



SGCHS THOUGHTEXCHANGE 2022

Parkland School Division 70

Q1 What are some things you appreciate and some concerns you have about Spruce Grove Composite High 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.)

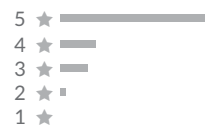
My concern was the harshness of the person standing at the parking lot doors to the school, this person is rude to the students.
Kids will not respect teachers who yell constantly and talk down to them regarding what door they should use during -30 weather. Inconsiderate.


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With all that has happened in the past few years, I would like to see a return to a traditional graduation for June 2023. The students need closure that they have accomplished something amazing.

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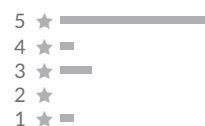
I appreciate the struggle educators are experiencing through covid, and appreciate their hard work. We couldn't do it without you 

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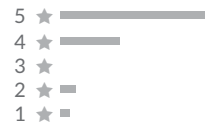
I think the high school students should have lockers, other school still have them during COVID times and make it work. Students have to choose not to bring winter clothing or important text books because a backpack can only hold so much. This creates extra stress.

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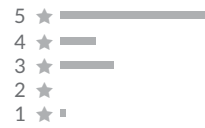
Concern with not using lockers It is not really a COVID concern and students need a place to keep things instead of lugging everything all the time!

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Grad 2022, please plan something. These kids have just gone through a trying and traumatic 2 years. They deserve it.

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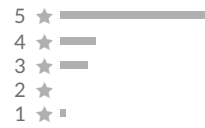
I appreciate the commitment of the staff working through and navigating COVID

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I am thankful for the teachers and all the hard work they have put into these last 2 years jumping from in person to online. They are champs!

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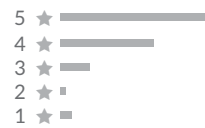
My kid tries not to use the washroom at school. It's full of girls vaping. They're not only vaping water vapor - nicotine and cannabis too. Every day. Not sure why this is tolerated.

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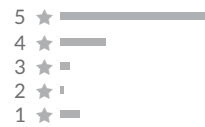
Some confusion on snow days if there is new material presented to students. Classes should proceed online for the day if new material presented.

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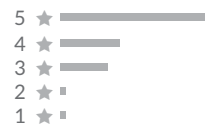
All students should get lockers again. So they feel like they belong and not just visiting. Unreasonable to have to carry everything around all day.

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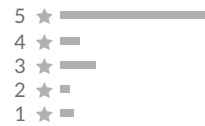
No lockers and my child not being able to sit in the lounge and work on something. The cafeteria is very full too. Where does she sit? Because she doesn't want to sit in her classroom.

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Quarter system and lack of knowledge retention. Core subjects taught over 28 day instructional period (Q3 2021), puts pressure on teachers & students to 'rush' with reduced knowledge retention

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The quarter system is creating stress and fatigue for students who are aiming for academic excellence. Missing class(covid or ice roads)not an optio Pressures to excel interfere with choices around not attending school when feeling sick, or driving on unsafe roads when buses not running.

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Concerned about kids hanging out in the washrooms. Vaping etc. should be monitored in washrooms or kids hanging out in one stall in the gender neutral washrooms.

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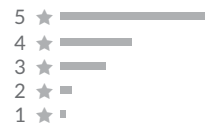
Counsellors should do more than just give out websites when asked about things like applying for scholarships. It's disappointing and they get paid to do more than that. Discouraging for the students looking for help and wanting to achieve.

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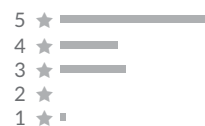
Vaping usage seems to be viewed by high school students as 'no big deal'. External speakers to educate all, like an assembly, a couple times a year It's very unhealthy, the marketing & fruity flavors these kids are exposed to is downplaying how incredibly bad for their health it is (like cigs)

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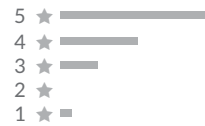
Grade 12s could use guidance for everything from grad pics to grad expectations to steps required for getting into university or other post secondary Important because they feel lost and have little opportunity (short lunch and seminar) to ask counsellor. They need more info than websites.

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If a student is away for any valid reason they should have the support they need in order to continue to learn, everything should be on classroom. Since we have the quarter system now it is very easy to fall behind by simply missing one day so having the support can help majorly.

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It's very disappointing that grad was canceled yet again. Think that call was made way too soon and should be reconsidered. Grad is a big milestone in one's life . these grade 12s have yet to have a full "normal" year and are deserving of this celebration

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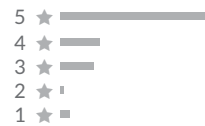
Not enough room in lunch area. Often my child was told to leave because she didn't have a seat Being a new kid and/or grade 10 and eating in a hallway or finding an area where are allowed to eat (and doing it alone), or not eating is not healthy

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Please consider a grad celebration. A ceremony is important, but so is celebrating their achievements! They work hard to graduate, especially some! They are confused as to why they can be at school with 1000 others but not at a grad dance or dinner.

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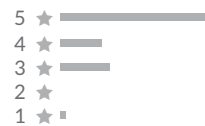
Math in Quaters moves rather quickly

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Bathrooms Too many activities happening in there

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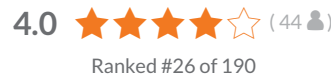


My concern is that I have never saw a high school that doesn't have lockers for every student In all grades. Every student needs a place to keep belongings safe and not lug around all there winter and summer gear or books back and forth home if not needed

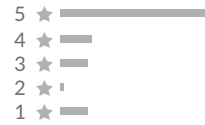
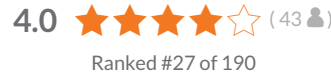
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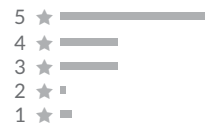
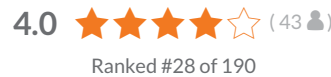
Dislike quarter system. It is too much work all at once for academic students, little time for review, sometimes they are writing tests before their work is marked.



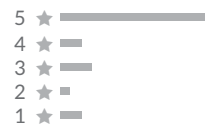
The quarter system is too quick for these students. If they miss a day due to illness or even a snow day, its alot to miss



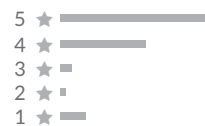
The sexual activities and drug use going on in the washrooms is out of control. Vaping is also thought to be no big deal at all



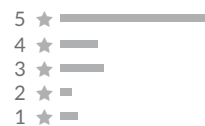
Although there are advantages to the quadmester, I hope it will not be kept next year. Too much student (and probably staff) pressure. Plus it reduces chances to meet new people for the Grade 10s.



It might seem small, but I think it speaks to over crowding: our kids don't even have lockers. Why not? Being able to store your things; winter boots, computers, excess books, is important. God forbid you have a project.



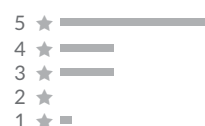
I feel that cancelling the grad dance before we know if covid would be a problem is not fair for the kids





The options teachers are really good at their jobs My child enjoys school



Getting a locker for gym quarter Somewhere to put gym clothes




Doing parent teacher interviews on line/phone call is a great way to be able to talk with all teachers. This helps to keep communication open.

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Happy with flexibility of attending class from home if necessary Many "snow days" this year and students would be behind if the day was cancelled without chance to learn

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My kid has trouble finding an open bathroom sometimes. There are kids hanging out and doing drugs. The stalls are full of vapers. She can't take a crap at school! That's why it's important. Seriously.

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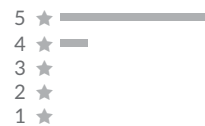
There's a lady in the main office who is so rude. My daughter asked where she could park off site and was yelled at. Just be nice and polite. My kid is not a jerk - follow her lead.

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It only works for some subjects. Spending several hours on math at one time is exhausting for anyone and then having several more hours of homework

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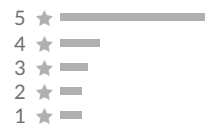
I appreciate how hard the teachers work to connect with the students It makes them feel important and creates great communication

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I'm concerned about the current quarter system. It doesn't conduct a healthy learning environment for the students. Parklands school division needs to go back to semesters.

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I appreciate the involvement of the teachers in the students class participation A genuine engaging teacher produces better grades

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I appreciate this survey and being able to be heard. It's nice to be able to collaborate on improving the school. We all want the best for our kids. A good education is incredibly important for the future.

3.9  (43 )
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Quarters work for some courses but not all, esp. math! Hope to go back to semesters! Too much material in such a short time! Hard to keep up if extra help/work is needed on anything. Hours of homework most nights. Causing stress!

3.9  (41 )
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Guidance for grade 10 students (and ongoing)
Advice is important to ensure full value from their journey through high school and preparation for post secondary

3.9  (40 )
Ranked #44 of 190



I was disappointed to not see some sort of celebration given to the students in 2020. I know many teachers, parents and support staff that were advocating for something to be done. Shows a lack of compassion

3.9  (39 )
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I think more attention needs to go into teachers/staff being educated to know the signs of kids suffering mentally. It is not always obvious based on a kids smile but can be seen in their behaviours if someone knows what to look for. Suicide prevention.

3.9  (35 )
Ranked #46 of 190



Teachers are fantastic and committed to learning and supporting the kids. Overall academic success and keeping the kids engaged and learning!

3.9  (34 )
Ranked #47 of 190





I like That there is parking for students but I would like to see something done about how many cars there are parked around due to parking shortage Someone is going to get hurt in trying to get out of the parking lot

3.9  (32 )
Ranked #48 of 190



There are some teachers who are genuinely caring when it comes to a child's illnesses but there are others who really don't care. It is very important when a child struggles with illness to have someone who shows a little compassion.

3.9  (31 )
Ranked #49 of 190



Appreciate seminar My son can get teacher help when required

3.9  (30 )
Ranked #50 of 190



I love that each grade has a councillor and asst principal. They follow that group of students which helps with consistency. For a parent not having to reiterate everything about my child at every point

3.9  (25 )
Ranked #51 of 190



Why is there not a space outside of the school building for these teens to vape? You can't stop them, get them out of everyone's face. It's not okay that ANYONE who wants to use the bathroom has to deal with the vapers. UNACCEPTABLE!!!! Clean it up!!!!

3.9  (15 )
Ranked #52 of 190



I appreciate how hard your teachers work and how devoted they have been to student learning

3.9  (10 )
Ranked #53 of 190



We feel the Quarter system is too rushed for a lot of Core subjects. Learning one subject for three hours is not conducive to gaining an understanding of the material.

3.9  (4 )
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I appreciate the communication through power school. Communication is important

3.8  (46 )
Ranked #55 of 190





Options are great It is important to have a wide variety of options for students

3.8  (46 )
Ranked #56 of 190



Monthly newsletters Keeps me informed without spamming my email

3.8  (45 )
Ranked #57 of 190



Ditch the quarter system already. It's hard for kids with learning differences especially when their accommodations cannot be met.

3.8  (44 )
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I do not think the quarters is a good system. It is very hard on different learners that need repetition, and hands on. It goes to fast, which lends itself to not learning the info in depth, you are always just trying to keep up. No differentiation.

3.8  (44 )
Ranked #59 of 190



Washrooms Activities going on in them

3.8  (44 )
Ranked #60 of 190




I appreciate that teachers try to connect personally with students. It has made my daughter's transition to a large high school easier. Safety and belonging.

3.8  (43 )
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I have concerns over the quarter system that you are using. I find my teens have a hard time keeping up and struggle due to that.

3.8  (43 )
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There is a lack of parking and access which results in congestion on good days and gridlock when there is a snowstorm or ice storm. Blocking half of the area around the school for buses only, for safety, shows that the layout is not working and more entrances/exits are needed.

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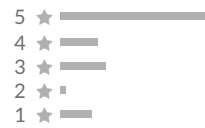
Please stay away from political influence right or left That is a social responsibility of our society not the school board or local school

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Let kids enjoy grad Too many have missed the enjoyment of graduating. Don't allow this poorly led government stop this milestone

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Seminar Time to get extra help

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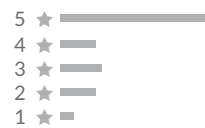
Bullying seems to run rampant at this school and seems to be tolerated to some extent I think zero tolerance would be a good approach. I am aware it can't be perfect but I think you could do better

3.8  (40 )
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Grad was given up on, no dinner just walking across a stage. More effort should have been done. Nothing offered just excuses These kids did not have regular high school and now not regular grad . Just walking across stage no dinner or dance. Disappointing leadership.

3.8  (38 )
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I appreciate how the teachers have done their best through the pandemic and uncertainty with online/in-person My child does well academically with support and I feel he's gotten help when he's asked for it

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High school is a new experience for my child and I appreciate the teachers and staff being accommodating It makes my child feel like they are being focused on and not just a number

3.8  (25 
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Rural (bussed) students are disadvantaged . Use existing technology to teach when busses are canceled. The kids that can get to school get the teaching and the others have to try and catch up on their own.

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The School needs a drop off lane - morning traffic is ridiculously congested I have to get to work and it bothers me seeing drop offs taking an extended period of time

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I appreciate the teachers The teachers have had to deal with more then we could ever comprehend the last several years and all at a running speed.

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The congestion in the parking lot for drop off and pickup is concerning The lineups sometimes cause my child to be late for class and the high volume could be hazardous /dangerous .

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I appreciate this survey! We need a better process to move our kids forward to find success ! I would like to suggest LIVE STREAMS FROM CLASSROOMS There are MULTIPLE reasons why kids miss. Quarantine snow days teacher illness mental health breaks etc! This would help then COME TOGETHER to learn

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I wish there was more schoolwide activities planned. I notice other highs schools do a lot more Make the environment more fun, get kids more involved. Moral is higher

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The parking lot layout still isn't functional I
pick up and drop off my child and it's more
chaotic than it needs to be

3.7  (44 
Ranked #77 of 190



**We need more professional assemblies about
drug use, vaping/smoking and alcohol. Better
sexual education and internet safety as well.**
My kids tell me regularly, there are way too
many kids who are starting down some
dangerous lifestyle paths. They obviously need
further education.

3.7  (44 
Ranked #78 of 190



**Options are needing some updating.
Memorial has more options of relevance, why
is that? Unfair that memorial has options like
business classes and we can't attend because
of cross boundary rules.**

3.7  (42 
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**I felt the junior high did a better job of having
resources online when students are sick than
the high school does. With Covid, absences
are high, but we still want our children to not
fall behind.**

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Ranked #80 of 190





**Too long a wait to buy lunch. Only 2 workers
and 1 till for both hot and cold lunch. Cold line
keeps interrupting hot line. Some kids don't
get to eat because they spend all the short
lunch in line or they only have a few mins to
eat. More people working needed? And 2 tills**

3.7  (41 
Ranked #81 of 190




**Google classroom seems to be implemented
better at the high school. It is much easier for
students to stay in top of subjects when
teachers keep everything up to date and
complete!**

3.7  (40 
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Caring and flexible staff

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Ranked #83 of 190





My child really appreciates Mrs. Spink her guidance counselor. She has been a great help and always makes time to help my child.

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Going with the same comment, I appreciate the teachers who recognize the stress the quarter system is putting on their students. On the same point, it is so fast paced I don't think the information is even being retained. And at the same time such long periods between cores.

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Career planning services are inadequate. My kid was told he had time to figure things out, but that really isn't the case (he is in grade 11) The career counsellor should give better advice so opportunities aren't missed. My son wants to be a pilot and no help was provided. Disappointing!

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I think PSD and spruce grove fail to realize it's not a small country community anymore and need more schools at every level So the community can grow and prosper as parkland is far behind as stony and spruce should be like St. Albert and Sherwood park , it's held down

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The fact that kids HAVE TO miss school because of covid and quarantine and yet the expectation for learning and test taking remains the same is unfair It's unrealistic in a quarters system to expect kids who miss school to be able to remain caught up and be able to take tests when so much time is of

3.7  (25 
Ranked #88 of 190



I hope there are more athletics offerings this year. My child's wellbeing is linked to her physical activity.

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Quarter semesters are tough on students and SGCHS should go back to a semester system.

Quarter semesters are adding more stress, causing students to easily get behind, force cramming, and students are retaining less knowledge.



Variety of courses offered and other options are excellent! Gives more opportunity for students to find what they are good at.



Why on earth with Covid so high did SGCHS have final exams in Q2? provincial diploma exams cancelled. Teachers voted to remove finals. Yet SGCHS choose to keep finals in place. a lot of stress on these students.



I appreciate that the the grade coordinator and counsellor know my child personally. My child feels comfortable with their relationship with them.



I don't know if it's possible for admin to have more influence about SHCH social media gossip accounts. Safety





Quarters Are Terrible Sometimes there is more than a year between grade level courses so students can't remember what they previously learned.



The quarter system is killing information retention My kid had Social 20 first quarter last year and now has Social 30 in the last quarter this year. He remembers nothing.





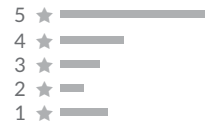
Our daughter is struggling with the fast paced quarter system. We feel this is causing more stress than necessary and her once high grades to drop. I understand it was put in place due to Covid. But she is fully vaccinated. And with vaccines now in place we feel it should go back to semesters.

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Quarters are good for some options but terrible for Languages or Band You can't possibly expect a kid to remember a language or how to play an instrument for the rest of the year with only 10 weeks of learning.

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Unisex washrooms have multiple kids hanging out in stalls. Staff worry about whether a mask is pulled up, yet not worried about what's happening in the stalls. Priorities.

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Ranked #99 of 190





I appreciate the staffs patience when dealing with difficult special needs. It's important because we work together to cohesively support the child.

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I appreciate the variety of courses offered. I am concerned about the lack of communication and guidance for the students. Communication is important so students know what to do. Announcements not heard as noisy class and screens in halls are too high.

3.6  (39 
Ranked #101 of 190





The bus catchment zone is too small, we bought our house so our daughter could take the bus, but district says trails are used to calculate the zone. They expect teenage girls to walk on wooded trails in the dark during winter to get to school because we are 0.2km too close using trails, not streets

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Vice principal and student services engagement and support to facilitate learning

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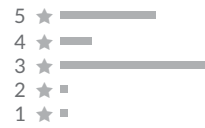
Communication via email For the most part, the school and teachers are doing a good job keeping parents informed. I do think we need more heads up if students are struggling.

3.6  (36 )
Ranked #104 of 190





I appreciate Mrs Spink She shares information promptly

3.6  (36 )
Ranked #105 of 190





Collector buses should never be cancelled due to driver shortage. It would be easier to accommodate the shortage at transfer points to schools. Sometimes kids do not have the means to get to school when their parents have already left for work. That's a lot if it's a high school student.

3.6  (35 )
Ranked #106 of 190





I appreciate the extra curricular stuff available to my child and the dedication of the teachers involved. Drama It's important because they belong to something constructive and it develops a sense of pride confidence to produce and product to be shared.

3.6  (35 )
Ranked #107 of 190





The parking lot and drop off areas are too congested. The field to the east or the land to the south should be developed Safety for busses, kids, parents and staff overall

3.6  (29 )
Ranked #108 of 190



Parking /drop off before school and after school pick up Time and student safety

3.6  (27 )
Ranked #109 of 190





I think some of the office staff are burnt out. They are quite abrupt with some of the kids. It's never nice when staff seem angry and irritated all the time. I hope they are getting support and care.

3.6  (20 )
Ranked #110 of 190





Maintaining the quarter system even though it increases the pressure on the student and doesn't give some students time to absorb information

3.6  (13 )
Ranked #111 of 190





There should never be a diploma exam or any other exam on a holiday such as fall break! Why on earth would that be allowed???

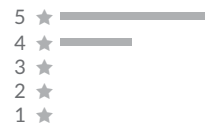
Breaks are scheduled because everyone needs breaks to refresh. Can't book a holiday when child has exams during breaks.

3.6  (8 )
Ranked #112 of 190



Lockers are needed Have to have a place to put their belongings

3.6  (3 )
Ranked #113 of 190



I appreciate the effort the school goes to in order to ensure success for the students as well as their support and understanding of mental health This is important because high-school is a tough transition and I think a lot of kids are struggling with mental health issues and need that support

3.5  (45 )
Ranked #114 of 190



PSD school days should be planned with the highschool schedules in mind. This year, the highschool students had very little time between Christmas break and finals which affected their study/review time.

3.5  (43 )
Ranked #115 of 190



I wish there were better options Often career interests come from good options

3.5  (42 )
Ranked #116 of 190





More and clear communication needed to both students and parents. So everyone is on the same page and knows what is expected of them. We shouldn't be left to guess.

3.5  (41 )
Ranked #117 of 190





When my son was transitioning from junior high to high school the teachers were so helpful as my son struggles with anxiety. With my sons learning disability it help a lot to know they would assist him in the transition into the laws program.

3.5  (39 
Ranked #118 of 190





Communication. With all the changes and uncertainty, the communication has been timely and consistent. This is appreciated Keeping us informed is crucial

3.5  (37 
Ranked #119 of 190





I wish that important accommodations would be adhered to in the IPPs There are times my kid needed a quiet space to complete work (as per IPP) but could not be accommodated hindering their success and well being.

3.5  (37 
Ranked #120 of 190





would prefer semester length sections of classes. Quarter system is very hard for student to learn at this pace Difficult to absorb full concepts in short periods of time for math leading to drop in grades

3.5  (37 
Ranked #121 of 190





The quarter system was a good measure for cohorts but it doesn't give the child enough time to process and digest the information fully. They once honor child has eminent stress and is struggling to grasp the work do to timelines. A stressed child can not learn what is needed for life.

3.5  (36 
Ranked #122 of 190




I appreciate the great communication We are all in the loop as to what is expected and what is going on.

3.5  (35 
Ranked #123 of 190





There should be more communication and support for students taking transfer buses - letting them off first if the bus is late, what to do if no bus It is stressful for students when they don't know if their bus is coming or not, what to do when it doesn't, and worrying if they will miss transfer.

3.5  (34 
Ranked #124 of 190





I was worried about the quarter system but my child has excelled. The school support has been great. It's important that my child can access help when he needs it.

3.5  (29 
Ranked #125 of 190





Population of the school is a going concern
Crowding in halls is not great for control of virus transmissions. Staggered lunch breaks would be ideal.

3.5  (29 
Ranked #126 of 190





Disappointed that athletic teams are being chosen based on grade and inclusivity rather than athletic ability. This is a middle school approach. Talent and hard work are becoming pointless and the high school is no longer producing athletes.

3.5  (27 
Ranked #127 of 190





The communication from my son's teacher's has been amazing it is great to get two way communication as I know they are busy. So important to not only hear when your child is not doing well but also when they are.

3.5  (27 
Ranked #128 of 190





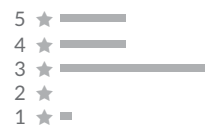
The staff directing traffic in the morning by drop area is causing traffic jams, no common sense used there. I'm the morning, it's seems to cause traffic backed up towards mill grove. Before they directed, that wasn't happening.

3.5  (27 
Ranked #129 of 190




I appreciate how quickly I hear back from most teachers and I like the different tools they use to stay in contact with students i.e. Moodle It allows my son to access all the data he needs from home, if necessary

3.5  (22 
Ranked #130 of 190





Need to have a bit more consistency between the teachers of similar subjects. For kids consistency across the board helps them understand what's expected of them so they can learn and adjust accordingly.

3.5  (21 
Ranked #131 of 190





Love the flexible learning! COVID has allowed my child to choose a hybrid of in class and module learning. She feels empowered and it truly alleviates some anxiety. Keep flex!

3.5  (12 
Ranked #132 of 190





The current online version of the Parent Teacher Interviews is GREAT. Both parents can participate when PTI's are online, it has been appreciated.

3.5  (12 
Ranked #133 of 190





Seminar is essential Seminar is essential to our kids learning now more then ever. Catching up after being home with Covid and keeping up with the quarter system.

3.5  (10 
Ranked #134 of 190





Grad Photos I was disappointed with the photo's. In previous years the photos were great.This year there was no one to make sure the sash was straight

3.5  (3 
Ranked #135 of 190





Ridiculous COVID rules. No lockers, separate entrances, not moving around in classroom (but all eat together at same time) Kids need the mingling! Having recently moved here, meeting/making friends is almost impossible. It took 6 weeks before anyone even spoke to my child!

3.4  (43 
Ranked #136 of 190





Also I feel that since there are now so many Covid restrictions stopping parents from actually being able to come into the school. I feel out of the I Loop on my kids learning

3.4  (42 
Ranked #137 of 190



Councillors and admin per student Compared to other school boards I am impressed with the dedication to the students care with regard to credits required and from each grouping.

3.4  (42 
Ranked #138 of 190





Covid Grad Should be outside if segregation papers are required. Hopefully mandates are lifted.

3.4  (41 
Ranked #139 of 190





For the grade ten students, would prefer some directed asks to students by teachers requesting them to work one on one on certain learning areas over Seminar time used more effectively this way & the student isn't falling behind if they don't have the executive function skills to organize or plan

3.4  (40 )
Ranked #140 of 190





I appreciate teachers who allow exams to be proctored at home and am not impressed that all teachers do not allow this We are in a pandemic, these kids have been through so much. There is no reason ot to increase flexibility.

3.4  (40 )
Ranked #141 of 190





I appreciate the collaboration with parents and staff when student choices go sideways. I like the team approach with parents involved.

3.4  (40 )
Ranked #142 of 190



Anti-maskers students bullying students who want to mask

3.4  (38 )
Ranked #143 of 190




You need to come up with a different system for bus notifications-like real time gps...skip does it. Every single time my kids bus was late by 10-20 min. it never showed up when it was supposed to.

3.4  (38 )
Ranked #144 of 190



One of my kids teachers told them “ the government does not care about them “, when it comes to the removal of mask wearing rules. Why are some teachers causing division at school? Seems like taking the neutral approach would be more positive. Don't cause more anxiety !

3.4  (35 )
Ranked #145 of 190





The quarter semesters The kids are struggling

3.4  (33 )
Ranked #146 of 190





Teacher communication. From the teachers my son has had we have had the most wonderful communication I've ever had at any school

3.4  (25 )
Ranked #147 of 190





We live on a farm and my grade 10 child drives. Taking the bus is a 2 hour bus ride there. Applications for parking should be available for grade 10's My kid's bus rout us nearly 3.5 hours a day total, so we have to drive her or she parks off site. I think there could be exceptions for out of town.

3.4  (21 )
Ranked #148 of 190





I appreciate the schools efforts to strive for excellence and the ongoing communication a parent is able to have with the teachers . This is so important as it encourages students and parents to be involved in maintaining good communication in order to reach goals academically .

3.4  (12 )
Ranked #149 of 190





Taking away grad celebrations without consult with the students and their families

3.4  (12 )
Ranked #150 of 190





People parking in the no parking/fire lane in front of school has to stop People parking in the fire lane clogs up flow, impossible to pass through. If there was an actual need for emergency vehicles they would not get in

3.4  (8 )
Ranked #151 of 190




PowerSchool isn't always working properly. Information lapse.

3.3  (43 )
Ranked #152 of 190




I am concerned with the lack of accommodation teachers are allowing to students that are sick especially round exam week

3.3  (41 )
Ranked #153 of 190





My child has never been bullied He feels safe

3.3  (40 )
Ranked #154 of 190




The kids never know what is going on with the buses if the bus driver is not there, which is quite often. It's confusing and my child could end up somewhere else other than Greystone transfer.

3.3  (38 )
Ranked #155 of 190




I appreciate the communication from his teachers and that he is allowed to do regular classes as well. I wish he had more time in the regular program He needs to have the structure in his life which will help him when I am not around.

3.3  (37 )
Ranked #156 of 190





Quarter System is Great It allows my ADHD child to focus only on 2 subjects; seminar allows time for homework or extra help. Grades have seen an improvement with less stress.

3.3  (31 )
Ranked #157 of 190





Loving the two classes a semester and the fact that they have been able to remain in the school this year has been great!

3.3  (29 )
Ranked #158 of 190




We have to find a new way for our kids, quarter term work when it was necessary. Now it's stressing our kids out, forcing down grades They move too fast! It's not fair and they deserve better.

3.3  (26 )
Ranked #159 of 190





I really appreciate the attention to masking and public health measures. Thank you. Covid isn't over. Yesterday 18 people died from it. I hope public safety measures continue. I have family members with medical risks.

3.3  (23 )
Ranked #160 of 190





We appreciate the feedback we get when are daughter is struggling and the extra support she gets when she is behind We feel that with the shift in learning from covid the quarter system is great and so beneficial but the workload can be alot at times depending on thesubject

3.3  (19 )
Ranked #161 of 190




All exams need to be looked at during covid Covid is stressful on everyone thought needs to be put towards all exams not just provincial ones

3.3  (3 )
Ranked #162 of 190




Communication around Covid protocols has been good. Infections at school appear to be low. Practices to keep students distanced are working

3.2  (46 )
Ranked #163 of 190



teachers bringing their political ideologies into the classroom. It would be nice to not know if the person is right or left of center

3.2  (44 )
Ranked #164 of 190



Concerns are masks My children have become too isolated and depressed the last 2 years

3.2  (43 )
Ranked #165 of 190



Coordination of school breaks (to occur at the same time) with EPSD and other area divisions. Particularly Christmas and Spring Break. As we emerge from the pandemic, the ability to coordinate vacation and social interaction with family and friends (from other divisions) is important.

3.2  (43 )
Ranked #166 of 190





The amount of days off during the school year is getting ridiculous My kids' teachers are racing through units to get things done because there isn't enough time to get through the material, yet all short weeks in Feb?

3.2  (43 )
Ranked #167 of 190



I appreciate that I have worked with both teachers and Admin staff that have helped my child's education. I did not like principle COVID plan. It's important to support teachers so they can support kids. The quarter system was unfair to kids/teachers

3.2  (40 
Ranked #168 of 190





Bus catchment needs to be expanded!!! Students should not be expected to walk through wooded paths and back alleyways to get to and from school. Many times would be in the dark/dangerous

3.2  (38 
Ranked #169 of 190





Concerned about over crowding in classes and common areas - created major issues with the pandemic and overall health concerns Keeping the spread in control, helping kids feel safe, keeping the kids in school.

3.2  (34 
Ranked #170 of 190





The Quarter system is working very well for my son with complex needs He is achieving a level of academic success that he has never achieved before!

3.1  (20 
Ranked #171 of 190





I feel it's important to keep a French immersion program in Spruce Grove.

3.1  (11 
Ranked #172 of 190



My teen is doing really well in the quarter system, it's great that teachers are all set up digitally for snow days and rain-out days. Keep it!! My teen is doing really well in the quarter system in spite of VERY stressful times.

3.1  (11 
Ranked #173 of 190





I love seminar time but I feel it should be mandated through attendance. Students can always use the extra time to revise work or study. This should not be optional.

3.0  (43 
Ranked #174 of 190





Time for a home room could be helpful for announcements and other “house keeping” items. To set structure and get organized. So students aren't running around looking for answers.

3.0  (42 )
Ranked #175 of 190





Thankful kids can choose to wear or Not wear masks. Pushing kids either way, now that mask mandates are off in schools is not the teachers place to discuss. Let's stop the division at the Comp!

3.0  (36 )
Ranked #176 of 190





I understand cohorting due to COVID but think having two multiple hour classes per day are each too long for students. Ability to focus and increased anxiety.

3.0  (17 )
Ranked #177 of 190



At both the jr and sr high level, My kids have suffered from bias, discrimination and isolation because of their freedom to make a personal choice Our kids mental health is crucial at these critical stages of development

3.0  (14 )
Ranked #178 of 190



I wanted to say how much I am liking the quarter system. My child seems to be benefiting from the extended class time , he has more focus. I think having his efforts concentrated on one or two subjects allows him to absorb more of the content, in turn creating more passion

2.9  (18 )
Ranked #179 of 190




I am disappointed that during the pandemic entry times and movement around the school was not staggered in times. The decision was made for quarters b It the number of students walking through corridors at the same time made quarters unnecessary

2.9  (11 )
Ranked #180 of 190





Quarter system is great Fast paced keeps kids focused, theories fresh in mind for tests

2.9  (9 )
Ranked #181 of 190





I am concerned by the fact that masks are not being required to be worn properly . In a place of education there is a responsibility of the staff to teach the children proper mask wearing, enforce it & encourage social responsibility

2.8  (43 )
Ranked #182 of 190



Kids need to be kids. Don't need people whom are feared in the plandemic to put the young in harms way

2.8  (42 )
Ranked #183 of 190



We find quarter system works well. Only 2 subjects at a time and they are concentrated.

2.7  (43 )
Ranked #184 of 190



I am concerned with gender theory teaching It is not the schools job to teach moral choices

2.7  (41 )
Ranked #185 of 190





some of the teachers don't really care for the students education

2.6  (43 )
Ranked #186 of 190



Covid Protocols Need to Be Continued Students should still be masking in class and remaining socially distanced where they can. We still have a high rate of transmission.

2.6  (36 )
Ranked #187 of 190



Would love to see a K-12 French immersion school. Would think it would be easier to fundraiser staff and support the program when all in one place Sense of community and consistency

2.5  (31 )
Ranked #188 of 190



Maintaining masking for unvaccinated students should be a priority.

2.5  (12 )
Ranked #189 of 190



The quarter system seems to be working well.
Concentrated learning in 2 or 3 subjects is
much less stressful.

2.4 ★★☆☆☆ (44 👤)
Ranked #190 of 190

