

#EverySchool_EveryVoice



What's happening?

The OCDSB is working on the development of our next strategic plan. The strategic plan is the document that outlines our priorities for the next four years; 2015-2019. In order to ensure our priorities are based on the needs of our community, we need your input. Students (grades 8-12), parents, employees and community partners will be invited to share their thoughts on the things they appreciate about our schools, what challenges might exist and where we should focus our future priorities.

How does the consultation work?

In early December, the OCDSB will begin public consultation using an on-line platform called Thoughtexchange. This is an interactive process which encourages participants to share thoughts and ideas providing us with a broad range of perspectives. It is a three-step process:

SHARE



Step One - December 1st – December 14th

Stakeholders will receive an e-mail inviting them to participate. Click on the link in the e-mail to answer three open-ended questions. Everyone is welcome to participate – if we don't have an e-mail address for you, there is a simple self-registration process.

STAR



Step Two - January 9th – 18th

Stakeholders will receive an e-mail inviting them to help set priorities. Click the link in the e-mail to see the input received during the SHARE stage and help prioritize ideas by starring those they like best. Everyone is welcome to participate – whether or not you shared thoughts.

DISCOVER



Step Three - February 2015

All the information learned will be shared with stakeholders in a detailed report. Participants will receive an e-mail about the results, which will also be posted on our website at www.ocdsb.ca.

Please SHARE your thoughts with us!

How can I participate?

At each stage, stakeholders will be invited to participate through e-mail. Watch for an e-mail with **#Every School_Every Voice** in the subject line. Staff, students in grades 8-12, parents/guardians, and community partners will receive an e-mail directly.

What if I don't receive an e-mail invitation?

No worries, there is a simple self-registration process. Parents and community partners, if the school has your current e-mail address then you will receive an e-mail invitation. If you don't receive an invitation via direct e-mail, you can easily self-register from our website at www.ocdsb.ca. Self-registration begins December 1st.

How does the SHARE stage work?

Whether you start via e-mail or self-register, it's easy. You will click on the link and will be asked whether you are a student, parent, employee or community partner. You will then be asked three questions. For each question, you can share as many thoughts as you like.

What are the questions?

The questions are pretty straightforward – they ask stakeholders to provide examples of challenges, examples of things you appreciate and how the school district could better support students, parents, employees and community partners.

Will I be able to see other people's thoughts?

During the SHARE stage, thoughts are collected and assembled. You can see your thoughts as you input them, but not the thoughts of others. The sharing begins during the STAR stage when participants will receive an e-mail with a list of thoughts and will be asked to star those that they like best. In the DISCOVER stage a full report about all the thoughts received will be made available at both the school and the district level.

Can I respond more than once?

Ideally, you will participate once at each stage. However, the results are collected by school, so if you have children enrolled in more than one school, you will receive more than one invitation. Similarly, if you are an employee and a parent, you will also receive two e-mails. The input is sorted by school, so you can share your thoughts for each school that you belong to.

Need More Information?

To learn more about our strategic planning process or if you have questions about this process, please contact EverySchool_EveryVoice@ocdsb.ca or call us at 613-596-8211, ext. 8402. To learn more about the Thoughtexchange platform, visit www.thoughtexchange.com



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