

Exchange Summary

NLPS Communications, Nanaimo Ladysmith Public Schools
February 23 to March 7, 2022

As we continue to plan the upcoming budget,
what are some priorities we should consider?



PARTICIPATION

Breakdown of Participation



690

Participants



864

Thoughts



26,854

Ratings

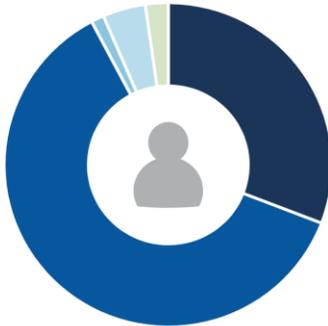


PARTICIPATION

Breakdown of Participation



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
31%	(204)	■ An employee of the district
62%	(404)	■ A parent or guardian of a student in the district
0%	(3)	■ A student of the district
1%	(7)	■ A member of a partner group (Eg. Indigenous, city/town council, business owner)
4%	(23)	■ A member of the general community
2%	(14)	■ Other

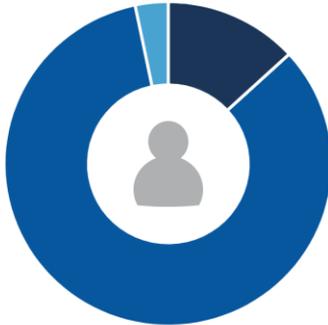


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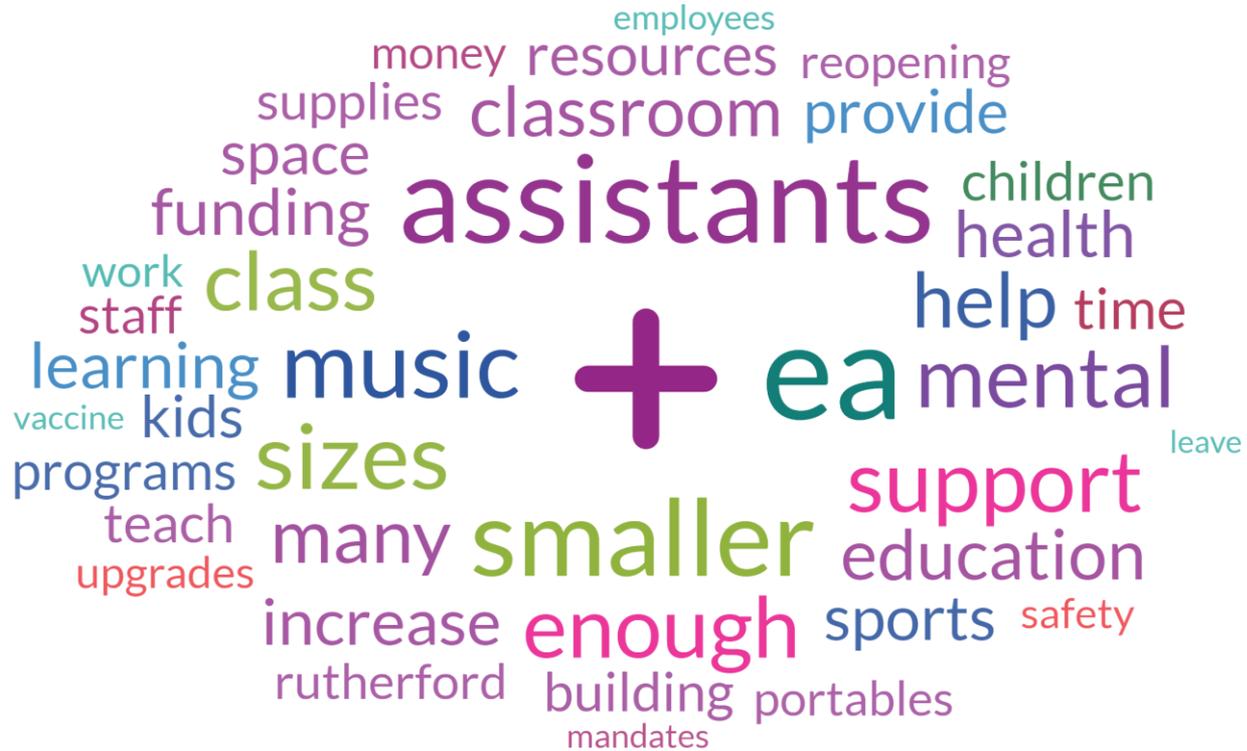
In which region do you reside?



%		Answer
13%	(84)	 Ladysmith region
84%	(549)	 Nanaimo region
3%	(17)	 Other



WORDCLOUD
Top Rated





THOUGHTS

Key Thoughts



Mental health supports and programming in the schools. Covid has impacted all children and I feel access to mental health in the school setting is vital for academic and life long succes.

4.3  (35 )
Ranked #1 of 864

Food security for children - REAL food. In abundance. Kids can't learn when they are hungry. Eating with others (breakfast) is a supportive way to feel ready to learn and safe

4.2  (41 )
Ranked #2 of 864

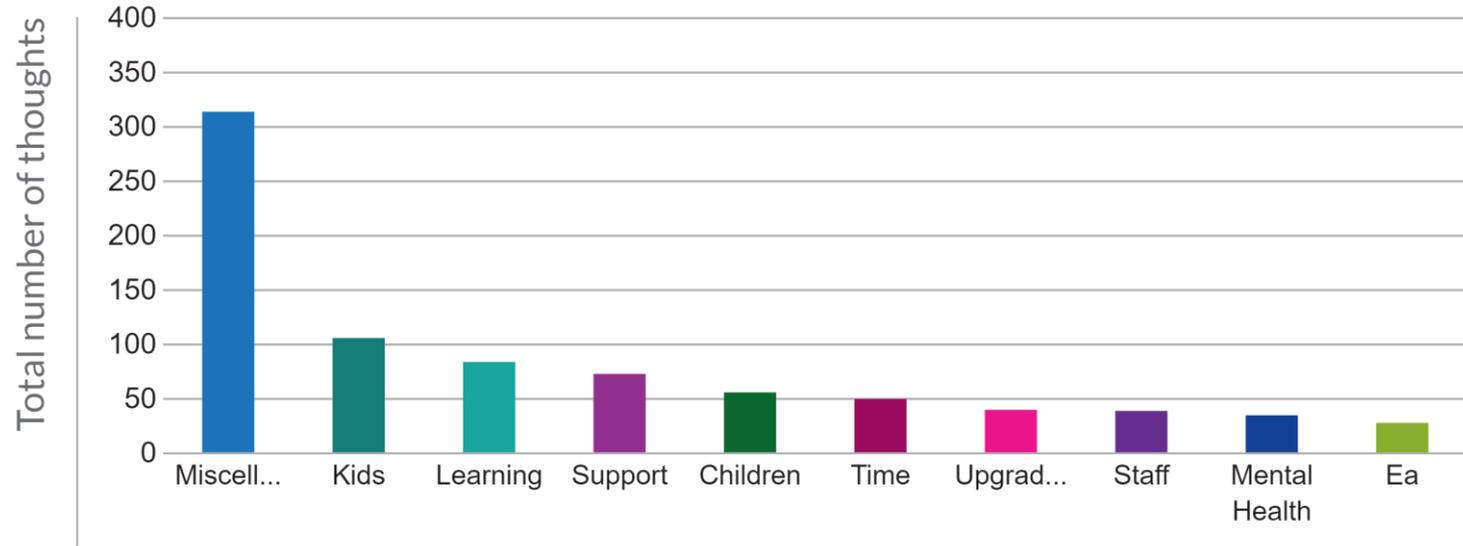
Mental health, outdoor education, health and wellness Student mental health and wellbeing effects all aspects of their learning and should be a focus moving forward.

4.2  (37 )
Ranked #3 of 864



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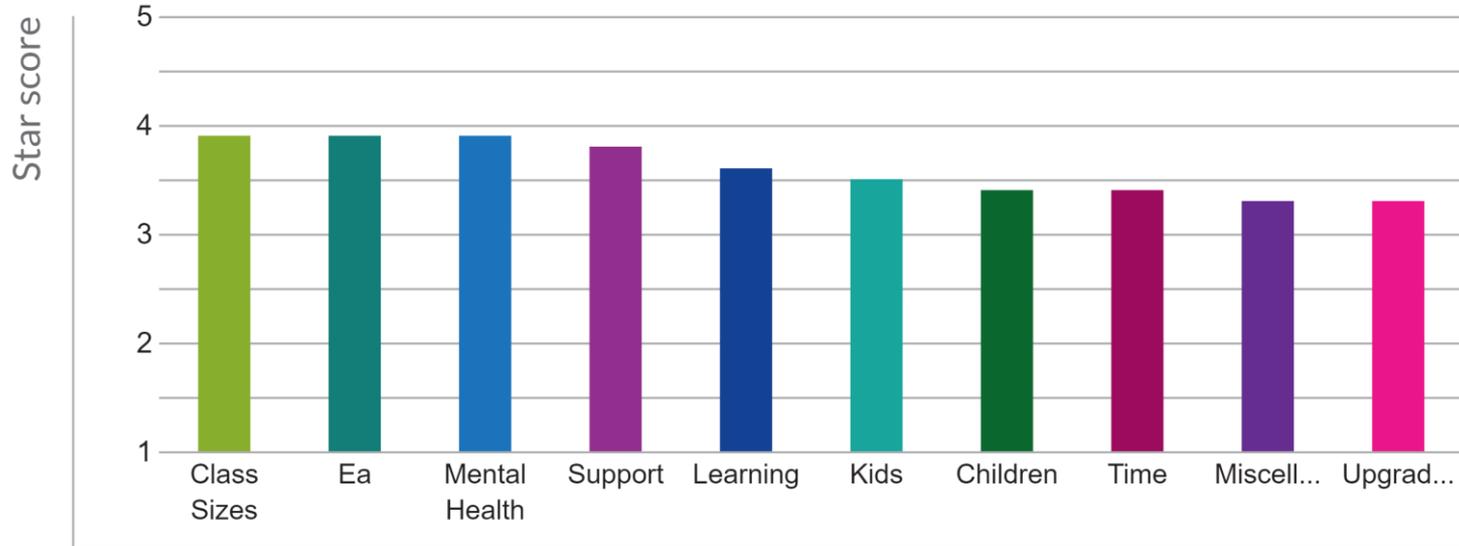
Top Themes by total thoughts





AI GENERATED THEMES

Top Themes by star score





THOUGHTS

Class Sizes



Keep class sizes reasonable based on feedback from teachers. They know best how to handle/cope with a room full of kids.

4.1 ★★★★★ (43 👤)

Class sizes smaller class sizes are more effective for younger children

4.1 ★★★★★ (41 👤)

Smaller class sizes better for all students and teachers

4.0 ★★★★★ (31 👤)



THOUGHTS

Ea



Increased EA support in all grade levels EA's are critical support for students at all levels. Teachers having to share EA's is difficult for everyone involved.

4.1 ★★★★★ (43 👤)

We need more EAs to support our students and their teachers. "Responsible Adults" are NOT the solution, trained EAs with experience are needed. Kids whose disabilities bring funding for EAs are unable to access EA support when they need it. More EAs to support those not qualifying for funding.

4.0 ★★★★★ (43 👤)

EA training and numbers Every child deserves the resources to reach their full potential

4.0 ★★★★★ (41 👤)



THOUGHTS

Mental Health



- Mental health supports and programming in the schools.** Covid has impacted all children and I feel access to mental health in the school setting is vital for academic and life long succes. 4.3  (35 )
- Mental health, outdoor education, health and wellness** Student mental health and wellbeing effects all aspects of their learning and should be a focus moving forward. 4.2  (37 )
- Mental Health and Wellness for students** So many students are behind in their academics, and with the pandemic, poor mental health is by far an impeding factor in students success. 4.0  (42 )



THOUGHTS

Support



- Provide adequate classroom support to students with learning disabilities.** Students are left behind without the proper support 4.1 ★★★★★ (42 👤)
- EA support for teachers** Designations only generally start in late grade 3-5. Kindergarten to grade 3 teachers need more support to benefit all students education. 4.1 ★★★★★ (41 👤)
- More support for students needing academic support. EAs being used to keep students and staff safe from unsafe behaviour in students.** Students that need help fall through the cracks. Students with ADHD, Dyslexia, processing delays, trauma based limitations. 4.1 ★★★★★ (41 👤)



THOUGHTS Learning



Food security for children - REAL food. In abundance. Kids can't learn when they are hungry. Eating with others (breakfast) is a supportive way to feel ready to learn and safe

4.2 ★★★★★ (41 👤)

Teachers struggle to manage the intense needs of all of our learners: academic, social, emotional. They are taxed and need support to help kids. Learning can't happen without social and emotional stability, food in the belly, and a safe place to learn. Teachers need help meeting these needs.

4.1 ★★★★★ (40 👤)

High quality teachers They are the direct link/key to student learning

4.0 ★★★★★ (42 👤)



THOUGHTS Kids



Arts programs are important to students' emotional and academic well being. The arts are an avenue for students to connect with express and their emotions. Especially due to Covid, our kids need this outlet.

4.1  (30 )

Music and sports teams in every school Again equal opportunity for all kids

4.1  (26 )

Providing adequate, trained support for kids who are not at grade level Our first responsibility is to make sure all kids are adequately prepared in core areas of math, reading and composition

4.0  (43 )



THOUGHTS Children



More EA's and support for students requiring extra the help. As we have seen as the years go by, more and more children requiring help in the schools. I think dedicating more towards that would be beneficial.

4.1 ★★★★★ (41 👤)

More EA support Children with support needs are falling through the cracks and our children education is suffering as a result

4.1 ★★★★★ (32 👤)

Children with often violent and disruptive behaviours remain in classes with no support or realistic behaviour plan. Why is it okay if my child's learning environment is unsafe so that it doesn't infringe on the rights of the one child who struggles with being safe?

4.0 ★★★★★ (34 👤)



THOUGHTS Time



- Increase in EA time at schools** students need the support, especially younger students 4.1 ★★★★★ (43 👤)
- Greater EA support for students with designations** So the classroom teacher can devote more time to the majority of the students 4.1 ★★★★★ (33 👤)
- Outdoor classrooms** Every school should have outdoor classroom spaces. Students spend too much time inside looking at screens. 3.9 ★★★★★ (44 👤)



THOUGHTS

Miscellaneous



Expand student exposure to trade related careers at the 8-12 grades. Expand staff and shop areas into existing schools. The demand for trade people in the community to support/build/ & maintain these communities is high. Individuals can have a successful career in them.

4.1 ★★★★★ (39 👤)

Hire more TTOCs and EAs to help with demand We often are short and it takes away from supports that are needed (IST and prep teacher coverage)

4.1 ★★★★★ (39 👤)

Keep cellphones out of the classroom and ENFORCE it!! It's rude and disrespectful to teachers Buy a calculator if you « need » one for math. Kids don't need to be playing on their phones during class time. They are there to learn not to be texting or snapping with their friends.

4.1 ★★★★★ (37 👤)



THOUGHTS

Upgrades



Maintain older schools and make sure they are seismically sound too. Older schools might not hold up in an earthquake and they need to be checked and upgraded in order to ensure everyone's safety.

4.0  (23 )

More money in schools, less at board office Funding should go into salaries of staff in schools, resources, facilities upgrades

3.9  (42 )

Safe School Buildings Some of the schools are old and falling apart.

3.7  (33 )



WRAP UP
Next Steps

Thank You

