INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND GUARDIANS:
SOCIAL INCLUSION RESEARCH SURVEY

Dear parent or guardian,

Your child’s school is part of the sample for the “Social inclusion” research project. The research project aims to understand the extent, causes, and consequences of bullying and marginalization. The broader research project also evaluates the effectiveness of workshops on stereotypes and bias organized by Walter ry, which are offered in some of the participating schools. The research will be conducted by researchers at Aalto University and Harvard University. The survey is administered by Finnish Education Evaluation Centre (FINEEC) together with the Centre for Learning Analytics at the University of Turku.

The first survey for 5th graders will be organized during one lesson on a day chosen by the teacher between 18.9. - 6.10.2023. The same students will participate in the survey again in the spring of 2024. The first wave of the Social Inclusion research project’s survey for 5th graders was organized in the fall of 2021.

The data collected in the survey will be complemented with survey responses from teachers as well as the Koski-service maintained by the Finnish National Agency for Education, secondary school application registers, and register data from Statistics Finland. The data from administrative registers will be used as background variables as well as for follow-up.

Confidentiality and data privacy

All data collected during this survey will be handled confidentially and will be used only for research purposes. Access to student data is restricted to a handful of people, who are sworn to confidentiality. The survey is conducted electronically, and responses are directly transferred to a secure environment. No data on student responses will remain in schools. The survey data uses learning-ID’s (without names) so that it can be supplemented by additional information from Statistics Finland. Before the data is provided to researchers in a secure environment, these learning IDs are further anonymized. No student will be identifiable from the results of the research.

The website for the research project (see link below) has the data-privacy brochure for students and their parents as per the data controller (Aalto University) and provides further details on the data-collection and duration of the research. This brochure is also available on the web page. The research project has been evaluated by the research ethics committee at Aalto University.

Link to the Social Inclusion Project’s webpage

I am happy to respond to any questions pertaining to the research project.

Best regards
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