

## APPENDIX M

### *WESTVIEW CENTENNIAL SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENT SURVEY*

Dear Student:

As most of you know, Jordan Manners was tragically shot and killed at C.W. Jefferys Collegiate last May. As a result of that shooting, the Toronto District School Board hired a group of outside experts to study issues of school safety in Toronto. As part of their investigation, the research team is conducting a special student survey at Westview Centennial. As part of this survey, we will be asking you to fill out a questionnaire that will ask you about your opinions and experiences.

Students often complain that adults do not listen to their opinions. Filling out this questionnaire will give you a chance to tell us about your experiences and how you are feeling. We really need to hear from young people like you.

This questionnaire is not a test. There are no right or wrong answers. We just want to hear about how you feel. This questionnaire is about your thoughts and experiences. You do not have to answer any questions that you do not want to answer. This questionnaire is also completely private and confidential. Do not put your name on the questionnaire. We do not want to know your name. We are only interested in how you are feeling. This will protect your privacy. Nobody will know which student filled out which questionnaire. This should make you feel comfortable.

Please answer all the questions as honestly as possible. If you are not honest we will not know how you are really feeling and the programs we develop will not reflect your opinions and concerns.

When you are finished with the questionnaire, please put it in the envelope and seal it. Again – do not put your name on the envelope. The research team will then collect the envelopes. They will not be opened by the researchers until after they have left the school. We stress that nobody at your school – like principals or teachers – will ever read your answers. Only the outside researchers will get a chance to look at your answers. If you have any questions please put up your hand and someone will try to help you.

## PART A: Background Information

To start with, we are going to ask you a few questions about your personal background. We need this information to see if different types of students have different types of opinions or experiences. For example, we might want to see if female students feel the same way as male students.

**A1. Are you male or female? Please circle the right answer.**

- 1) Male                      2) Female

**A2. How old were you on your last birthday?**

- 1) 13 years-old  
2) 14 years-old  
3) 15 years-old  
4) 16 years-old  
5) 17 years-old  
6) 18 years-old  
7) 19 years-old  
8) 20 years-old  
9) Over 20 years of age

**A3. What grade are you in right now?**

- 1) Grade 9  
2) Grade 10  
3) Grade 11  
4) Grade 12

**A4. Were you born in Canada or in another country?**

- 1) I was born in Canada – *go to question A7*  
2) I was born outside of Canada

**A5. What country were you born in? Please write your answer in the space below.**

(Country of birth) \_\_\_\_\_

**A6. How long have you lived in Canada? Would you say:**

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|-----------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1) Less than one year | 5) About four years           |
| 2) About one year     | 6) Between five and ten years |
| 3) About two years    | 7) More than ten years.       |
| 4) About three years  |                               |

**A7. What was the first language that you learned how to speak? Was it English or another language?**

- 1) English
- 2) Another language (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

**A8. In our society, people are often described as belonging to a particular racial group. For example, some people may be seen as black or African-Canadian, other people may be seen as Asian or South Asian and other people may be seen as white. What racial group do you feel that you belong to:**

- 1) Black or (African Canadian)
- 2) Asian (Chinese, Korean, Japanese, etc.)
- 3) South-East Asian (Vietnamese, Cambodian, Laotian, etc.)
- 4) South Asian (Indian, Pakistani, Tamil, Sri-Lankan, etc.)
- 5) Phillipinno
- 6) Hispanic or Latin American
- 7) Native or First Nations
- 8) West Asian (Persian, Arab or Middle-Eastern)
- 9) White (European-Canadian)
- 10) Biracial or mixed race (specify) \_\_\_\_\_
- 11) Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_
- 12) Not sure

**A9. Do you live with your parents or do you live with other relatives or do you live somewhere else?**

- 1) I live with both my mom and my dad
- 2) I live with my mom only
- 3) I live with my dad only
- 4) I live with other relatives (specify) \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) I live with a foster family
- 6) I am living with friends
- 7) I live by myself
- 8) Other(specify) \_\_\_\_\_

**A10. What type of neighbourhood do you live in? Would you say that you live in:**

- 1) A very poor community
- 2) A poor community
- 3) An average or middle-class community
- 4) An above average or upper-class community
- 5) A very rich community
- 6) I don't know

**A11. What is crime like in your community? Would you say that you live in a community with no crime or a community with a lot of crime?**

- 1) I live in a community with no crime
- 2) I live in a community with only a little bit of crime
- 3) I live in a community with an average or normal amount of crime
- 4) I live in a community with a lot of crime
- 5) I don't know

**A12. What type of home do you live in now?**

- 1) A low-rise apartment building (less than ten stories)
- 2) A high-rise apartment building (more than ten stories)
- 3) A town-house
- 4) A semi-detached house (two homes attached together)
- 5) A detached house (a single-family home that stands by itself)
- 6) Don't Know

**A13. Do you currently live in a public housing project or do you live in another type of place?**

- 1) I live in a housing project (Toronto Housing)
- 2) I live in another type of place
- 3) Don't know

**A14. How long have you been going to Westview Centennial?**

- 1) Less than one year
- 2) About one year
- 3) Two years
- 4) Three years
- 5) Four years
- 6) Five years
- 7) More than five years
- 8) Don't know

**A15. How far do you think you will go in school? How much education do you think you will get?**

- 1) I plan to drop out of high school before I graduate
- 2) I plan to graduate from high school
- 3) I plan to go to community college
- 4) I plan to go to university
- 5) Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_
- 6) I don't know yet

**A16. In your opinion, are gangs a problem in your community or neighbourhood? Would you say:**

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|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| 1) A very big problem | 4) A small problem      |
| 2) A big problem      | 5) Not a problem at all |
| 3) A problem          | 6) Don't know           |

**A17. How often do you hear gunshots in your community or neighbourhood? Would you say:**

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|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1) Never                  | 6) About once a week     |
| 2) Almost Never           | 7) More than once a week |
| 3) Less than once a month | 8) Almost every day      |
| 4) About once a month     | 9) Don't know            |
| 5) More than once a month |                          |

**A18. What is your religion? What religious group do you belong to?**

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|----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1) I don't have a religion | 2) Islam (specify faith) _____  |
| 3) Hindu                   | 4) Catholic                     |
| 5) Bhuddist                | 6) Anglican                     |
| 7) United Church           | 8) Pentecostal                  |
| 9) Baptist                 | 10) Seventh Day Adventist       |
| 11) Jehovah's Witness      | 12) Methodist                   |
| 13) Judaism                | 14) New Testament Church of God |
| 15) Other Church of God    |                                 |
| 16) Other (specify) _____  |                                 |
| 17) Refused                |                                 |

**A19. How religious are you? Would you say that you are:**

- 1) Very religious
- 2) Religious
- 3) A little bit religious
- 4) Not very religious
- 5) Not religious at all
- 8) Don't know
- 9) refused

**A20. How often would you say that you attend religious services? Would you say?**

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|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1) Never                | 2) Once or twice a year  |
| 3) Several times a year | 4) At least once a month |
| 5) Once a week          | 6) More than once a week |
| 88) Don't know          | 99) Refused to answer    |

**PART B: Problems at School**

**B1. Below we have listed a number of problems that sometimes take place at high schools in Canada. In your opinion, are these things a problem at your school or not? Please circle your answer?**

<b>TYPES OF PROBLEMS</b>	<b>A Very Serious Problem</b>	<b>A Serious Problem</b>	<b>A Small Problem</b>	<b>Not a Problem at all</b>	<b>Don't Know</b>
a) Youth gangs	1	2	3	4	5
b) Students who use illegal drugs at school.	1	2	3	4	5
c) Teachers who punish students for no good reason.	1	2	3	4	5
d) Teachers who do not care about the students.	1	2	3	4	5
e) Teachers who mark too hard.	1	2	3	4	5
f) Students who talk back to teachers.	1	2	3	4	5
g) Students who steal things from other students.	1	2	3	4	5
h) Students who pick-on or bully other students.	1	2	3	4	5
i) Fighting between students.	1	2	3	4	5
j) Students who bring weapons – like knives or guns – to school.	1	2	3	4	5
k) Racial discrimination by teachers against students.	1	2	3	4	5
l) Teachers who do not listen to what the students have to say.	1	2	3	4	5
m) Students who gossip and spread rumours about others.	1	2	3	4	5
n) Students who try to sell drugs to other students.	1	2	3	4	5

**B2. Please tell us if you agree or disagree with the following statements about your school:**

Do you Agree or Disagree with the following statements?	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Don't Know
a) At my school students often hang out in the halls and make noise when classes are on.	1	2	3	4	5
b) In general, the teachers at my school don't respect the students.	1	2	3	4	5
c) Teachers at my school treat everyone fairly.	1	2	3	4	5
d) People from outside my school often come to the school to cause trouble.	1	2	3	4	5
e) Some teachers at my school do not know how to talk to their students.	1	2	3	4	5
f) There are many students at my school who do not respect their teachers.	1	2	3	4	5
g) People from outside my school often come to visit their friends and hang out.	1	2	3	4	5
h) People from outside my school often come to sell drugs at my school.	1	2	3	4	5
i) Some students at my school just won't do what the teachers tell them to do.	1	2	3	4	5
j) Most of the students and teachers at my school get along.	1	2	3	4	5
k) The teachers at my school care about what happens to the students.	1	2	3	4	5

**B3. In your opinion, how often do students get into fights at your school?**

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|------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1) Never               | 6) About once a week     |
| 2) Almost never        | 7) More than once a week |
| 3) A few times a year  | 8) Almost every day      |
| 4) About once a month  | 9) Don't know            |
| 5) A few times a month |                          |

**B4. In your opinion, how often do students get picked on or bullied at your school?**

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|------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1) Never               | 6) About once a week     |
| 2) Almost never        | 7) More than once a week |
| 3) A few times a year  | 8) Almost every day      |
| 4) About once a month  | 9) Don't know            |
| 5) A few times a month |                          |

**B5. In your opinion, how often do students bring weapons to school?**

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|------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1) Never               | 6) About once a week     |
| 2) Almost never        | 7) More than once a week |
| 3) A few times a year  | 8) Almost every day      |
| 4) About once a month  | 9) Don't know            |
| 5) A few times a month |                          |

**B6. In your opinion, how often do students sell drugs at your school?**

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|------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1) Never               | 6) About once a week     |
| 2) Almost never        | 7) More than once a week |
| 3) A few times a year  | 8) Almost every day      |
| 4) About once a month  | 9) Don't know            |
| 5) A few times a month |                          |

**B7. In your opinion, how often do students hang out in the halls and make noise when classes are on?**

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|------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1) Never               | 6) About once a week     |
| 2) Almost never        | 7) More than once a week |
| 3) A few times a year  | 8) Almost every day      |
| 4) About once a month  | 9) Don't know            |
| 5) A few times a month |                          |

**B8. In your opinion, how often do students talk back or act rudely towards the teachers at your school?**

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|------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1) Never               | 6) About once a week     |
| 2) Almost never        | 7) More than once a week |
| 3) A few times a year  | 8) Almost every day      |
| 4) About once a month  | 9) Don't know            |
| 5) A few times a month |                          |



**B9. In your opinion, how often do teachers treat students unfairly at your school?**

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|------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1) Never               | 6) About once a week     |
| 2) Almost never        | 7) More than once a week |
| 3) A few times a year  | 8) Almost every day      |
| 4) About once a month  | 9) Don't know            |
| 5) A few times a month |                          |

**B10. In your opinion, how often are students punished unfairly at your school?**

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|------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1) Never               | 6) About once a week     |
| 2) Almost never        | 7) More than once a week |
| 3) A few times a year  | 8) Almost every day      |
| 4) About once a month  | 9) Don't know            |
| 5) A few times a month |                          |

**B11. Are there any other problems at your school that you have not told us about? If there are other problems please tell us about them. Write your answer in the box below.**

**PART C: Personal Safety**

**C1. How safe do you feel at your school? Would you say:**

- 1) Very safe
- 2) Fairly Safe
- 3) Unsafe
- 4) Very unsafe
- 5) Don't Know

**C2. In general, would you say that Westview is a very safe school, a fairly safe school or do you think that the school is an unsafe place for students?**

- 1) Westview is a very safe school
- 2) Westview is a fairly safe school
- 3) Westview is an unsafe school
- 4) Westview is a very unsafe school
- 5) Don't know

**C3. I want you to think about other high schools that you know about. Do you think that Westview has less violence than other schools, more violence than other schools or do you think it is about the same as other schools.**

- 1) Westview has less violence than other schools
- 2) Westview has more violence than other schools
- 3) Westview has about the same amount of violence as other schools
- 4) Don't know

**C4. Now I want you to think about how safe you feel when you are doing things in your community or in other areas of Toronto. How safe would you feel if you engaged in the following activities?**

<b>How safe would you feel if you:</b>	<b>Very Safe</b>	<b>Safe</b>	<b>Unsafe</b>	<b>Very Unsafe</b>	<b>Don't Know/ Depends</b>
a) Walked around your neighbourhood during the day?	1	2	3	4	5
b) Walked around your neighbourhood at night?	1	2	3	4	5
c) Took a bus or a subway during the day?	1	2	3	4	5
d) Took a bus or subway at night?	1	2	3	4	5
e) Went downtown to shop or hang out?	1	2	3	4	5
f) Went to a shopping mall?	1	2	3	4	5
g) Went to visit a friend in another area of town?	1	2	3	4	5
h) Went to the movies with friends?	1	2	3	4	5
i) Went to a house party at someone's home?	1	2	3	4	5
j) Went to a nightclub or a bar?	1	2	3	4	5
k) Went to hang out at another high school?	1	2	3	4	5

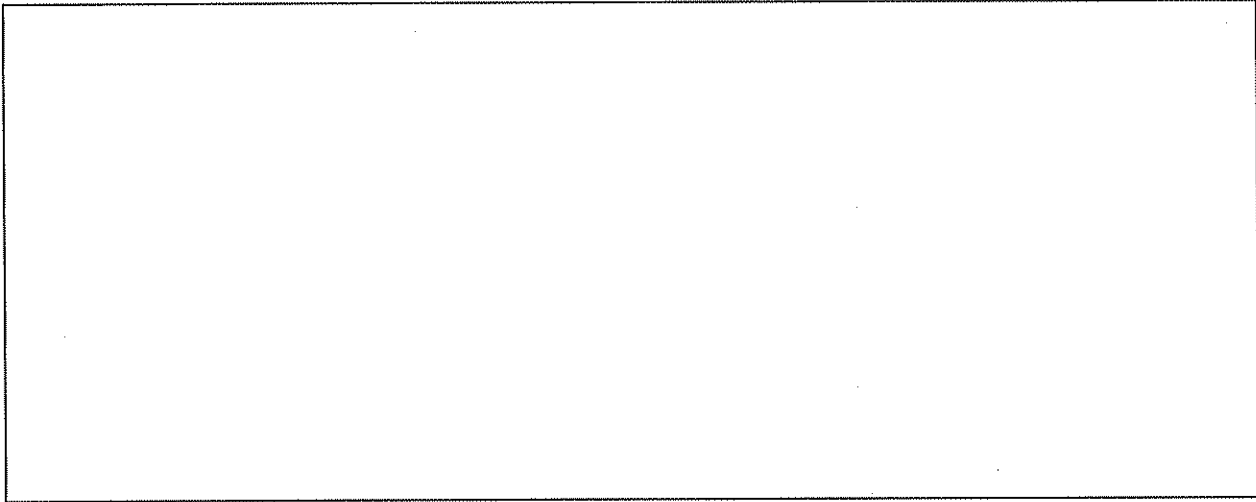
**C5. Do you ever feel afraid or unsafe when you are coming to school in the morning or leaving school at the end of the day? Would you say:**

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|------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1) Never               | 6) About once a week     |
| 2) Almost never        | 7) More than once a week |
| 3) A few times a year  | 8) Almost every day      |
| 4) About once a month  | 9) Don't know            |
| 5) A few times a month |                          |

**C6. Sometimes people worry about becoming the victim of a crime. Can you please tell us if you are ever worried about becoming the victim of the following crimes:**

<b>Do you ever worry about:</b>	<b>Never</b>	<b>Almost Never</b>	<b>Sometimes</b>	<b>Often</b>	<b>All the Time</b>
a) Street gangs that may be hanging out at your school?	1	2	3	4	5
b) Street gangs that hang out in your community?	1	2	3	4	5
c) Street gangs that live outside of your community?	1	2	3	4	5
d) Being attacked or beat up by someone at school?	1	2	3	4	5
e) Being attacked or beat up by someone outside of school?	1	2	3	4	5
f) Being robbed by someone at school?	1	2	3	4	5
g) Being robbed by someone outside of school?	1	2	3	4	5
h) Having something stolen from you at school?	1	2	3	4	5
i) Having something stolen from you outside of school?	1	2	3	4	5
j) Being shot by someone that you know?	1	2	3	4	5
k) Being shot by a stranger that you do not know?	1	2	3	4	5
l) Being sexually assaulted or molested when you are at school?	1	2	3	4	5
m) Being sexually assaulted or molested outside of school?	1	2	3	4	5

**C7. Are there any places or activities that you avoid because you are afraid for your safety or afraid that you might get attacked or assaulted? Please list those places in the box provided below.**

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin black border, intended for the respondent to list places or activities they avoid due to safety concerns.

**PART D: Personal Victimization**

**D1. We now want you to think about things that have happened to you AT SCHOOL over the past TWO YEARS. How many times over the past two years have the following things happened to you when you were at school or on school property.**

<b>TYPES OF VICTIMIZATION</b>	<b>Never</b>	<b>Once</b>	<b>Between 2 and 5 Times</b>	<b>More than 5 times</b>
a) How many times has someone at your school stolen money or things from you worth less than \$50.00?	1	2	3	4
b) How many times has someone at your school stolen money or things from you worth over \$50.00?	1	2	3	4
c) How many times has someone at your school deliberately damaged your property, clothes or possessions?	1	2	3	4
d) How many times has someone at school threatened to hurt you or injure you?	1	2	3	4
e) How many times has someone at school punched you, slapped you or kicked you?	1	2	3	4
f) How many times has someone at your school pointed a gun at you or tried to shoot you?	1	2	3	4
g) How many times has someone at your school taken money or things from you by threatening you or by using force?	1	2	3	4
h) How many times has someone at your school attacked you with a weapon like a knife or a bat?	1	2	3	4
i) How many times has someone at your school called you names or teased you in a way that it bothered you or hurt your feelings?	1	2	3	4

**D2. Now we want you to think about things that have happened to you over the past TWO YEARS when you were not at school. These are things that happened to you in the outside community. How many times over the past two years have the following things happened to you when you were not at school.**

<b>TYPES OF VICTIMIZATION</b>	<b>Never</b>	<b>Once</b>	<b>Between 2 and 5 Times</b>	<b>More than 5 times</b>
a) How many times has someone stolen money or things from you worth less than \$50.00?	1	2	3	4
b) How many times has someone stolen money or things from you worth over \$50.00?	1	2	3	4
c) How many times has someone deliberately damaged your property, clothes or possessions?	1	2	3	4
d) How many times has someone threatened to hurt you or injure you?	1	2	3	4
e) How many times has someone threatened you with a weapon like a knife or a gun?	1	2	3	4
f) How many times has someone punched you, slapped you or kicked you?	1	2	3	4
g) How many times has someone taken money or things from you by threatening you or by using force?	1	2	3	4
h) How many times has someone attacked you with a weapon like a knife or a bat?	1	2	3	4
i) How many times has someone called you names or teased you in a way that it bothered you or hurt your feelings?	1	2	3	4

**D3. Please think about the worst thing that has ever happened to you that might be considered a crime or an act of violence. We are talking about such things as being threatened, punched, kicked or attacked by someone with a weapon. We are also talking about having things stolen from you or being sexually assaulted. What is the worst thing that ever happened to you that might be considered a crime? Please write your answer in the box below.**

**If nothing bad has ever happened to you please go to the next section (SECTION E)**

**D4. When did this happen?**

- |                                |                             |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1) Within the past year        | 5) Five years ago           |
| 2) Within the past two years   | 6) More than five years ago |
| 3) Within the past three years | 7) Can't remember           |
| 4) Within the past four years  |                             |

**D4. Where did this incident happen?**

- 1) At school
- 2) In the area around my school
- 3) In the area that I live
- 4) At home
- 5) At someone else's home
- 6) At a party, dance or club
- 7) At a park
- 8) At a Mall
- 9) On the street in another area of Toronto
- 10) At another school
- 11) Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_



**D5. Who did this to you? Who was the offender (or the offenders)?**

- 1) A stranger (someone you did not know)
- 2) Someone you had seen before but did not know very well
- 3) A friend
- 4) Another student at your school
- 5) One of your parents
- 6) A sister or brother
- 7) Another relative
- 8) Someone you were dating (a boyfriend or girlfriend)
- 9) Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

**D6. Did you ever talk to the police about what happened to you?**

- 1) YES – *go to the next section*
- 2) NO – *please answer question D7*

**D7. People may have a number of different reasons for not talking to the police. Why did you decide not talk to the police about what happened to you? What were your reasons for not talking? Please circle or check all the reasons that apply:**

Reasons for Not Talking to the Police		YES	NO
a)	The matter was too trivial. It was not that bad.	1	2
b)	Because the police would not do anything. It is a waste of time.	1	2
c)	Because the police would not believe me or take me seriously.	1	2
d)	Because I did not want to upset my parents.	1	2
e)	Because my parents might stop me from going out in the future.	1	2
f)	Because I could have gotten into trouble with the police.	1	2
g)	Because I was afraid of the people who did this to me.	1	2
h)	Because the police could not protect me.	1	2
i)	Because I don't like the police. I don't trust the police.	1	2
j)	Because I wanted to get my own revenge.	1	2
k)	Because I can take care of myself.	1	2
l)	Because I don't want people to think I'm a snitch or a rat.	1	2
m)	Because I did not want the offenders to get into trouble.	1	2

**D8. Were there any other reasons that you did not talk to the police? Please write these reasons in the box provided below.**

**PART E: Weapons at School**

**E1. We are interested in knowing what you know about guns and other weapons – both inside of school and outside of school. Please remember that your answers are completely private and confidential. Nobody will know how you respond to each of these questions. Please try to be as honest as possible.**

**Over the past two years, do you know of anyone who brought a gun to your school or had a gun on school property?**

- 1) NO – I don't know of any person who brought a gun to school
- 2) Yes – I know one person who brought a gun to school
- 3) Yes – I know two people who brought a gun to school
- 4) Yes – I know three people who brought a gun to school
- 5) Yes – I know more than three people who brought a gun to school
- 6) Don't know

**E2. Have you ever seen a gun at your school or on school property?**

- 1) Never – I have never seen a gun at my school
- 2) Only once – I only saw a gun once at my school
- 3) Twice – I only saw a gun two times at my school
- 4) Three times – I have seen a gun three times at my school
- 5) Four times – I have seen a gun four times at my school
- 6) I have seen a gun more than four times at my school

**E3. Has someone ever threatened you with a gun while you were at school or on school property?**

- 1) Never
- 2) Once
- 3) More than once

**E4 Has someone ever pointed a gun at you while you were at school or on school property?**

- 1) Never
- 2) Once
- 3) More than once

**E5. Has someone ever shot at you while you were at school or on school property?**

- 1) Never
- 2) Once
- 3) Never

**E6. Have you ever talked to a teacher, the principal or the police about a gun that was in your school or on school property?**

- 1) YES - I have reported a gun to school officials or to the police
- 2) NO - I never knew about a gun at my school
- 3) NO - I knew about a gun at school but I did not report it

**E7. If you knew about a student in your school with a gun would you report it to a teacher, a school official or to the police?**

- 1) YES – I would report it – **GO TO E9**
- 2) MAYBE – I might report it – it would depend on the situation
- 3) NO – I would not report it
- 4) Don't know

**E8. Why would you not report the gun to your teacher or to the police? Why would you not talk to these people about a student with a gun?**

**E9. Have you ever brought a gun to school?**

- 1) Never
- 2) Only once
- 3) A few times
- 4) Many times

**E10. Have you ever seen a gun outside of school?**

- 1) Never – I have never seen a gun outside of school
- 2) Only once – I only saw a gun once outside of school
- 3) Only twice – I only saw a gun two times outside of school
- 4) Three times – I have seen a gun three times outside of school
- 5) I have seen a gun more than three times outside of school
- 6) Don't know

**E11. Has someone ever threatened you with a gun when you were outside of school?**

- 1) Never
- 2) Once
- 3) More than once

**E12. Has someone ever pointed a gun at you while you were at school?**

- 1) Never
- 2) Once
- 3) More than once

**E13. Has someone ever tried to shoot you with a gun when you were outside of school?**

- 1) Never
- 2) Once
- 3) More than once

**E14. Have you ever carried a gun with you when you were outside of school?**

- 1) Never
- 2) Only once
- 3) A few times
- 4) Many times

**E15. Have you ever talked to the police about a gun that you saw outside of school?**

- 1) YES - I have reported a gun to the police
- 2) NO - I never saw or knew about a gun outside of school
- 3) NO - I knew about a gun but I did not report it

**E16. If you saw someone outside of school with a gun would you report it to the police?**

- 1) YES – I would report it – **GO TO E19**
- 2) MAYBE – I might report it – it would depend on the situation
- 3) NO – I would not report it
- 4) Don't know

**E17. Why would you not report a person with a gun to the police?**

**E18. Over the past two years, do you know of any students who brought a knife to school?**

- 1) NO – I don't know of any person who brought a knife to school
- 2) Yes – I know one person who brought a knife to school
- 3) Yes – I know two people who brought a knife to school
- 4) Yes – I know three people who brought a knife to school
- 5) Yes – I know more than three people who brought a knife to school
- 6) Don't know

**E19. Have you ever seen someone with a knife at your school?**

- 1) Never – I have never seen a knife at my school
- 2) Only once – I only saw a knife once at my school
- 3) Twice – I only saw a knife two times at my school
- 4) Three times – I have seen a knife three times at my school
- 5) Four times – I have seen a knife four times at my school
- 6) I have seen a knife more than four times at my school

**E20. Has someone ever threatened you with a knife while you were at school?**

- 1) Never
- 2) Once
- 3) More than once

**E21. Has someone ever stabbed you with a knife while you were at school?**

- 1) Never
- 2) Once
- 3) More than once

**E22. Have you ever talked to a teacher, the principal or the police about a knife that was in your school?**

- 1) YES - I have reported a knife to school officials or to the police
- 2) NO - I never saw or knew about a knife at school
- 3) NO - I knew about a knife at school but I did not report it

**E23. If you knew about a student in your school with a knife would you report it to a teacher, a school official or to the police?**

- 1) YES – I would report it – **GO TO E25**
- 2) MAYBE – I might report it – it would depend on the situation
- 3) NO – I would not report it
- 4) Don't know

**E24. Why would you not report the knife to your teachers or to the police? Why would you not talk to these people about a student with a knife?**

**E25. Have you ever brought a knife to school?**

- 1) Never
- 2) Only once
- 3) A few times
- 4) Many times

**E26. Has someone ever threatened you with a knife when you were outside of school?**

- 1) Never
- 2) Once
- 3) More than once

**E27. Has someone ever stabbed you with a knife when you were outside of school?**

- 1) Never
- 2) Once
- 3) More than once

**E28. Have you ever carried a knife with you when you were outside of school?**

- 1) Never
- 2) Only once
- 3) A few times
- 4) Many times

**E29. Have you ever talked to the police about a person with a knife that you saw outside of school?**

- 1) YES - I have reported someone with a knife to the police
- 2) NO - I never saw someone with a knife
- 3) NO - I saw someone with a knife but I did not report it

**E30. If you saw someone outside of school with a knife would you report it to the police?**

- 1) YES – I would report it – **GO TO F1**
- 2) MAYBE – I might report it – it would depend on the situation
- 3) NO – I would not report it
- 4) Don't know

**E31. Why would you not report a person with a gun to the police?**

**PART F: Sexual Harassment and Assault**

**F1. Now we would like to ask you about things that may have happened to you at school or on school property over the past two years.**

**At your school has someone ever said unwanted sexual things to you that upset you or made you feel uncomfortable?**

- 1) Never – **GO TO F3**
- 2) Once
- 3) Twice
- 4) Three times
- 5) More than three times
- 6) Don't know

**F2. Did you report this unwanted sexual behaviour to a teacher or the principal?**

- 1) YES
- 2) NO

**F3. At your school has someone ever touched or grabbed you in a sexual way when you did not want to be touched ?**

- 1) Never – **GO TO F5**
- 2) Once
- 3) Twice
- 4) Three times
- 5) More than three times
- 6) Don't know



**F4. Did you report this unwanted sexual touching to a teacher or the principal?**

- 1) YES
- 2) NO

**F5. At your school has someone ever sexually assaulted you? Has someone ever forced you to have sex at school against your will?**

- 1) Never – *GO TO F7*
- 2) Once
- 3) Twice
- 4) Three times
- 5) More than three times
- 6) Don't know

**F6. Did you report this sexual assault to a teacher, the principal or to the police?**

- 1) YES
- 2) NO

**F7. Do you know of any other students who have been sexually assaulted at your school in the past two years? We are only asking about sexual assaults that took place at your school or on school property.**

- 1) NO – I don't know any students who have been sexually assaulted
- 2) I know one student who was sexually assaulted
- 3) I know two students who were sexually assaulted
- 4) I know three students who were sexually assaulted
- 5) I know more than three students who were sexually assaulted
- 6) Don't know

**F8. Now I want you to think of things that may have happened outside of school over the past two years. Has someone ever sexually assaulted you outside of school? Outside of school has someone ever forced you to have sex against your will?**

- 1) Never – *GO TO F10*
- 2) Once
- 3) Twice
- 4) Three times
- 5) More than three times
- 6) Don't know

**F9. Did you report this sexual assault to your parents or the police?**

- 1) YES
- 2) NO

**F10. Do you know of any other students who have been sexually assaulted outside of school in the past two years?**

- 1) NO – I don't know any students who have been sexually assaulted
- 2) I know one student who was sexually assaulted
- 3) I know two students who were sexually assaulted
- 4) I know three students who were sexually assaulted
- 5) I know more than three students who were sexually assaulted
- 6) Don't know

**PART G: Witnessing Crimes**

**G1. Now I want to talk to you about crimes that you may have seen at some time in your life. Have you ever witnessed a gun battle or a shooting? For example, have you ever witnessed an incident in which one person or group of persons was shooting at another person or group of people? Would you say:**

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|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| 0) Never – <i>go to G5</i> | 1) Once               |
| 2) Twice                   | 3) Three times        |
| 4) Four times              | 5) Five to nine times |
| 6) 10 or more times        | 99) Refused           |

**G2. When was the last time that you witnessed a shooting or gun battle?**

- 1) In the past year
- 2) Within the past two years
- 3) Within the past 5 years
- 4) More than 5 years ago
- 88) Don't know – cannot remember
- 99) Refused

**G3. Think about the last time you witnessed a shooting or gun battle. Did you talk to the police about this crime?**

- 1) YES – *go to G5*
- 2) NO
- 88) Don't know/Can't remember
- 99) Refused

**G4. Why didn't you talk to the police about this crime? Is there any other reason?  
INTERVIEWER: CIRCLE ALL THAT APPLY.**

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| 1) Many other witnesses (was not needed) | 2) Police witnessed the crime          |
| 3) Offender was caught                   | 4) Afraid of the offenders             |
| 5) None of my business                   | 6) Afraid of the police                |
| 7) Police can't protect me               | 8) Don't trust the police              |
| 9) Don't want to be a snitch             | 10) It would not help                  |
| 11) To protect the offenders             | 12) Might get into trouble with police |
| 13) Might get into trouble with family   | 14) Would hurt my reputation           |
| 12) Don't want to go to court            | 15) Other _____                        |
| 88) Can't remember                       | 99) Refused                            |

**G5. Have you ever witnessed a serious attack or beating in which another person was badly hurt? Would you say:**

- |                            |                       |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| 0) Never – <i>go to H1</i> | 1) Once               |
| 2) Twice                   | 3) Three times        |
| 4) Four times              | 5) Five to nine times |
| 6) 10 or more times        | 99) Refused           |

**G6. When was the last time that you witnessed a serious beating or attack?**

- 1) In the past year
- 2) Within the past two years
- 3) Within the past 5 years
- 4) More than 5 years ago
- 88) Don't know – cannot remember
- 99) Refused

**G7. Think about the last time you witnessed a serious beating or attack. Did you talk to the police about this crime?**

- 1) YES – *go to H1*
- 2) NO
- 88) Don't know/Can't remember
- 99) Refused

**G8. Why didn't you talk to the police about this crime? Is there any other reason?**

**INTERVIEWER: CIRCLE ALL THAT APPLY.**

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| 1) Many other witnesses (was not needed) | 2) Police witnessed the crime          |
| 3) Offender was caught                   | 4) Afraid of the offenders             |
| 5) None of my business                   | 6) Afraid of the police                |
| 7) Police can't protect me               | 8) Don't trust the police              |
| 9) Don't want to be a snitch             | 10) It would not help                  |
| 11) To protect the offenders             | 12) Might get into trouble with police |
| 13) Might get into trouble with family   | 14) Would hurt my reputation           |
| 12) Don't want to go to court            | 15) Other _____                        |
| 88) Can't remember                       | 99) Refused                            |

### **PART H: Improving School Safety and Discipline**

**H1. Some people think that putting television cameras in the halls and in the classrooms will make schools safer? Do you think putting television cameras in schools is a good idea or bad idea?**

- a) A very good idea
- b) A good idea
- c) A bad idea
- d) A very bad idea
- e) Don't know

**H2. Some people think that increasing the number of security people in schools will increase safety. Do you think increasing the number of security people in schools is a good idea or bad idea?**

- a) A very good idea
- b) A good idea
- c) A bad idea
- d) A very bad idea
- e) Don't know

**H3. Some people think that all students and teachers should have to go through a metal detector when they come to school. This might prevent weapons like guns and knives from getting into the school. Do you think having metal detectors in schools is a good idea or a bad idea.**

- a) A very good idea
- b) A good idea
- c) A bad idea
- d) A very bad idea
- e) Don't know

**H4. Some people think that the police should be able to look into students' lockers for drugs and guns whenever they want. This might help prevent crime. Do you think it is a good idea or a bad idea to give the police permission to search student lockers whenever they want.**

- a) A very good idea
- b) A good idea
- c) A bad idea
- d) A very bad idea
- e) Don't know

**H5. Some people think that all students should have to wear identification badges with their name and photo when they are in school. This will help keep outsiders from coming into the school and causing trouble. Do you think identification badges are a good idea or a bad idea?**

- a) A very good idea
- b) A good idea
- c) A bad idea
- d) A very bad idea
- e) Don't know

**H6. Some people think that there should only be one way in or out of a school. All other doors should be locked. This might prevent outsiders from coming into the school and causing trouble. Do you think this is a good idea or a bad idea?**

- a) A very good idea
- b) A good idea
- c) A bad idea
- d) A very bad idea
- e) Don't know

**H7. Please tell us if you agree or disagree with the following statements:**

<b>Do you Agree or Disagree with the following statements?</b>	<b>Strongly Disagree</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Strongly Agree</b>	<b>Don't Know</b>
a) Students from my racial group are more likely to be unfairly suspended or expelled from school than students from other racial groups.	1	2	3	4	5
b) Teachers treat all students the same.	1	2	3	4	5
c) Discrimination makes it difficult for students from my racial background to get good grades at school.	1	2	3	4	5
d) Students from my racial group are more likely to get unfairly stopped and questioned by the police than students from other racial groups.	1	2	3	4	5
e) Discrimination makes it difficult for people from my racial group to get a good job.	1	2	3	4	5
f) Everyone in Canada has an equal chance of getting a good education.	1	2	3	4	5
g) I will eventually get a good education and a good job.	1	2	3	4	5
h) Rich kids have a better chance in Canada than poor kids.	1	2	3	4	5
i) The school is more likely to call the police on racial minority students than white students.	1	2	3	4	5
j) Teachers at my school work hard to help students become successful	1	2	3	4	5

**H8. Should students be punished for talking back to teachers? Please circle all that apply:**

- 1) No – they should not be punished at all
  - 2) They should be suspended
  - 3) They should be expelled
  - 4) They should be given a detention
  - 5) The school should call their parents
  - 6) They should have to talk to a counsellor
  - 7) They should be given another type of punishment (specify) \_\_\_\_\_
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**H9. Should students be punished for wearing a hat in school? Please circle all that apply:**

- 1) No – they should not be punished at all
  - 2) They should be suspended
  - 3) They should be expelled
  - 4) They should be given a detention
  - 5) The school should call their parents
  - 6) They should have to talk to a counsellor
  - 7) They should be given another type of punishment (specify) \_\_\_\_\_
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**H10. Should students be punished for selling drugs at school? Please circle all that apply:**

- 1) No – they should not be punished at all
  - 2) They should be suspended
  - 3) They should be expelled
  - 4) They should be given a detention
  - 5) The school should call their parents
  - 6) They should have to talk to a counsellor
  - 7) The school should call the police
  - 8) They should be given another type of punishment (specify) \_\_\_\_\_
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**H11. Should students be punished for bringing weapons to school? Please circle all that apply:**

- 1) No – they should not be punished at all
  - 2) They should be suspended
  - 3) They should be expelled
  - 4) They should be given a detention
  - 5) The school should call their parents
  - 6) They should have to talk to a counsellor
  - 7) The school should call the police
  - 8) They should be given another type of punishment (specify) \_\_\_\_\_
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**H12. Should students be punished for stealing other peoples' money or property at school? Please circle all that apply:**

- 1) No – they should not be punished at all
  - 2) They should be suspended
  - 3) They should be expelled
  - 4) They should be given a detention
  - 5) The school should call their parents
  - 6) They should have to talk to a counsellor
  - 7) The school should call the police
  - 8) They should be given another type of punishment (specify) \_\_\_\_\_
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**H13. Should students be punished for fighting at school? Please circle all that apply:**

- 1) No – they should not be punished at all
  - 2) They should be suspended
  - 3) They should be expelled
  - 4) They should be given a detention
  - 5) The school should call their parents
  - 6) They should have to talk to a counsellor
  - 7) The school should call the police
  - 8) They should be given another type of punishment (specify) \_\_\_\_\_
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**H14. Should students be punished for calling other students names at school? Please circle all that apply:**

- 1) No – they should not be punished at all
  - 2) They should be suspended
  - 3) They should be expelled
  - 4) They should be given a detention
  - 5) The school should call their parents
  - 6) They should have to talk to a counsellor
  - 7) The school should call the police
  - 8) They should be given another type of punishment (specify) \_\_\_\_\_
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**H15. In your opinion, should students be allowed to wear hats in school?**

- 1) No – they should never be allowed to wear hats
- 2) They should be able to wear hats at all times
- 3) They should be able to wear hats in the halls but not in the classroom
- 4) Don't know



**H16. Do you have any other ideas about how to make your school a safer place? Please write your answer in the box below:**

**H17. Some people think that schools should provide more help and counselling for those students who keep getting into trouble. Do you think this is a good idea or a bad idea?**

- a) A very good idea
- b) A good idea
- c) A bad idea
- d) A very bad idea
- e) Don't know

**H18. Some people think that schools can help reduce youth crime by providing more after-school programs (sports programs, music programs, art programs, etc.). Do you think this is a good idea or a bad idea:**

- a) A very good idea
- b) A good idea
- c) A bad idea
- d) A very bad idea
- e) Don't know

**PART I: Gangs at School**

**I1. Finally, I would like to ask you a few questions about gang activity in your area. Have you ever been the member of a gang?**

- 1) No – I have never been in a gang
- 2) Yes – I used to be in a gang but I'm not in a gang now
- 3) Yes – I am currently in a gang

**I2. Do you have any friends who are in a gang?**

- 1) I don't know any gang members
- 2) I know one or two gang members
- 3) I know several gang members
- 4) I know many gang members
- 5) I'm not sure if any of the people I know are gang members

**I3. Are there any gang members who go to your school?**

- 1) No – there are no gang members at my school
- 2) Yes – there are a few gang members at my school
- 3) Yes – there are many gang members at my school
- 4) I don't know if there are gang members at my school

**I4. What are the names of the gangs that are at your school?**

15. We have now come to the end of the questionnaire. Do you have any other comments to make about your school? Do you have any ideas about what your school needs to make it better for the students? Please list your ideas in the space below.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION  
IN THIS STUDY!!**