

Budget Priorities: Input Opportunity

Your Voice Matters: 2022/2023

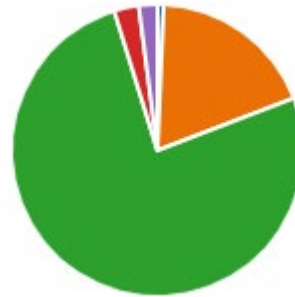
Survey Q: Share an initiative of importance to you, including how the initiative aligns with the school district's strategic goals.

Results:

- 146 survey respondents + 1 comment and 1 letter via email → 338 comments in total

Of the 146 respondents:

● Student	1
● Staff Member	27
● Parent/Guardian	111
● Community Member	4
● Other	3



Student-Centred Education

- 97 comments
- 25 comments tied to teaching and learning, including a variety around what should be taught (e.g. arts, business, career education, Early Learning, environment, entrepreneurship, languages, “real-world”, STEM; and greater course selection during the school year and Summer Learning)
- 13 comments around staffing (e.g. education assistants, support workers, learning services teachers)
- 12 comments either around teaching to the diversity of students or funding support for gifted/advanced learners

“Financial planning- all kids need to know how to save, time value of money, impact of credit cards and credit scores and how best to ensure they can save and plan for the future without carrying interest on debt.”

“More funding for LAC teachers at the elementary level so that they can ACTUALLY work with the students and not keep getting pulled to fly around from classroom to classroom. Maybe more staffing.”

“Differentiation of curriculum, instruction and assessment. As a parent of a child with diverse abilities, more needs to be done to resource and support innovative and creative ways to teach to all learners at all levels.”

Innovative Instruction

- 53 comments
- 18 comments around teaching and learning and within that, a variety around what should be taught (e. g. cooking, Early Learning, financial literacy, food literacy/school gardens, outdoor education, physical education, "real-life," STEM)
- 7 comments around technology (e.g. assistive technology, hardware, access to)
- 6 comments around teaching to the diversity of students

"School Gardens and horticulture and agriculture education. Full working sites and courses for credit not just as an "on the side" project in elementary schools and high schools. Course work through Douglas college and/or BCIT to have teachers fully certified."

"I value the chance to incorporate innovation in the classrooms I am in. Having technology when we are not a well off school is a challenge that we need a chance to overcome. Our students in intermediate do not BYOB as many don't have access. We prioritize them and then... they use the limited devices but what about the rest of the school of 400 plus students?"

"Innovative instruction and teacher education around this - needed to engage learners of the future and to bring teachers up to speed with learning styles appropriate to virtual, problem/project based learning."

Welcoming and Inclusive Culture

- 37 comments
- 10 comments around building accessible, inclusive learning environments, kind and compassionate schools, and sense of community
- 7 comments around teaching and learning, within that, a variety around what should be taught (e.g. Indigenous ways of learning, BIPOC, cultural diversity, physical literacy, career education)
- 7 comments around funding support for things such as in-school food programs, band, diverse and inclusive library resources, technology, theatre equipment, or before and after childcare

"Inclusive education, adequate supports and resources and flexibility for designated students with needs that don't fit with the traditional classroom model and ratios."

"Group sports -- with online games and social media becoming major time killer for young generations, physical fitness is becoming a challenge....Learning to live a healthy life style is key to our overall social health."

"Providing warm lunch and free snacks"

Mental Health and Well-Being

- 77 comments
- 17 comments around teaching and learning, with a focus on mental health, but also calls for career education, digital literacy, food literacy, music, outdoor education
- 11 comments around funding for counsellors, education assistants and mental health workers
- 11 comments around mental health support (noting the importance of supporting mental health for students and staff, especially in light of the past 2 years)

“Social media continues to paint an unrealistic and unsustainable lifestyle that can have a dramatic effect on the mental health and well being of students. Students should understand the pitfalls of social media and learn coping strategies to avoid any negative impacts it may cause them.”

“I think a proactive approach to student mental wellness is key. By increasing counselling at the Elementary level universal and targeted early intervention programs, lessons, etc. would be able to be facilitated and supported by counsellors at schools to nurture the mental health and wellness of our young learners.”

“Mental health and well-being - Covid has taken a lot out of the students and the staff.”

Truth, Healing and Reconciliation

- 22 comments
- The majority of comments (13) were tied to teaching and learning – Indigenous ways of learning

“The more I learn about First Nations culture and beliefs, the more I understand that these are words for us all to live by. Please provide us with more opportunities for learning and teaching.”

“Truth, healing and reconciliation - importance in inclusion of this in the curriculum - this education is equally important for teachers and staff.”

“Truth, healing and reconciliation. Students need to learn the full story of Canadian history.”

Environmental Stewardship

- 44 comments
- 20 comments were tied to teaching and learning, with a focus on the environment and outdoor education
- 7 comments were tied to food literacy/school gardens, whether staffing-related, staff pro-d opportunities, or teaching and learning
- 6 comments were tied to sustainable practices to operations and facilities, including electric vehicle charging stations and safe walkways

“Environmental stewardship/awareness. They are the generation inheriting the climate crisis - they have to be focused on continued change and advocacy “

“Opportunity to make positive impact on environment: volunteer to clean up litter in public areas, planting trees, spending time at waste processing facility, understanding consumerism (how every single thing they consume is made, disposed of or preserved)”

“Sustainability focuses on maintaining and operating facilities and services in a sustainable manner. I encourage the School District to examine and act on the procedures outlined in the policy. Perhaps actions within this policy can be further supported within the budget.”