

November 2016

Dear Parents or Guardians:

**Re: Implementation of *Tell Them From Me*
Grades 9-12 Student Survey on Bullying and School Safety**

As part of our ongoing efforts to increase school effectiveness, Sanford Collegiate will continue with the implementation of an online student survey this fall called *Tell Them From Me* (TTFM). This is a well-known survey tool which gives students the opportunity to express their thoughts anonymously on various topics and provides schools and school divisions with information to improve student learning and foster safe and welcoming environments for all students.

TTFM was created by The Learning Bar and is based on the work of Dr. Doug Willms, a researcher who is well-known nationally and internationally for his work on the development of educational monitoring systems. Please refer to The Learning Bar's website at <www.thelearningbar.com> to obtain more information.

TTFM is an online survey that allows students to provide their input anonymously in terms of school improvement initiatives, including bullying and school safety. Each student receives a randomly generated username and password, so that their identity and responses cannot be linked. All students from grades 9 to 12 will be given the opportunity to participate in the survey, but their participation is not required.

The survey questions have been specifically designed for secondary students (grades 9 to 12) and will require approximately 30 minutes to complete (15 minutes for the bullying and school safety component and 15 minutes for school-level questions and other measures). Students will be asked a variety of questions that will assist the school in determining whether bullying is occurring, what types of bullying students may be experiencing, and where and when bullying is taking place.

The survey will be administered in schools between November and December 2016. School divisions have the option of participating again in other areas of focus in the spring of 2017.

If you have any questions, please contact me at bcurtis@rrvsc.ca or 204-736-2366.

Thank you for your support in this important initiative.

Sincerely,

Brad Curtis