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## SCHOOL QUESTIONNAIRE

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This questionnaire asks for information including:

- The structure and organisation of the school;
- The student and teacher body;
- The school's resources;
- The school's instruction, curriculum and assessment;
- The school climate;
- The school policies and practices;
- The characteristics of the principal or designate.

This information helps illustrate the similarities and differences between groups of schools in order to better establish the context for students' test results. For example, the information provided may help to establish what effect the availability of resources may have on student achievement - beth within and between countries.

## - What is meant by 'Grade 10 (or equivalent)?

- Throughout this questionnaire you will br asked about students in 'Grade 10 (or equivalent)'. If your school does not teach Grade 10, please answer with reference to grade 9 (or equivalent). In the highest grade level offered by your school is grade 8 (or equivalent) please answer with reference to grade 8.
- The following grade levs's are equivalent to Grade 10:
$>$ Newfoundland a nd Labrador : Level 1
$>$ Quebec: Seco.dary 4
The questionnare should be completed by the principal or designate.
It should take about 30 minutes to complete.
For som questions, specific expertise may be needed. You may consult experts to her you answer these questions.

If you do not know an answer precisely, your best estimate will be adequate for the purposes of the study.

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## SECTION A: THE STRUCTURE AND ORGANIZATION OF THE SCHOOL

## Q1 Do you have the following grade levels in your school?

(Please mark one box in each row)
Yes
No
a) Grade 1
b) Grade 2
c) Grade 3
d) Grade 4
e) Grade 5
f) Grade 6
g) Grade 7 / Quebec: Secondarv 1
h) Grade 8 / Quebec: Sec nndary 2
i) Grade 9 / Quebon. Secondary 3
Grade 10 ,Newíoundland and Labrador: Level I /
j) Quebor ~econdary 4
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k) G:ade 11 / Newfoundland and Labrador: Level II / Quebec: Secondary 5
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1) Grade 12 / Newfoundland and Labrador: Level III
m) Ungraded school
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## Q2 Is your school a public or a private school?

(Please mark only one box)
A public school $\square$
(This is a school managed directly or indirectly by a public education authority, government agency, or governing board appointed by government or elected by public franchise.)

A private school
(This is a school managed directly or indirectly by a non-governmem organization; e.g. a church, trade union, business, or other private instiution.)

## Q3 About what percentage of your total funding for a typical school year comes from the following sources?

(Please write a number in each row. wite 0 (zero) if no funding comes from that source.)
a) Government (includes regionl, provincial and federal)
b) Student fees or schcol harges paid by parents
c) Benefactors, donatuons, bequests, sponsorships, parent fundraising
d) Other

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\text { Total } 100 \%
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## Q4 Which of the following definitions best describes the community in which your school is located?

(Please mark only one box)
A village, hamlet or rural area (fewer than 3000 people)


A small town (3000 to about 15000 people)

A town (15 000 to about 100000 people)

A city (100 000 to about 1000000 people)

A large city (with over 1000000 people)


Q5 We are interested in the options parents have when choosing a school for their children.

Which of the following statenonts best describes the schooling available to stweats in your location?
(Please mark only one 30x)

There are two or more che schools in this area that compete for our students

## SECTION B: THE STUDENT AND TEACHER BODY

## Q6 As of March 31, 2009, what was the total school enrolment

 (number of students)?(Please write a number in each line. Write 0 (zero) if there are none.)
a) Number of boys:
b) Number of girls:

## Q7 About what percentage of students in your sehoul repeated a grade, at these grade levels, last academic ;ear?

(Please write a number in each row. Write 0 (zero) if nobody repeated a grade. Mark the 'not available' box if the rrade level does not exist in your school.)
a) The approximate percenta e stidents repeating a grade at grades $7-9$ (Quebec. Secendary 1 to 3 ) in this school last year was: $\qquad$
b) The approximac pocentage of students repeating a grade at grades 10 to 12 (Newfoundland and Labrador: Level I to III / Qued c: Secondary 4 to 5) in this school last year was: $\qquad$

## Q8 About how many students in Grade 10 (or equivalent) in your school have a first language (mother-tongue) that is not English?

(Please refer to the definition of 'Grade 10 (or equivalent)' on page 3.)
(Please mark only one box)
$60 \%$ or more
$40 \%$ or more but less than $60 \%$
$20 \%$ or more but less than $40 \%$
$10 \%$ or more but less than $20 \%$

More than $0 \%$, but less than $10 \%$

None

## Q9 How many of the folinwing teachers are on the staff of your school?

Include both full-timo a d part-time teachers. A full-time teacher is employed at least $90 \%$ of the time as a acher for the full school year. All other teachers should be considered part-time.
(Pleast mite a number in each space provided. Write 0 (zero) if there is nove.)
a) Teachers in TOTAL
b) Teachers fully certified by the province
c) Teachers with a Bachelor's or Master's degree qualification

## SECTION C: THE SCHOOL'S RESOURCES

The goal of the following set of three questions is to gather information about the student-computer ratio for students in Grade 10 (or equivalent) at your school.
(Please refer to the definition of 'Grade 10 (or equivalent)' on page 3.)

Number
Q10a At your school, what is the total number of students in Grade 10 (or equivalent)?

Q10b Approximately, how many computers are available for these students for educationa: purposes?

Q10c Approximately, how many of these computers are connected to the Internet/W'rid Wide Web?

## Q11 Is your school's capacity to provide instruction hindered by any of the following issues?

(Please mark one box in each row)
a) A lack of qualified Science teachers
b) A lack of qualified Mathematics teachers
c) A lack of qualified English (Language Arts) teachers
d) A lack of qualified teachers of other subjects
e) A lack of library staff
f) A lack of other support personnel
g) Shortage or inadequacy of science labotatsry equipment
h) Shortage or inadequacy of 11 . suuctional materials (e.g. textboo.s)
i) Shortage or ingennacy of computers for instruction
j) Lack inadequacy of Internet connectivity
k) Si ortage or inadequacy of computer software for instruction

1) Shortage or inadequacy of library materials
m) Shortage or inadequacy of audio-visual resources

| Not at <br> all | Very <br> little | To some <br> extent | A lot |
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| $\square_{1}$ | $\square$ | $\square_{3}$ | $\square_{4}$ |
| $\square$ | $\square_{2}$ | $\square_{3}$ | $\square_{4}$ |
| $\square_{1}$ | $\square$ | $\square_{3}$ | $\square_{4}$ |
| $\square_{1}$ | $\square$ | $\square_{2}$ | $\square$ |

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## SECTION D: SCHOOL CURRICULUM AND ASSESSMENT

Q12 Some schools organize instruction differently for students with different abilities. What is your school's policy about this for students in Grade 10 (or equivalent)?
(Please refer to the definition of 'Grade 10 (or equivalent)' on page 3.) (Please mark one box in each row)

|  | For all <br> subjects | For some <br> subjects | Not for any <br> subject |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| a) Students are grouped by ability into different | $\square$ | $\square$ |  |
| classes |  |  |  |

## Q13 This academic year, which of the following activities does your school offer to students in Grade 10 (or equivalent)?

(Please refer to the definition of 'Grade 10 (or equivalent)' on page 3.)
(Please mark one box in each row)
c) School yearbook, newspaper or magazine
d) Volunteering or service activities, e.g. unpaid coaching, refereeing or fundraising
e) Book club
f) Debating club or debating activities
g) School club or school competition ior foreign language, math or sciencu
h) Academic club
i) Art club or artactivitits
j) Sportin ham or sporting activities
k) Lec res and/or seminars (e.g. guest sp eakers such as writers or journalists)

1) Collaboration with local libraries
m) Collaboration with local newspapers
n) School radio

Yes








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## Q14 Does your school offer any of the following options to students in Grade 10 (or equivalent) whose first language (mother tongue) is not English?

(Please refer to the definition of 'Grade 10 (or equivalent)' on page 3.)
(Please mark one box in each row)
Yes No
a) These students attend regular classes and receive additional periods of instruction aimed at developing English skills (e.g. reading literacy, grammar, vocabulary, communication)
b) Before transferring to regular classes, these students attend a preparatory programme aimed at developing English skills (e.g. reading literacy, grammar, vocabulary, communication)
c) Before transferring to regular clas es, these students receive some inctruct on in school subjects in their first Ianguase

 (mother tongue)
d) These students rece vo significant amounts of instruction in their 1 ist language (mother tong e) aimed at developing

 proficiency in b th languages
e) Cla s size is reduced to cater to the special needs ví these students

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## Q15 Generally, in your school, how often are students in Grade 10 (or equivalent) assessed using the following methods?

(Please refer to the definition of 'Grade 10 (or equivalent)' on page 3.) (Please mark only one box in each row)
a) Standardized tests

Never | times a |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| year | times |
| year |  |

More than once a month Monthly
d) Student portfolios
e) Student assignments/ projects/homework

b) Teacher-developed tests



c) Teachers' total impression ratings$\square 2$ Q.




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## Q16 In your school, are assessments of students in Grade 10 (or equivalent) used for any of the following purposes?

(Please refer to the definition of 'Grade 10 (or equivalent)' on page 3.) (Please mark only one box in each row)
a) To inform parents about their child's progress
b) To make decisions about students' retention or promotion
c) To group students for instructional purposes

Yes No
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d) To compare the school to district, provincial or national performance

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e) To monitor the school's progress from year year
f) To make judgements about teaciner,' 'ffectiveness
g) To identify aspects of nstrict on or the curriculum that could be impreved


h) To compare he school with other schools $\square$

## SECTION E: SCHOOL CLIMATE

## Q17 In your school, to what extent is the learning of students hindered by the following phenomenon?

(Please mark one box in each row)
a) Teachers' low expectations of students
b) Student absenteeism
c) Poor student-teacher relations
d) Disruption of classes by students
e) Teachers not meeting individual students' needs
f) Teacher absenteeism
g) Students skipping classes
h) Students lacking resrect or teachers
i) Staff resisting -hange
j) Student ins or âlcohol or illegal drugs
k) Te chers being too strict with students

1) Students intimidating or bullying other students
m) Students not being encouraged to achieve their full potential



Not at
all $\begin{array}{cc}\text { Very } \\ \text { little }\end{array} \quad \begin{gathered}\text { To some } \\ \text { extent }\end{gathered} \quad \begin{gathered}A \\ \text { lot }\end{gathered}$

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## Q18 Which statement below best characterizes parental expectations towards your school?

(Please mark only one box)
There is constant pressure from many parents, who expect our school to set very high academic standards and to have our students achieve them

Pressure on the school to achieve higher academic standards among students comes from a minority of parents

Pressure from parents on the school to achieve higher academic stindards among students is largely absent

## SECTION F: SCHOOL POLICIES AND PRACTICES

## Q19 How often are the following factors considered when students are admitted to your school?

(Please mark one box in each row)

Parents' endorsement of the instructional
d) or religious philosophy of the school
e) Whether the student requires or is interested in a special program
f) Preference given to family mbers of current or former studeats
g) Other



























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Q20 In your school, how likely is it that a student in Grade 10 (or equivalent) would be transferred to another school because of the following reasons?
(Please refer to the definition of 'Grade 10 (or equivalent)' on page 3.)
(Please mark one box in each row)
If students are never transferred, go to Q21

|  | Not likely | Likely | Very likely |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| a) Low academic achievement | $\square_{1}$ |  | $\square_{3}$ |
| b) High academic achievement |  |  | 3 |
| c) Behavioural problems |  |  | $\square_{3}$ |
| d) Special learning needs |  |  | 3 |
| e) Parents' or guardians' request |  |  | -3 |
| f) Other | $\square_{1}$ | $\square_{2}$ | $\square{ }_{3}$ |

## Q21 This set of question's explores aspects of the school's accountability is parents.

(Please refe,: to the definition of 'Grade 10 (or equivalent)' on page 3.)
(Pleas? mark one box in each row)
Yes No
a) Dous your school provide information to parents of students in Grade 10 (or equivalent) on their child's academic performance relative to
 other students in Grade 10 (or equivalent) in your school?
b) Does your school provide information to parents of students in Grade 10 (or equivalent) on their child's academic performance relative to
provincial or regional benchmarks?
c) Does your school provide information to parents on the academic performance of students in Grade 10 (or equivalent) as a group relative $\qquad$ $\square_{2}$ to students in the same grade in other schools?

## Q22 In your school, are achievement data used in any of the following accountability procedures?

Achievement data include aggregated school or grade-level test scores or grades, or graduation rates.
(Please mark one box in each row)
a) Achievement data are posted publicly (e.g. in the media)
b) Achievement data are used in evaluation of the principal's performance $\qquad$
c) Achievement data are used in evaluation of teachers' performianu

d) Achievement data are used in decisions about instructional resource allocation to the school
e) Achievement data are tracked over time by an aaministrative authority$\square$

## Q23 During the last year have any of the following methods been used to monito, the practice of English (Language Arts) teachers at your school?

(Please mark one usx in each row)
Yes No
a) Princirial ar sénior staff observations of less ons

b) Observation of classes by inspectors or other persons external to the school

## Q24 Regarding your school, who has a considerable responsibility for the following tasks?

(Please mark as many boxes as appropriate in each row)

Principals $\quad$\begin{tabular}{c}
Appointed or <br>
elected <br>
board/

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Regional or <br>
council

 

Provincictial <br>
education
\end{tabular}

a) Selecting teachers for hire




b) Firing teachers




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c) Establishing teachers' starting salaries




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d) Determining teachers' salaries increases
e) Formulating the school budget
f) Deciding on budget allocations within the school
g) Establishing stu dent disciplina, polices





h) Estat lishing student as essment policies





i) Approving students for admission to the school
j) Choosing which textbooks are used





k) Determining course content
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1) Deciding which courses are offered
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$\square$
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Q25 Regarding your school, which of the following bodies exert a direct influence on decision making about staffing, budgeting, instructional content and assessment practices?
(Please mark as many boxes as apply)

## Staffing

a) Provincial or regional or national education authorities
b) The school's appointed or elected board/council
c) Parent groups




d) Teacher groups
(e.g. Staff Ass ciation, curriculan comınittees, trade union)
e) s dent groups
(e.g. Student Association, youth organization)
f) External examination boards



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## Q26 Below you can find statements about your management of this school. Please indicate the frequency of the following activities and behaviours in your school during the last school year.

(Please mark only one box in each row)
a) I make sure that the professional development activities of teachers are in accordance with the teaching goals of the school
b) I ensure that teachers work according to the school's educational goals
c) I observe instruction in classrooms
d) I use student performance results to develop the school's educational goals
e) I give teachers suggestions as to how they can improve their teaching
f) I monitor studu $\therefore=$ vork
g) When $:$ te cher has problems in his/her la sroom, I take the init tive to discuss matters
h) I inform teachers about possibilities for updating their knowledge and skills



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i) I check to see whether classroom activities are in keeping with our educational goals
j) I take exam results into account in decisions regarding curriculum development
k) I ensure that there is clarity concerning the responsibility for coordinating the curriculum

1) When a teacher brings up a classroom problem, we solve the problem together
m) I pay attention to disruptive behaviour in classrooms
n) I take over lessons from teachers who are unexpectedly absent













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## SECTION G: ABOUT YOU

Q27 Are you female or male?
Female Male


Thank you very much for your co-operation in completing this questionnaire!


[^0]:    Your answers will be kept confidential. They will be combined with answers from other principals to calculate totals and averages in which no one school can be identified.

