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RE: Population and Public Health Dental Services for Children

Dear School Partner:

A Fraser Health kindergarten dental survey will be taking place in the 2025/2026 school year. This survey will focus on schools where a high number of students have been identified with dental health concerns. This survey is conducted to monitor trends in early childhood dental health and to identify children with dental concerns. This information also helps us to evaluate the effectiveness of dental programs. Information about cavity rates in the Fraser Health region can be found here: Fraserhealth.ca/DentalHealth.

Principals from identified schools will receive a separate letter outlining additional details and next steps. Schools are asked to assist public health staff by providing a copy of the class list with the children’s names, parent’s names, child’s birth date, telephone number and address. All information will be collected, used and/or disclosed in accordance with the [Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act](#).

Parents will receive a notice two weeks in advance of the scheduled screening. This provides parents with time to “opt out” of the screening or to contact dental staff with any concerns. Following service provision, parents of children requiring follow up will be contacted by the dental team.

We value your continued support of our efforts to improve the health status of children. If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to connect with me.

Sincerely,

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