INFORMATION FOR SEMINOLE NATION OF OKLAHOMA TRIBAL MEMBERS: You are invited to complete this survey. The purpose of this survey is to determine the current Native language situation in your community and to obtain your thoughts about what you think is needed in your community’s efforts to begin language planning. Your responses will be kept anonymous and confidential. The information gathered from this survey will be summarized and disseminated for further use by the Seminole Nation Language Advisory Board. By completing this survey you grant the SNLAB to use the information you provide. Thank you for time, input and your willingness to contribute to this very important cause.

I. GENERAL (please use the back of the page for additional space)

1. What is your tribal affiliation? ________________________________

2. Gender: _____ female _____ male

3. Your age: _____ 10-17 _____ 18-25 _____ 26-33
   _____ 34-41 _____ 42-49 _____ 50-57 _____ 58-65
   _____ 66-73 _____ 74-81 _____ 82-89 _____ 90 and above

4. Place of Birth ____________________________________________

5. Where did you grow up? __________________________________

6. Where did your parents grow up? __________________________

7. Number of siblings and ages (include yourself)? ______________

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8. Do your brothers and/or sisters speak? _______________________

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9. What is your Tribal Band? _________________________________

10. What is your clan? _________________________________

11. Do you belong to any ceremonial grounds and/or churches? If so, please list their names _________________________________

12. Number of children? _________________________________

13. Number of grandchildren? _________________________________

14. What language did you learn to speak first in the home? ______________

15. Who taught you this language? _________________________________

16. If you learned a Native language first, when and where did you learn English? 

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17. How old were you? __________________________________________
II. LANGUAGE BACKGROUND: Please fill in the blank and circle your answer.

A. Language(s) Spoken
18. My Native language is ________________________________.

19. How well do you understand your Native language?
   a. Understand everything someone says to me.
   b. Understand most of the time.
   c. Understand some words or phrases only
   d. Not at all

20. How well do you speak your Native language?
   a. Fluently
   b. Well enough to make myself understood.
   c. Not very well: know words and phrases, but have a hard time making myself understood.
   d. Not at all.

21. I can read this language:  
   ___YES, very well
   ___YES, somewhat well
   ___NO

22. I can write this language:  
   ___YES, very well
   ___YES, somewhat well
   ___NO

23. Where do you speak the language?

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Other (please specify):
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24. To whom do you speak your Native language?
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25. List any other language(s) you can speak fluently:
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**B. Language Beliefs**

26. It is important for tribal members to know the Native language.

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27. An important part of being Seminole is to know the language.

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28. Having a written language will ensure a Native language will always be spoken.

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29. The Native language is being spoken to children in homes and in my community.

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30. The Native language should be spoken to children in homes and in my community.

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31. Should students have the opportunity to learn their Native language for their world language requirement in public schools?

Agree Strongly  5  4  3  2  1  Disagree Strongly

Please explain why:

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32. Should we have a Seminole school where all classes are taught in Seminole except for English classes?

Agree Strongly  5  4  3  2  1  Disagree Strongly

Please explain why:

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33. Would you enroll your child in a Seminole school where all classes are taught in Seminole except for English classes?

Agree Strongly  5  4  3  2  1  Disagree Strongly

Please explain why:

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34. Do today’s young children and youth want to speak their Native languages?

Agree Strongly  5  4  3  2  1  Disagree Strongly

Please explain why:

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35. The Native language contributes to the academic achievement of children.

Agree Strongly  5  4  3  2  1  Disagree Strongly

Please explain why:

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III. VITALITY OF NATIVE LANGUAGE

This section focuses on the current state of the Native language being taught in your school and/or community. The following definitions of the levels of language proficiency will assist you in answering the questions pertaining to the number of speakers of the Native language.

- **Fluent speaker**—*always* able to understand and speak with comprehension, skill, and creativity.
- **Semi-fluent speaker**—the majority of times can understand and speak with comprehension and skill, but occasionally needs help.
- **Emergent speakers**—understands some of the time and has a limited ability to speak.
- **Non-speaker**—does not understand; cannot speak; needs assistance.

36. Name of your community (include state) ______________________________________

37. What is the name of the Native language being taught in your school or community? ______________________________________

38. In your estimation, what is your total tribal enrollment? _______________

39. In your estimation, what is the current number of speakers of your Native language?
   A. Fluent speakers______
   B. Semi-fluent speakers______
   C. Emergent speakers______
   D. Non-speakers______

40. In your estimation, what is the age range of these various speakers?
   A. Fluent speakers __________________________
   B. Semi-fluent speakers ______________________
   C. Emergent speakers _________________________
   D. Non-speakers _____________________________

41. Is this Native language written? ____ yes  ____ no

42. In your estimation, if your NL is written, how many people can read and write it? ____________

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43. Of those individuals who are literate in their Native language, how many are:
   _____ Proficient—Can read and write accurately and creatively
   _____ Somewhat proficient—Can read and write the language, but continues to make mistakes and need assistance.
   _____ Basic literacy—Know the sound-letter system and can understand, read, and write basic sentences.

44. What kinds of Native language teaching materials are available?: ___________________________

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45. What kinds of Native language teaching materials are needed?

________________________________________________________________________
46. Do you think that there is a need in your community to take steps toward renewing your Native language? Please explain.

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47. If yes, why do you think there is language loss in your community?

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48. How many of your children can speak your Native language? What ages are they?

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49. If you are a non-speaker of your Native language, do you want your children or grandchildren to learn the Native language? Why or why not?

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50. Are there any current language renewal efforts in your community today? What are they?

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51. Are there any classes where the language is currently being taught? If so, who is teaching them and who is learning in these classes (e.g. adults, adolescents, etc.)?

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52. Do these classes have trained Native language teachers? If so, where do they receive their training?

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53. Where and when do you hear the language being spoken?

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Other (please specify):  

54. Do you hear the language being spoken daily?  

55. What are the most important things that you want to pass on to your children and grandchildren?  

COMMENTS (This section is provided for you to add any additional information. You can also use the back of this page.)  

Mvto! Thank you for your time and effort in filling out this survey. Your input will allow help us get a better picture of language vitality in the community, and will assist language planning efforts.
With your consent, we would like to possibly contact you in the future to discuss your answers and to clarify certain statements. If you would like to give us permission to contact you, please write your contact information in the space provided.

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Would you be interested in participating in our language planning efforts? If so, in which ways would you be willing to contribute?

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