

# Echoes of the QLSCD

## Recent publications based on data from the “I am, I’ll be” survey

Since newsletter No. 9 which you received in July, the Institut has published three articles based on data from the survey. The topics were cultural practices, parent-school cooperation, and factors associated with good marks in the provincial exam in mathematics:

- Reading to children seems to be a common practice in Québec families, since 70% of children 2 to 6 years of age are regularly read to by their parents. Over the long term, the mother’s interest in books is passed on – the more the mother reads, the more her children read for pleasure later on. (“**Le développement de pratiques culturelles chez les enfants**”).
- When parents feel welcome at their child’s elementary school or that the school offers many opportunities to get involved, the mother-teacher relationship is on average more positive and the parents are more likely to take part in school activities. (“**La collaboration parent-école au primaire: le point de vue des parents**”).
- Among children in Grade 6 in the regular stream of elementary school, nearly 80% passed the provincial exam in mathematics in 2010. (“**Les facteurs liés à la réussite à l’épreuve obligatoire de mathématique en sixième année du primaire: un tour d’horizon**”).

All publications can be accessed on our website:  
[www.iamillbe.stat.gouv.qc.ca](http://www.iamillbe.stat.gouv.qc.ca).

## Impact and influence of our survey

Many presentations at conferences have been made in 2013. In Amsterdam a presentation was given on how the questionnaire for the teenager evolved from a paper to an online version. Presentations on child development or staying in school were made at other conferences.

The survey was also a topic on the radio show “Les années lumière” on Radio-Canada. Researchers are discovering how watching television at a very young age can have various effects on child development.

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### A word from the Coordinator

This year has been a busy one for the QLSCD – developing the online questionnaire for the teenagers, data collection, seven publications and five presentations at scientific events. All of this was made possible by the parents’ participation in our survey since the birth of their child. Thank you!

Your experience as parents, communicated to us in interviews over the years, has made you “parent advisers” for new generations of parents. Analyses conducted on the data you have provided us have revealed how simple interactions and activities can have a beneficial effect on children. For example, reading to children at a young age or letting them play with books is associated with better academic skills. A campaign conducted by Naître et grandir, which highlights the fact that “a book is the best toy for even the very youngest children,” has drawn inspiration from QLSCD data, which shows the real benefit of your ongoing participation in our survey!

The entire QLSCD team would like to extend best wishes for the holiday season and our thoughts go out to all those affected by the events in Lac-Mégantic.

We wish you a happy, healthy and prosperous 2014!

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