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Dear District and Survey Leaders,

As you prepare to administer school surveys this year, including the Student Health Survey (SHS) and Student Educational Equity Development (SEED) Survey, ODE and OHA want to reaffirm Oregon's commitment to centering family engagement in your survey administration practices. As we review recent federal communications and their potential implications, we encourage districts to continue confidently with current survey administration practices that administrators are used to.

Baseline requirements of statewide survey administration outlined in ORS 329.078 ensure that administration practices exceed federal student privacy and parental notification requirements. Clear and timely communication with families builds trust, strengthens partnerships, and helps families and students understand the importance and impact of survey data to support systems of student wellbeing. ODE and OHA's "Principles of Survey Administration" encourage proactive, transparent communication with families and meaningful opportunities for parent awareness and engagement throughout the survey process.

We will continue to reaffirm our shared commitment to partnering with families, protecting student privacy, and collecting meaningful information that helps schools serve students well. Thank you for your strong partnership in collecting statewide student voice data. We invite you to follow along as we release more tools that help you leverage your survey results to meet your district's Education Accountability Metric goals by subscribing to our quarterly Statewide Surveys newsletter.

In partnership,

OHA and ODE staff