



Obstacles to Opportunities: A Synthesis of Survey Responses by Ontario Teachers

In 2010, the Steering Committee of the OTF Curriculum Forum, with the support of the OTF Executive, developed a confidential, one-question online survey for subject/division association members to distribute to their membership.

The survey asked respondents the following question: *What is the most significant obstacle preventing you from being more successful in your classroom?*

As a pilot, the survey was initially posted and open only to the representative of each subject/division association who attends the Curriculum Forum. Of those 48, 46 responded.

The survey was subsequently re-posted on the OTF website and the link was sent to members of the Curriculum Forum to share with their respective memberships. Over 600 teachers across Ontario responded to the survey and the responses were categorized on a spreadsheet.

From the responses, the Steering Committee was able to discern 11 distinct categories. The categories of responses to the survey question were collated and expressed as a graph (see below) as part of a synthesis of over 80 pages of individual responses. Categories of responses are shown in descending order of importance.

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