

**AERO 2018** 

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**Inspire** Learning!

### Questions

What were the benefits, challenges and opportunities of identity-based data collection in your context?

What measures were used to protect personal information and respect the dignity and privacy of individuals?

# Diversity is our strength, equity is our commitment, and inclusion our goal.





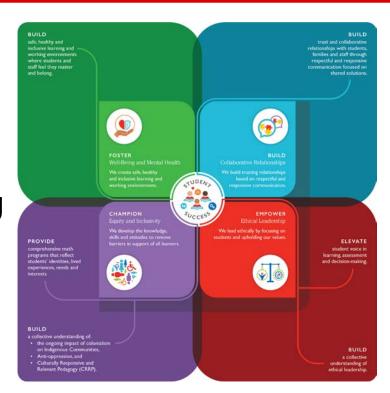
When a flower doesn't bloom, you fix the environment in which it grows, not the flower."

Alexander Den Heijer



### YRDSB's Context

To raise the achievement and well-being of students who are underserved and underperforming we will...



## YRDSB's Journey



- Equity as a foundation and a priority in all board strategies
- Equity and Inclusivity Policy and Procedures #261
- Community Consultations & Town Halls
- Equity Action Plan
- Ongoing Professional Learning: Equity Series
- School Climate Survey for Students: Identity-Based Data

## 2017 School Climate Survey for Students

- Racial/Ethnic Background
- Gender Identity
- Sexual Orientation (Gr.7-12 only)
- Special Education Identification

2017 SCHOOL CLIMATE SURVEY FOR STUDENTS **Macial Date: Belignors** 

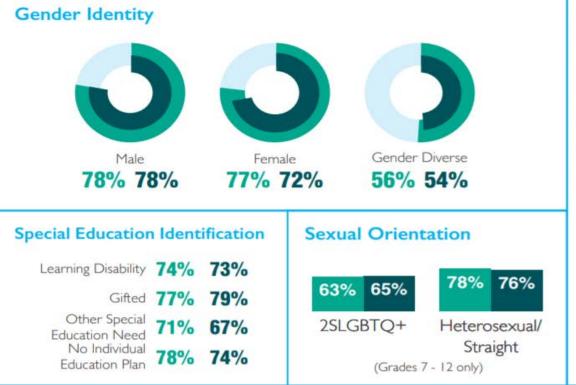
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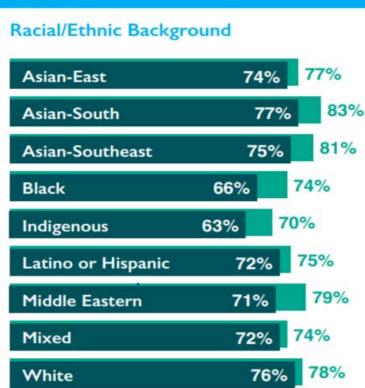
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Elementary Grades 5 - 8 Secondary Grades 9 - 12 The percentages shown in the following graphs are based on the number of students who answered each question. The number of responses varies by each identity.

### Do you feel welcome at your school?

(percentage of students who reported "always/often")





# **Opportunities**





Students, Parents & Community as Partners



Equity is when every student has what they need to succeed.





- Sociodemographics
- Experiences inside school
- Experiences outside of school
- Health & Well-Being

http://www.yrdsb.ca/Programs/equity/Pages/Every-Student-Counts-Survey.aspx

## **Challenges**

- Resources: Cost, Time, Staff
- How to analyze and report on the data
- Realistic expectations for release of results
- Timelines for action plans
- Parent/Guardian response rates



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### **Benefits**

- Understand the Sociodemographic composition of students
- Identify and eliminate systemic barriers to student success



- Create more equitable and inclusive school environments
- Improve student achievement and well-being for all students
- Enhance evidence-based decision making
- Gather baseline data

## **Security & Privacy**

- Adherence to all relevant legislation
- Confidentiality
- Unique Code
- Privacy Impact Assessment
- Suppression rules
- Aggregate data/results

### Questions



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