

LATOYA CANTRELL, MAYOR
CITY OF NEW ORLEANS

March 7, 2022

RE: EDUCATION RESEARCH ALLIANCE - YOUTH SURVEY

Dear New Orleans School Leader,

I am writing to ask your school to participate in the New Orleans Youth Survey, conducted by the Education Research Alliance for New Orleans. The Youth Survey, first conducted in the 2018-2019 school year, is a valuable tool for policymakers, school leaders, teachers, and parents to hear directly from our youth about their everyday experiences.

Much too often, we make plans or policies impacting children without hearing from them directly. From the COVID-19 pandemic to Hurricane Ida, our students have endured many hardships and it's now more essential than ever to hear their perspectives.

The survey will enable us to gain crucial insight into our students' current experiences, the challenges they face, and their future aspirations. The survey asks students about their school's climate, their impressions of their teachers, their feelings of safety in their schools and neighborhoods, and their mental health, among other topics.

Maximizing school participation is key to ensuring that the survey's results represent all the youth in the city and give our community the best information on youth needs so that we can implement effective solutions. The survey takes just 20 minutes of school time to complete and is well worth the time for the value that we as a city will get from it. Take a minute to sign up here by March 25th.

For more information, please contact Emily Wolff, Director of the Office of Youth and Families, (emily.wolff@nola.gov) or Lindsay Weixler, Education Research Alliance, (lweixler@tulane.edu).

Thank you for your leadership and commitment to our city's children and families.

Sincerely,



LaToya Cantrell
Mayor, City of New Orleans

