



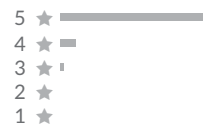
MILLGROVE SCHOOL THOUGHTEXCHANGE 2022

Parkland School Division 70



Q1 What are some things you appreciate and some concerns you have about Millgrove School and/or Parkland School Division this year? (Note: you can hit the three purple dots and skip a thought in the 'Star' phase if a thought doesn't apply to you.)

Friendly atmosphere, amazing teachers!

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I really appreciate that my child's teacher seem to really care about her and her learn.
Means a lot to me as a parent to have a teacher that cares about my daughters learning and she getting everything she need to be successful in learn.

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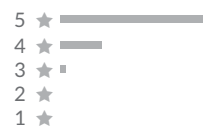
The administration is always open and willing to discuss any concerns parents have.
School/parent cooperation

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The staff directing traffic in the parking lot do a wonderful job. They are a vital asset keeping our children safe in that parking lot.

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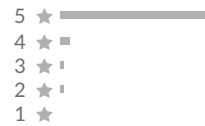


The relationships the staff have with the kids
The school "family" is important; knowing they can go to any of their teachers or support staff for help or a hello and a smile is so awesome

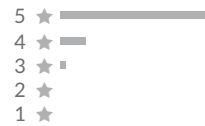
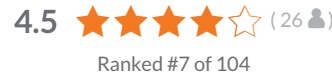
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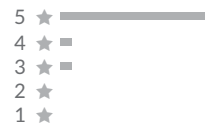
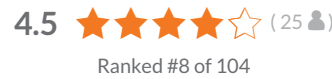
The staff is wonderful! It's important to feel like I'm sending my children to a safe & caring environment.



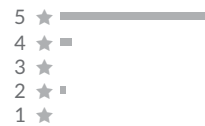
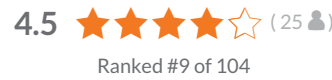
The staff really care for our children. And Ms. Madge loves our children, and always chats with them and tries to learn their names every AM and PM It makes the children feel safe and comfortable



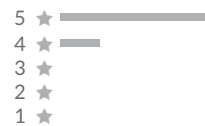
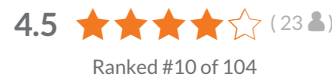
Great staff



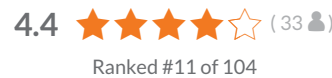
Staff out on the playgrounds and traffic areas before and after school is so nice! It is nice to know our kids are looked after the moment they arrive and before they leave.



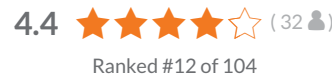
Everything is super easy, lots of notifications and use of Seesaw for quick communication with the teacher Honestly writing emails take for ever to get information back and forth and seesaw is almost instantaneous. I love the in class updates.





I appreciate how hard everyone has worked to keep the schools open during all the Covid outbreaks I think consistency is important as well as I think most kids are happier in school than they were during the forced homeschooling two years ago



Fun, and physical activities must be the priority for early base learning and Millgrove school has done an excellent job. My child is happy every day My child is motivated and confident, she loves school, her teachers, and going to class. She has advanced very quickly and wants to keep progressing



Millgrove school does a great job creating a caring environment for all of the students. My child's willingness to come to school and their openness to learning depends on how comfortable they feel coming here.

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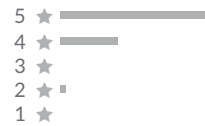
The Seesaw app is a great tool for teachers to share assignments, news, photos, and updates about the class. With parents not allowed in the classes due to the pandemic, it's more important than ever for teachers to share through the app.

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The staff is friendly and inviting and make me feel confident in their ability to perpetuate a healthy learning environment for my child

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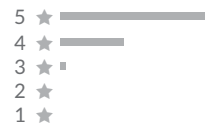
Fantastic teaching. Lots of great fun based instruction, materials for parents, and attention to students needs at their level. Getting this foundational learning down helps kids gain confidence in school and feel good about learning.

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Excellent communication. Caring & helpful staff. Safe & positive learning environment. Families are kept informed of changes. Students love going to school and feel loved & supported.

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I appreciated how the staff were all just as friendly and welcoming as they were prior to covid. The staff set a great example for the children to not live in fear.

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Love the teachers we have this year I can't say enough good things about the teachers my kids have this year. We are so fortunate to have a school with so many amazing teachers!

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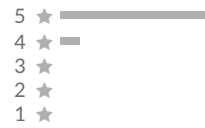
I like the reminders about hot lunch I have a hard time keeping up to date with all the specific dates in the calendar. Super helpful

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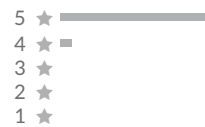
The teachers, principal, vice principal and staff are wonderful! Thank you for supporting the students in these interesting times!

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I appreciate the staff at Millgrove and how they work together to educate our children. We have had amazing teachers in each grade!
Teachers make a difference. They influence our children in a huge way! Having a good teacher makes school enjoyable and a fun learning environment.

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Concerned about the new curriculum.
Seriously, this new curriculum the Alberta government is pushing through is garbage and we shouldn't be teaching it.

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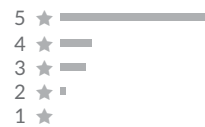
I appreciate all of the teachers and administrative staff. I have had nothing but positive experiences and they respect the individual child. Children deserve to feel respected and they are all individuals that learn at different paces. I feel Millgrove tries to respect this.

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The Seesaw app helps to stay connected with my child's class and any important information throughout the year. It creates a direct connection that I can share with my child regarding their day, week, and year.

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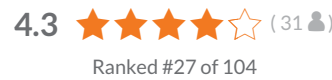
Teacher correspondence through email about upcoming tests and homework has been great. Children will not always tell the parent when they have a test or any homework. This helps elevate this issue.

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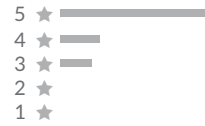
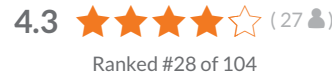


The way they share information, the caring staff, thoughtful teachers and division.

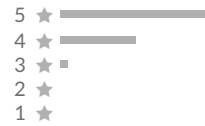
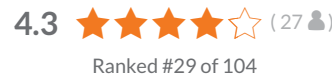
Because we all want what's best for our kids and we like to feel like they do too.



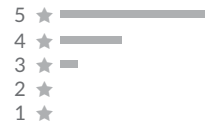
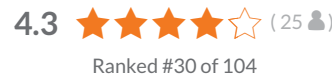
I appreciate the quick thinking with regards to helping the kids with their literacy and numeracy. I am very happy that Millgrove took the time to put something in place when they saw kids were struggling.



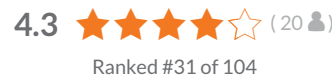
The staff and team members of Millgrove are professional and friendly. Thanks! It is important to have a healthy atmosphere anywhere especially in a school.



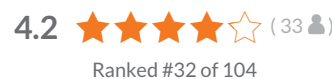
I feel the school has done the best they can with Covid restrictions and protocol, especially since the rules seem to change daily from above. Our children need an enforced sense of safety and stability with all of those they trust in their lives.



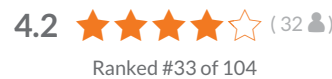
My son has loved kindergarten and has grown so much due to the wonderful teachers and other staff. He used to be a shy kid and now is stepping out of it which is awesome





The communication between parents & school/division has been great. Always keeping us in the loop. It's important because the rules seem to change weekly but we need to know what our school is doing even if nothing is changing.



The communication between school and home is fantastic Teachers/Staff do an excellent job keeping parents up to date on what is happening at school so we can continue to support their education at home





I would support and encourage Millgrove and PSD refusal to adopt the new curriculum and continue teaching students what they need developmentally Teachers and administrators need to know that parents support science based learning and trust them as experts. Parents want the educators to succeed

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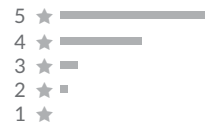
Schools, teachers, administrators, parents, unions, everyone must work together to resist, fight, quash, and refuse the incoming UCP curriculum The new curriculum will be detrimental to students confidence, learning and create unnecessary failures. Later this will limit career choice and pay

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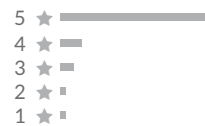
I love the connections school admin makes with students and parents by being outside at the start and end It helps us feel welcomed and is an opportunity to connect each day

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Let's not let the UCP undermine public education through funding cuts and substandard education. It will negatively impact students ability, motivation, career opportunities, potential income, and mental health.

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The teachers listen when you have concerns and actually follow through with things.

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I appreciate how clean and organized the School is, how welcoming the front reception is, how wonderful Linda is as a Principal and all the staff It's important to know your child is in safe hands and a clean environment.

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The teachers are wonderful and engaged with their students Learning is so much better when a teacher cares

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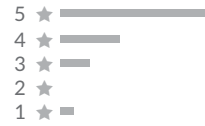
I think everyone has done a great job at Millgrove, the only small disappointments are usually out of the schools control, like canceled Fieldtrips. So many kids have adjusted to the changes but still unfortunate they don't get a full school experience.

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The school staff have done an excellent job of pivoting through the pandemic when required and keeping our kids safe. I feel that the cohorts and masking (during periods of higher case counts) have truly helped to keep our kids safe and healthy during the pandemic.

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I appreciate the school's willing to work with us so we can have volunteers back in the school. It's nice for the kids to have some back to normal experiences...some that can't be done without volunteers.

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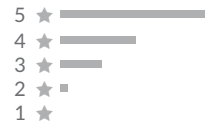
I like the focus on literacy and numeracy. Unlike science and social studies, these subjects build heavily upon past knowledge/skill.

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friendliness makes us feel welcome

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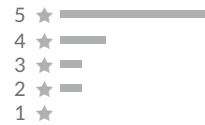
I cannot stress hand washing also enough and this has taught us all the importance adults and kids As above

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I love the commitment to inclusive education. Ensuring every child gets the supports they need to achieve their full potential. Every child achieves success

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I'd like to know more about how Millgrove school and all schools in PSD manage and resolve bullying. Parents need to have a good and consistent understanding of how to handle issues and what to expect.

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I appreciate them having subs ready to go after the winter break to facilitate staff sickness with covid.

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The UCP curriculum will be detrimental to learning, teaching content at the wrong level and is not culturally or level appropriate. Suspect the UCP is intentionality trying to lower the quality of public school to 1) privatize and 2) establish a lower educated working class.

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Bring that the field trips. It gives kids something to look forward too. So much has been taken away from then already. Let's give them some joy back!

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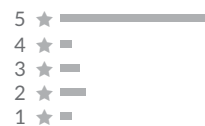
appreciate how kind shows children how to communicate

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I appreciate them pivoting the field trips and having an in school field trip day instead to learn about native culture.

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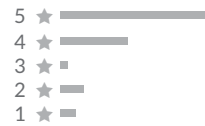
I like the new format for hot lunch where we sign up monthly and it doesn't include a snack. It's less of a big deal if I forget to sign up for hot lunch one month. And my kid didn't like most of the snacks.

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Thank you for keeping our kids safe. Cohorts and masks have kept us healthy so we can continue our normal out of school activities. What a great year!

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Community minded

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The ice in the parking lot, playground, and walking areas is a real hazard. Though the high levels of staff supervision is appreciated. Staff, student, and community safety.

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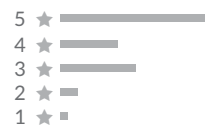
The parking availability is lacking.

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Doing a great job! Would like to see more "special days", such dress up days, fun extracurricular days. Roads and sidewalks need more attention! Kids need something to break the monotony of just going to school. Something to look forward to! Sidewalks and roads are dangerous, very slippery.

3.9  (32 )
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The fundraising being sent out all at once, a few times per year, is a fabulous way to manage it! Fundraising seems less overwhelming this way.

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communication so everyone's on the same page

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The prize-based challenge keep my child motivated and excited to progress. It works very well for her. The more students are rewarded the more the can accomplish further driving motivation.

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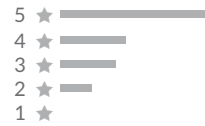
Is there a program in the school that allows children who are experiencing any kind of abuse at home to come forward and talk to someone? As a survivor of sexual abuse, I strongly feel this is incredibly important. Bringing awareness is also so very important.

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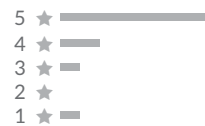
The parking is horrendous Having to be at the school at least 30 minutes prior is ridiculous. Especially when you have little ones you have to bring along.

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I like that my sons teacher phones with updates once or twice a week. My son has special needs, hearing how well he is doing in the classroom and planning with teacher on what we want to work on more often is important

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Great teachers and support staff

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Ranked #66 of 104





keeping children inside when cold keep our children safe

3.8  (34 )
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I like the playground cohorts. In addition to slowing the spread of infectious diseases this seems like it has reduced the amount of bullying. Kids deserve to be safe at school.

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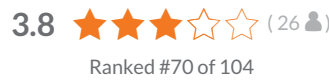


I have found that our family has not been sick since using masks and hand sanitizing - prior antibiotics were needed every few months-during school Continued hand sanitizing-classroom sanitizing and air exchange obviously are needed as per above and many families i know found this with illness

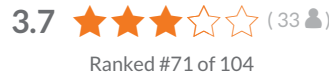
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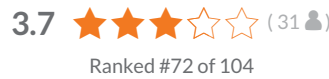
More organized drive up drop off/pick up. Parking is crazy, looking into more seamless drop off options so parents can drive right up to the school. Especially when cold and icy.



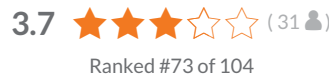
I would love more opportunities to volunteer in my child's class. I understand the need to limit visitors with COVID, however I would appreciate any opportunity to be involved in the class activities when required.



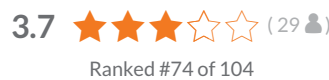
Drop off at school is not great. Kids are walking all over the place and around cars where the kids should not be.



I would like to know more about my child's participation in programs as she has been identified as being behind grade level We want to give our child the best chance



Comparing with other parents in PSD, outside Millgrove school, their children are not getting the same quality of education. All children deserve a good education. I hope my child always has excellent teachers and access to skill building.





bullying needs to be taken a bit more seriously. children thrive with other children. but become knocked down when bull's aren't taken care of



Do schools in PSD have sufficient support for helping students with personal and family issues to have their basic and complex needs addressed? Without support students may fall behind or be suffering without interventions.





I'm grateful for the additional help for my second grader English. He's missed so much school last year due to Covid and I feel he's catching up quick English is the most important subject to learn at this age in regards to core subjects in my opinion

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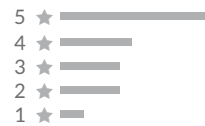
The cost of busing, seems very high for multiple children in same home given it isn't extra stops. Cost to families

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I appreciate the added scrutiny around school visitors and the sign in process at the office since the start of COVID, and hope it continues. Pre-COVID I had concerns about the lack of strict rules for visitors to sign-in at the office and to have security checks prior to volunteering.

3.6  (30 )
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Is it possible for Millgrove to have a first recess at 10:15, lunch at noon, and then a third recess at 2? Why is first recess so late in the day? Getting a change of scenery, fresh air and a snack earlier in the day would be beneficial for the students.

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No concerns at this time. No concerns at this time.

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Ranked #81 of 104





The parking lot drop off and pick up is not good set up. You almost have to be 45 mins to an hour early to have a parking spot and to have other little kids with you is not an ideal situation.

3.6  (23 )
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The school has a LOT of real estate available, at some point the parking/pickup/drop-off issues need to be addressed. It's a nightmare trying to drop-off and pick-up, and bottom line is that it's not fair to the poor residence nearby that are impacted each day.

3.5  (34 )
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I like the online format for parent teacher interviews. It seems like it's more convenient for everyone. Convenience.

3.5  (33 )
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I wish the school did more theme/fun things for the kids. I see school all over doing fun dress up /themes (100 days of school, crazy hair day, backwards day). Yes education is important but so is a Littlefun

3.5  (28 )
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How do schools, PSD, and Alberta help support racialized students, LGBTQ2S+, disability, and mental health? Does the province in particular need to be supporting this better?

3.5  (27 )
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I'm concerned at how far behind our kids seem to be in reading/math. Should we not be holding kids back if they aren't close to the target set? When kids struggle with reading in grade 3, then they struggle in everything else. And then the teacher has to be teaching at multiple levels.

3.5  (25 )
Ranked #87 of 104





Wish parent interviews could be in person To see where our children spend their days

3.5  (22 )
Ranked #88 of 104





It is ridiculous that k-4 s who lives more than 2km from the school has to pay for bussing when the child is also expected to cross 2 major roads Century and king street are extremely busy and young kids should be bussed when it's dangerous to walk without paying an arm and leg

3.5  (8 )
Ranked #89 of 104





would appreciate a little more one on one see how each child is thriving

3.4  (31 )
Ranked #90 of 104





Our 1st year in schooling during covid as a kindergarten parent has felt fairly disconnected. Having never actually been in the school to meet anyone in person its hard to have positive thoughts or concerns at this time.

3.4  (28 )
Ranked #91 of 104



Spruce Grove lacks ethnic diversity, how do schools help racialized children feel welcome and supported. How do schools in PSD help protect students from extremist ideologies.

3.2  (30 )
Ranked #92 of 104



I appreciate certain staff members helping with the struggle, some I wonder what their intentions are even though I'm sure they mean well It was a struggle getting my son to school, but with the help of certain staff members a plan was made and it's been helping!

3.2  (14 )
Ranked #93 of 104



I appreciate the teachers that are trying to provide a safe learning environment. I am concerned about the street drop off/ice on sidewalks Being able to safely walk my kid to and from the school while carrying a 2 year old without injury

3.2  (6 )
Ranked #94 of 104



The hot lunch program is frequent and provides a "fun" change outside of the norm for children, but I wish there was healthier options available. We work very hard to teach our kids the importance of eating right and these options don't support that. This often results in them being left out.

3.1  (33 )
Ranked #95 of 104





Appreciate the flexibility of the staff to provide education during a pandemic. From PSD I would have liked to see more strict masking for K-3 The rate of kids being sick and losing in class instruction as a result. It's hard to enforce at home if no one wears at school.

2.9  (32 )
Ranked #96 of 104





While COVID has been difficult to navigate, we have found a clear lack of direction and/or support on makeup material that has been sent home. I want my child to stay current with their schooling, but when I can't understand my 7 year old's assignment as written I surely don't expect them to.

2.9  (32 
Ranked #97 of 104



Child safety has been on the decline student bullying has increased in all grades with minimal teacher correspondence or intervention. It is a child's right to have a safe school environment where they can play and learn and not feel scared to go to school.

2.9  (25 
Ranked #98 of 104



Foundation fundraising should be directed towards a specific item instead of catch bucket concepts that is allocated later or handed to the principal If the school needs more funding, it should be dealt with through the government not picked up by the parents/guardians/stakeholders.

2.8  (32 
Ranked #99 of 104



I would feel better if kids were required to be vaccinated (for covid, measles, chicken pox, etc.) to attend school in person. There's no need for children to get preventable illnesses.

2.8  (32 
Ranked #100 of 104



My concern is the division always seems slow to respond to things like the new curriculum and covid measures.

2.8  (31 
Ranked #101 of 104




The winter and spring break being at a different time from all the other school boards is difficult for our family The difference impacts parents who work for other school divisions and getting together with family or friends during these breaks

2.8  (26 
Ranked #102 of 104



Love the school love the division. Only wish staff would fight more for the students and the masks to NOT be worn No one should have to wear a mask daily. It's not healthy for our children nor is it fair. Let them see each other smile.

2.5  (31 )
Ranked #103 of 104



A concern I have is the proximity of the school to the apartment building behind. Safety is very important and who your child is surrounded by.

2.5  (12 )
Ranked #104 of 104

