



NANAIMO LADYSMITH PUBLIC SCHOOLS

BOARD OF EDUCATION PUBLIC MEETING

INFORMATION SHEET

DATE: April 13, 2022
TO: Business Committee
FROM: Dale Burgos, Executive Director Communication, Privacy & Engagement
SUBJECT: Thought Exchange Feedback – North End Capacity

Background

Nanaimo Ladysmith Public Schools' *Long Range Facilities Plan* illustrates the need to address capacity issues in its schools as the population in the region continues to grow. The North End of Nanaimo is currently above capacity and the district relies on the use of portables to serve students.

On February 23, 2022, the Board of Education directed staff to initiate a consultation process with potentially impacted communities in the North End and report back to the Board with recommendations and next steps for it to consider.

While anyone was able to participate, the focus of the consultation was on the anticipated impacted school communities including:

- Cilaire Elementary
- Departure Bay Elementary
- Dover Bay Secondary
- École Hammond Bay Elementary
- Frank J. Ney Elementary
- McGirr Elementary
- Randerson Ridge Elementary
- Rock City Elementary
- Seaview Elementary
- Uplands Park Elementary
- Wellington Secondary

Engagement timeline:

- February 28, 2022: Launch engagement
 - o Email to staff and families
 - o Schools begin to promote
 - o ThoughtExchange launch
 - o Social media promo
- March 21, 2022: Promo video launch with reminder on social media
- March 28, 2022: Reminder on social media

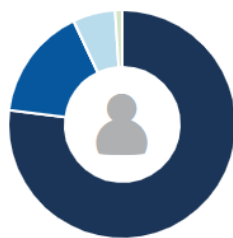
Feedback was received via the ThoughtExchange (report below) or email feedback (24 responses).

The big question:

Given the projected increase of students in the City's North End, which of these scenarios do you think the school district should focus on and why?

Qualifier questions:

- Understanding that you may identify with more than one of the following roles, Please select the role you identify most closely with for the purposes of this exchange.



%		Answer
77%	(460)	A parent or caregiver of a student in the district
16%	(93)	An employee of the district
0%	(2)	A student of the district
0%	(1)	A member of a partner group (E.g. Indigenous, city/town council, business owner)
6%	(34)	A member of the general community
1%	(7)	Other

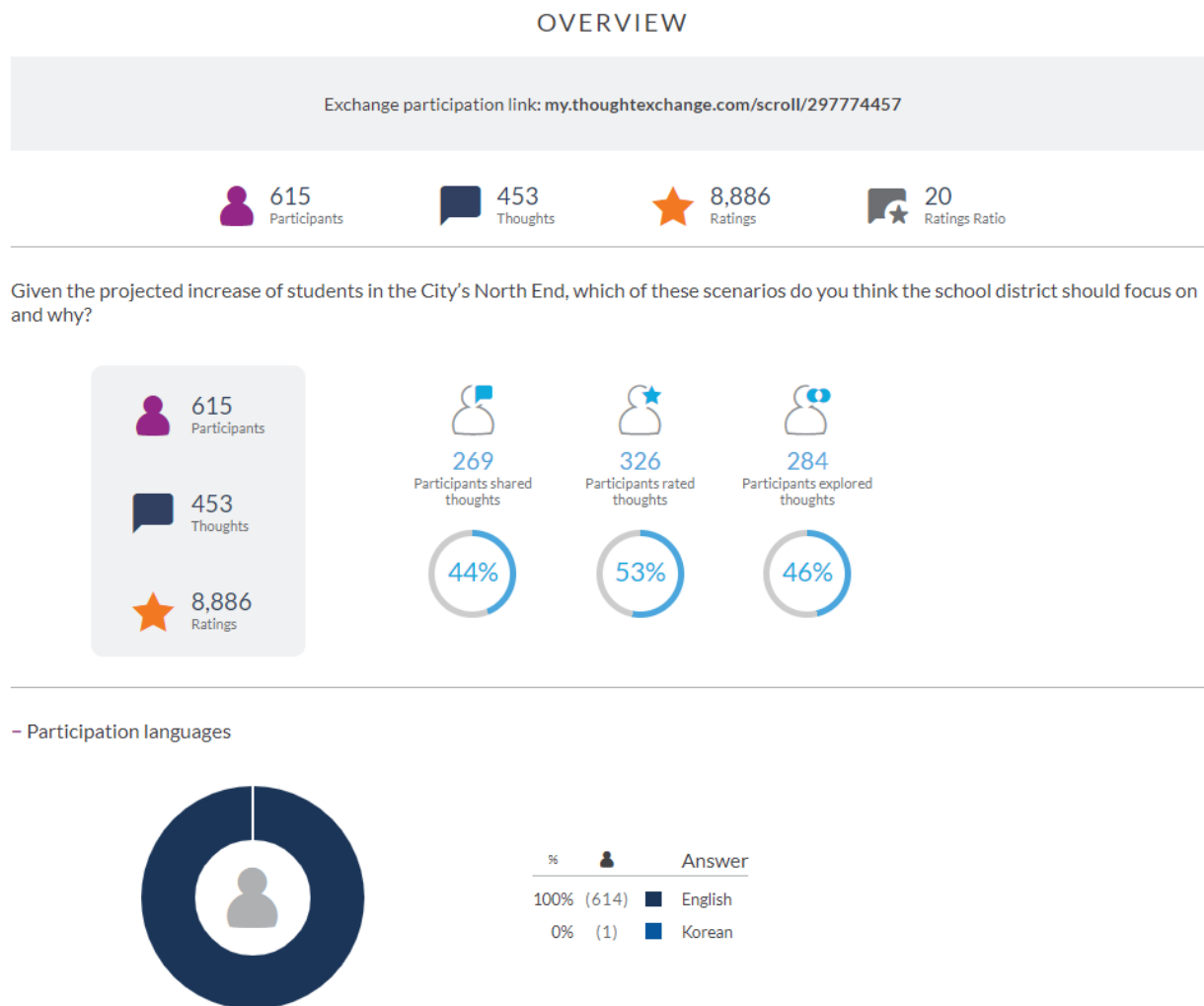
- Does your child attend one of the North End schools listed above?



%		Answer
72%	(420)	Yes
28%	(163)	No

Results

Summary of participants:



Four options to view the top thoughts and ratings:

- [Summary report](#)

Top Thoughts by participant category:

- [Parent/Caregiver of a student in the district](#)
- [Employee of the district](#)
- [Member of general community](#)

The consultation process will continue with an online session in late April, led by district staff with the intention of providing information and responding to questions from the public.