



Wellbeing, Safety & Engagement at SGDSB: A Snapshot from Our Schools

Key Insights From the April 2026 Climate Survey

WHAT WE HEARD: AREAS TO CELEBRATE

With more students identifying a trusted adult at school, our schools are continuing to build cultures of belonging where strong relationships provide the support students need to address challenges and achieve success.



SUPPORTIVE RELATIONSHIPS

Our shared focus on building stronger relationships across the district is showing steady, positive results.

- **87%** of Grades 7-8 students say that they have a *trusted adult at school*, compared to 69% in 2023.
- **79%** of Grades 9-12 students report they have a *trusted adult at school* (up from 75% in 2023), and **86%** believe that adults at school want them to succeed.
- **85%** of Grade 7-8 students and **86%** of Grades 4-6 students agree that their teachers *care about how students are doing*.
- **91%** of our staff members *feel supported by their colleagues* and **90%** believe *staff work collaboratively to support students*.



SAFETY

Creating environments where students feel safe and validated for who they are remains a top district priority.

- **84%** of Grades 7-12 students and **85%** of Grades 4-6 students say *they feel safe at school*.
- **90%** of Grades 9-12 students report *feeling safe during unstructured times* like lunch, breaks and before or after school and **92%** *feel safe travelling to and from school*.
- **93%** of Grades 7-8 students feel their *culture/background is respected at school*.



OPTIMISM AND MOTIVATION

Our older students are feeling hopeful for their futures, while younger students are motivated to try their best at school.

- **81%** of Grades 9-12 students and **84%** of Grades 7-8 students believe they will *have a good life in the future after high school*.
- **80%** of Grades 7-8 students say they *feel hopeful about their future*.
- **95%** of Grades 4-6 students say they *try to do their best at school*.

LOOKING AHEAD: OUR COMMITMENTS

While we celebrate our strengths, the survey highlighted clear areas where we can grow. Moving forward, the district is prioritizing two key focus areas:

→ Deepening student engagement and motivation:

We want school to be a place that genuinely inspires students, sparks their curiosity and provides hands-on, practical preparation for the future.

→ Cultivating mutual respect and positive peer relationships:

We are committed to creating safer social spaces and ensuring that students are treated with consistent respect, kindness and inclusion.



This report highlights high level, district wide data from our recent survey. Your school principal will share specific insights and commitments tailored to your school community.

THANK YOU!

*To all students, families, and educators:
thank you for sharing your voices.
Together, we are building joyful,
inclusive, future ready schools.*

