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Invitation to Participate in Research

**Canadian Parents'/Guardians' Perspectives about the Impact of COVID-19 School Closures on Students Special Educational Needs.**

Dear Parent/Guardian:

My name is Nadine Bartlett and I am an Assistant Professor at the University of Manitoba in the Faculty of Education. I am conducting research about parents'/guardians' perspectives on the impact of COVID-19 school closures on students with special educational needs, and I am inviting you to participate.

This study is intended for the parent(s) or guardian(s) of children/youth with a special educational needs who are registered in school, and who have been affected by school closures due to COVID-19. Provinces and territories differ with respect to the age of eligibility for enrolment in school for individuals with disabilities, so it is possible that your child/youth may be between the ages of 4 to 21 years.

I am seeking feedback from you about your child's experience, and your experience as a parent/guardian during school closures due to COVID-19. Specifically, I want to explore the strategies and supports that are effectively meeting students' and parents'/guardians' needs, and the strategies and supports that require improvement. The purpose of obtaining this information is to provide you, as a parent/guardian of a child/youth with special educational needs, with an opportunity to share your perspectives, which may help to inform improvements in the provision of support.

This online survey will take approximately 15-20 minutes to complete. Your participation in this survey is completely voluntary, you may opt out of any question in the survey, and all of your responses will be anonymous. If you make additional comments or provide examples within the survey, your examples and comments may be quoted in the findings of this research. However, the examples and the additional comments you make also will be anonymous.

You may only complete the survey once. If you have more than one child with special educational needs please respond to the questions based on your experiences relative to one of your children/youth.

**This research has been approved by the University of Manitoba, Education and Nursing Research Ethics Board. If you have any concerns or complaints about this project you may contact the above-named persons or the Human Ethics Coordinator at 204-474-7122 or [humanethics@umanitoba.ca](mailto:humanethics@umanitoba.ca). A copy of this email can be printed for you to keep for your records and reference.**

Note: This survey is being conducted using SurveyMonkey, a cloud based software that stores data on secure servers. The data collected via Survey Monkey is stored on servers in the United States and is subject to the USA Patriot Act.

Sincerely,  
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**To obtain further information about this study, provide informed consent, and participate please click on the following link:**

**<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Impact-COVID-19-Students-with-Special-Education-Needs>**