

Dear Superintendent, Principal or School Partner,

RE: Fraser Health Dental Program Screening for Students

A Fraser Health kindergarten and grade one dental screening survey will take place in the 2021-2022 school year for our priority schools. This survey will help to identify children with dental concerns so their parent/guardian can be notified that their child requires dental care. The survey will help us to monitor trends in early childhood dental health. This information also helps us to evaluate the effectiveness of dental programs. A copy of a provincial report, which helps to inform our priority schools selection, can be found on the provincial [website](#).

Public health staff will receive kindergarten and grade one student demographic information electronically through STIX, B.C.'s secure database program. As Aboriginal Heritage information is not included in STIX, schools will be asked to provide this information to public health. Section 79 of the School Act permits persons providing health services to access information in the student record required to carry out that service.

All information will be collected, used and/or disclosed in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

Parents will receive a notice in advance of the scheduled dental screening survey. This provides parents with time to decline the screening or to contact dental staff with any concerns. Following our dental service visit, parents of children who require dental care follow up will be contacted by the dental team.

We value your continued support of our efforts to improve the health status of children. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call your health unit.

Sincerely,



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