This survey is in 3 parts.

Part 1 is about your family, and particularly the student.

Part 2 is about your family's experiences during the pandemic and your feedback on the Ministry of Education announcement July 29th.

Part 3 is an optional section for the student to fill out.

At the end of the survey, you will be offered the option to fill out the survey again for another student.

Your input on your family's experiences with education during the pandemic is critical to our organizations so that we may provide decision-makers with up to date information and evidence to inform actions and accountability.

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Part 1: Your Family

* 1. How many children and youth currently live in your home?

* 2. How many adults currently live in your home, including you?

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4 or more

* 3. Please consider one student with disabilities/extra learning needs living in your home. In the 2019/20 school year, what grade were they in?

- K-5
- 6-8
- 9-13 (this includes doing additional years after grade 12)
- Starting Kindergarten in September

* 4. What type of school were they in?

- First Nations School
- Independent School Distributed Learning
- Independent School in person
- Public School Distributed Learning
- Public School in person
- Registered Homeschool
- Starting Kindergarten in September 2020
- Other (please specify)

* 5. Where were they enrolled?

* 6. Does the student have an Individual Education Plan (IEP)?

- No and they don't need one
- No but they still need support
- I don't know
- Waiting for an assessment
- Yes

* 7. What is their Ministry of Education special needs designation?

* 8. Does the student identify as an Indigenous person? (First Nations, Métis or Inuk)

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to answer

* 9. Do you (the person filling out this form) identify as an Indigenous person? (First Nations, Métis or Inuk)

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to answer



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10. Please share where you live if you are comfortable doing so.

- On Reserve
- Off Reserve
- Prefer not to answer

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* 13. The Ministry of Education has announced a new school restart plan for September. Are you aware of the new plan?

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/covid-19-return-to-school>

Yes

No

* 14. What schooling option are you currently considering for the student in September 2020? Check all that apply.

First Nations School

Independent School Distributed Learning

Independent School in person

Public School Distributed Learning

Public School In Person

Registered Homeschool

None of the above

* 15. Have you moved the student from Public School in person schooling to some form of Distributed Learning or Registered Homeschool? (answer yes if you have officially registered)

Yes

No

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16. How comfortable do you feel sending the student to school in person in September? (only answer if the student is not already enrolled in Distributed Learning or a Registered Homeschooler)

Very comfortable

Not at all comfortable

* 17. What are your concerns for the return to school in September 2020? Check all that apply.

- Delay in getting/ updating an Individual Education Plan (IEP)
- Difficulty with caregiver and after school activity arrangements due to the return to school plan
- Exclusion and segregation from the student's class, activities and educational opportunities
- Health and safety of student
- Health and safety of an at-risk family member
- I have no concerns about the return to school in September.
- Lack of continuity and connection with the same Educational Assistant, therapist or other support workers and specialists
- Lack of education if the student becomes ill and needs to stay at home.
- Lack of mental health support
- Lack of support for the student (Education Assistants, therapists, other support workers and specialists)
- No firm guidelines around Personal Protective Equipment (medical masks and other medical equipment)
- Non-medical mask use and concern it will be made mandatory
- Non-medical mask use and concern it will *not* be made mandatory
- The student's ability to comply with rules and resulting consequences (eg. being sent home)
- Other (please specify)

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* 18. When do you plan to contact your school or District?

- I have already contacted them (after the July 29th announcement)
- Immediately
- I will wait to be contacted
- Mid-August
- The first day of school
- The week before school starts

* 19. How confident are you that you will receive the information you need from the school to plan and make decisions?

- Extremely confident
- Very confident
- Somewhat confident
- Not so confident
- Not at all confident

20. Is there anything else you would like to share with us?

* 21. Would the student like to provide some feedback?

- Yes
- No

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Part 3 - Student Feedback

* 22. The Ministry of Education has announced a new school restart plan for September. Are you aware of the new plan?

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/education-training/k-12/covid-19-return-to-school>

Yes

No

23. What were the results of you doing education at home from March to June? (only answer if you did not attend school full-time the whole time)

Negative

Neutral

Positive

24. How comfortable do you feel about going to school in person in September? (only answer if you are not already enrolled in Distributed Learning or a Registered Homeschooler)

Very comfortable

Not at all comfortable

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* 25. Do you plan to contact your school or teachers?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

* 26. What are your concerns for the return to school in September 2020? Check all that apply.

- Delay in getting/ updating an Individual Education Plan (IEP)
- Difficulty with caregiver and after school activity arrangements due to the return to school plan
- Exclusion and segregation from my class, activities and educational opportunities
- Health and safety (mine)
- Health and safety of an at-risk family member
- I have no concerns about the return to school in September.
- Lack of continuity and connection with the same Educational Assistant, therapist or other support workers and specialists
- Lack of education if I become ill and need to stay at home.
- Lack of mental health support
- Lack of support (Education Assistants, therapists, other support workers and specialists)
- My ability to comply with rules and resulting consequences (eg. being sent home)
- No firm guidelines around Personal Protective Equipment (medical masks and other medical equipment)
- Non-medical mask use and concern it will be made mandatory
- Non-medical mask use and concern it will *not* be made mandatory
- Other (please specify)

* 27. How confident are you that you will receive the information you need from the school to plan and make decisions?

- Extremely confident
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- Not at all confident

28. Is there anything else you would like to share with us?



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Advocacy Support

29. Would you like to be contacted for advocacy support?

- Yes (please enter your email address in the space provided in the following question)
- No

30. Would you like to receive updates from our organizations? Check all that apply.

- BCEdAccess
- Family Support Institute
- Inclusion BC
- Please enter your email address here:



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Thank You!

Thank you for completing this survey! We appreciate your time and feedback.

If you would like to fill out the survey again for another student, click here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XFVGTCR>

BC Parents of Complex Kids:

Do you have a medically complex child that receives funding from the provincial At Home Program (AHP) administered by MCFD? Would you like to connect with other AHP families to share knowledge and support, as well as join the collective effort to elevate our voices for change? Please email us at bccomplexkids@gmail.com and ask for an invitation to our online group.

We invite you to follow us on social media for more ways to connect!

BCEdAccess

<https://twitter.com/BCEdAccess>

<https://www.facebook.com/BCEdAccess>

Family Support Institute

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