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## Participate in a nationwide survey on violence and harassment in schools

Since the pandemic, education workers have seen a dramatic increase of violence and harassment in schools. To understand this development, CUPE National's Research Branch is collaborating with scholars at the University of Ottawa on [a new nationwide study](#) that examines education workers' experiences of physical violence and harassment. In particular, the study explores how intersecting factors such as gender, ethnicity and dis/ability influence those experiences.

This will be the largest study of its kind ever conducted in Canada and one of the few studies to examine the effect of the pandemic on rates and impacts of violence and harassment in schools. We are asking CUPE locals to share information about this research with their membership and to encourage as many education workers as possible to get involved.

Participation entails a 40-minute, online survey that is entirely anonymous and

confidential. The survey will ask respondents about their experiences of explicit forms of physical violence as well as other manifestations of harassment, including slurs, insults, put-downs, being 'ganged up' on, and damaging accusations. No personal information about who members are or the school(s) in which they work will be collected. The survey can be completed in French or English, and a report on findings will be available in the summer of 2024.

Click [here](#) to launch the survey, or copy and paste the link below into your internet browser.

[https://uottawapsy.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_3kMOhVp9rd8l9no](https://uottawapsy.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3kMOhVp9rd8l9no)

We have attached a poster and a suite of social media shareables announcing the study to this email. We encourage you to distribute them widely to spread the word about this important research.