

Dear District Special Education Contact,

The Special Education Family Survey is now open. As you may recall, the Ohio Department of Education selected your district to participate in this year's survey. The survey will be open between March 1 and April 30, 2021. Please send the notice we have attached to this communication (which includes the link to the survey and QR code) through the channels you use to communicate with parents or guardians of children receiving special education services. Of course, you can send the notice through the channels you normally use to communicate with all parents or guardians of your students but only children receiving special education services are eligible to participate in the survey. It is important that we do our best to assure that all parents or guardians of children receiving special education services have the opportunity to participate. For your convenience, we have also translated the invitation into 5 different languages (Arabic, Nepali, Somali, Chinese, and Spanish). You can find these translated versions at <https://ohiofamiliesengage.osu.edu/specialeducationfamilysurvey/> Password 2021.

Based on our analysis of the previous years' data, we do not anticipate having adequate representation of the perspective of Black parents. To address that, we have provided a video from a culture broker to encourage Black families, in particular, to participate in the survey. Along with the invitation to parents, we have included this short video from a Black parent and school psychologist advocating for completion of the survey. Feel free to send the video along with your general invitation. To access the video, please visit <https://ohiofamiliesengage.osu.edu/specialeducationfamilysurvey/> Password 2021. We encourage you to add the survey invitation and culture broker video to your next appropriate, parent communication and resend the notice every two to three weeks.

Each time you send the notice, please click here <https://go.osu.edu/B4yz> to record each communication channel you use. You can complete this task as you go or in a single sitting on or before May 14, 2021. For your convenience, we will periodically send you a short note via email to remind your special education contact to resend the survey invitation to parents or guardians and to document the communication channels used. If you have any questions or suggestions for improving future survey procedures, please let us know by contacting the survey director, Dr. David A. Julian at [ohiofamilysurvey@osu.edu](mailto:ohiofamilysurvey@osu.edu)

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