



STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

P.O. BOX 2360
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96804

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

September 12, 2022

Dear Parent(s) or Guardian(s):

It is the Hawaii State Department of Education's (Department) goal to ensure equity, empowerment, and excellence in education for all students. Thus, we acknowledge our students' voice as they are stakeholders in the Department's efforts to enhance teacher practice and improve the overall school climate. Your child's perspective is highly valued.

All students in grades 3-12 are eligible to participate in the School Year 2022-2023 Panorama Student Perception Survey that is scheduled to be administered beginning in November. Your child will be asked to respond to topics related to your child's classroom and whole school experiences. Results from the survey will be used as one form of data for teachers to reflect on as part of the Core Professionalism component of the Educator Effectiveness System.

The Panorama Student Perception Survey was developed under the leadership of Dr. Hunter Gehlbach, Professor and Vice Dean at the John Hopkins University School of Education and Director of Research at Panorama Education. Dr. Gehlbach and his research team at the Harvard Graduate School of Education followed a rigorous survey development process consisting of literature reviews, focus groups, feedback from experts around the country, cognitive interviews with students, and multiple rounds of piloting and refining. The survey is available for review on the Department website:

<https://www.hawaiipublicschools.org/TeachingAndLearning/EducatorEffectiveness/EducatorEffectivenessSystem/Pages/Panorama.aspx>

Individual student answers are confidential and will not be tracked. To maintain confidentiality, online survey responses are transmitted directly to the same survey company for processing.

Summarized student-response data are reported to the Department's state and complex area leadership teams, principals, and teachers to help improve educational practices. Individual responses are not reported.

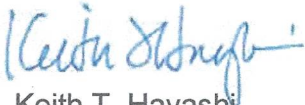
This survey is voluntary; however, your child's views are important to ensure a quality educational system. If your child does not have enough information to answer a question, the item may be skipped. The survey should not take more than 20-30 minutes to complete. We ask for your assistance in encouraging your child to participate and respond honestly to the survey questions. No further action is required from you unless you do not want your child to complete the survey.

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To request that your child be exempted from the survey, please complete the attached Panorama Student Perception Survey Declination Form. Check the “My child WILL NOT participate in the Panorama Student Perception Survey” box, provide the requested information, sign the form, and submit the form to your child’s school. Forms must be submitted to the school by the date listed on the attached Student Survey Declination Form.

On behalf of the Department, we thank you for your cooperation and support of our public schools. Should you have any questions, please call Ms. Morgan Yamamoto, Evaluation Specialist of the Accountability Section, at (808) 733-4008 or the Educator Effectiveness System Help Desk at (808) 586-4072.

Sincerely,



Keith T. Hayashi
Superintendent

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Attachment

Sincerely,



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Principal

DECLINATION FORM

PANORAMA PERCEPTION STUDENT SURVEY

If you do not want your child to complete the Panorama Student Perception Survey:

- ***Check the box below;***
- ***Fill in information;***
- ***Sign; and***
- ***Return to school by _____ October 31 _____, 2022.***

To School:

My child WILL NOT participate in the Panorama Student Perception Survey.

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____ Track: _____
(Multi-track schools only)

Parent Name: _____ Teacher Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

**** Form is not valid if parent signature missing.***

This Declination Form is valid for School Year 2022-2023