

June 2, 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians,

In collaboration with Healthy Child Manitoba Office (HCMO), all schools in the Rolling River School Division (RRSD) are implementing PAX in the 2017/18 school year. PAX is an evidence-based classroom strategy that helps students develop their social and emotional skills, which has been shown to provide benefits into adulthood. PAX also has immediate benefits for the learning environment, as students work together to develop and achieve a vision of an ideal classroom.

As part of implementation, HCMO will be evaluating PAX to help us learn about its impact in RRSD. All teachers will complete a questionnaire about each student at the beginning and at the end of the school year. Grade 5-12 students will also complete a questionnaire about themselves at the same time. Questionnaire responses will help identify if PAX is working as intended in RRSD.

Please note that all individual questionnaire responses will be completely private.

No one, except HCMO evaluators, will see individual responses. Questionnaires will be securely collected, stored and analyzed by HCMO in accordance with the strict privacy provisions in *The Healthy Child Manitoba Act*, *The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, and *The Personal Health Information Act*. Results will only be reported after being grouped by grade and/or school. The goal of the evaluation is to learn how PAX works in the Rolling River School Division, not to assess a particular student, teacher or school.

If you do not want your child/ren to complete the survey, please contact your child's school. If you have any questions or concerns about the PAX evaluation, please do not hesitate to contact the HCMO evaluation lead (Teresa Mayer) at 204-945-3981 or Teresa.Mayer@gov.mb.ca.

Thank you for helping us improve the lives of children and youth in Rolling River School Division!

Sincerely,

Mary-Anne Ploshynsky
Superintendent,
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