

As an annual check-up on the education system, the Accountability Pillar provides an opportunity for Alberta Education and school authorities to ensure that we are equipping students for success. The Accountability Pillar uses a set of 16 indicators consisting of surveys of students, parents and teachers on various aspects of quality; student outcomes such as dropout and high school completion rates; and provincial assessments of student learning.

Over the last number of years, many school jurisdictions have also used the *Tell Them From Me* student survey as part of their accountability process. Continuing this year, Alberta Education offered an opportunity for school jurisdictions to administer a student survey consisting of both the Accountability Pillar questions and selected measures from the *Tell Them From Me* survey. EIPS is pleased to be a part of this project. This year all students in Grades 7 through 12 will complete the combined Accountability and Tell Them From Me Survey at school.

From January to the end of February, Alberta Education will be conducting the annual Accountability Pillar Survey. In January, parents of students in grades 4 and 7 will receive a survey from Alberta Education. In February, students in grades 4 and 7 and all teachers will be completing their surveys online at school.

All surveys are anonymous and ask questions about experiences with the school. In addition to English and French, the parent survey is available in Chinese, Punjabi, Arabic, Blackfoot, Cree, Korean, Spanish, Tagalog and Urdu.

Your participation in the survey helps provide important information on the quality of education your child is receiving, so we encourage you to return your survey promptly.

Survey results will be available to school authorities in May 2015, and will be reported publicly as part of their 3-Year Education Plans and Annual Education Results Reports.