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Dear Parent/Guardian,

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As part of our focus on school effectiveness, Thomas Greenway Middle School will be participating in an online school survey for students – *Tell Them From Me* (TTFM).

TTFM is an online survey that allows students to give their feedback and share their voice on their school environment, experiences at school, and any school improvement programs. Between May 1-9, students from grade 4-12 in our division will be given the opportunity and time to participate in this survey during regular school hours. They are encouraged to complete the survey, but may choose not to as it is completely voluntary. Students who agree to complete the survey will be given a random username and password to access and complete the survey. Students' names cannot be linked to their responses, which allows it to be completely anonymous. Results will show all student scores combined together – it is not possible to single out individual students in the results.

The student survey will be completed online and will require approximately 35-40 minutes to complete. One survey is specifically designed for students in grades 4-6 and one for students in grades 7-12. The student survey measures include such topics as emotional and social well-being (e.g. student engagement), physical health, and behaviours and attitudes linked to student success. The Minister of Education requires that all school divisions include the bullying and school safety measures in the survey each year. The survey also allows students to give their thoughts and feedback in open-ended question responses.

TTFM was created by The Learning Bar, based on the work by Dr. J. Douglas Willms. Dr. Willms is widely known nationally and internationally for his work on educational monitoring systems, including the Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) of the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development. Since 2004, Tell Them From Me has quickly grown to become Canada's largest national school survey.

If you have any questions, please contact me at the school.

Sincerely,

Terri Hill,
Principal