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Research Overview

Purpose – The purpose of this research is to understand the experiences of Indigenous students, parents, and community members regarding education of Indigenous students in School District 91. In addition, we seek to interview teachers and administrators in order to gain their insight into strengths and barriers of the education system. In no way is our research designed to be judgmental, we are only seeking methods to continually improve the quality of education and leadership in the district. **If you choose to participate, all of your responses will be completely anonymized.** You are not required to participate in this research. If you do wish to participate, you will not be treated differently by teachers, administrators or anyone involved in this research. If you do choose to participate, you have up to a week after your survey is complete to change your mind and remove your data from the study.

What will be asked of you? - This research will consist of surveys and short interviews in order to get your perspective on educational issues. These surveys will take approximately 15 minutes and will be administered by staff of School District 91. The questions will be basic about education and school experience. Your responses will be made anonymized and analyzed among dozens of other teachers and community and hundreds of other students.

What will be done with the information – The information will be anonymized and combined in order to inform educational recommendations going forward in the district. In addition, findings from this study will be published in academic journals and presented at conferences. No one will ever know your individual responses and that you have participated in the study.

How do I join the research study?

Thank you for considering becoming a part of this research process. If you wish to know more information about the research study or become a part of the study, you can contact the Aboriginal Home-School Coordinator at your school.

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The University of Calgary Conjoint Faculties Research Ethics Board has approved this research study.
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