

Dear Teacher:

The 2006-2007 school year marks the second year of the province-wide, tri-level project, **Leading Student Achievement: Our Principal Purpose**, involving the Literacy and Numeracy Secretariat, the three principal associations, and school boards. The number of returning participants and the many new teams, who have joined the project in this second year, demonstrate the tremendous energy, enthusiasm and success of this initiative.

An evidence-informed model is an integral component of the **Leading Student Achievement: Our Principal Purpose** project. In collaboration with Dr. Ken Leithwood, surveys have been developed for principal and teacher participants. This year, two surveys will be completed, one in October, 2006 and the second in May, 2007.

Some of the key purposes of the surveys will be to determine:

- how useful the project is for those involved;
- how teachers' practice has changed as a result of being involved in a Professional Learning Community (PLC);
- how to best direct additional efforts that will be useful to participants in the second year of the project.

Your participation in the research part of the project is vital. The results of the surveys will drive the direction of the project, and ultimately will help us assist you in implementing practices that lead to improved student learning. We encourage every teacher involved in the project to complete the surveys. A large sample will result in an accurate, authentic, evaluation of the effectiveness and status of the project. It is each teacher's valuable perceptions and input that will provide information which most directly impacts on student achievement.

You will receive the survey in the next few days. It should take 20 minutes to complete. Please give as much thought as possible to your responses which will be completely anonymous. If there are specific questions you feel you cannot answer, or do not apply, you may leave these blank. Do not hesitate to contact \*\*\* (customize) if you have questions or need clarification. Your time, effort, and thought in completing this survey are greatly appreciated.

Thank you for being part of this dynamic educational project.

Sincerely