

# COPPERHAVEN SCHOOL THOUGHTEXCHANGE 2021

## Parkland School Division 70

### Q1 What are some things you appreciate and some concerns you have about your school and/or Parkland School Division this year?

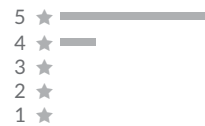
**Supervision at recess is great, but I feel that the supervisors (at times) go off what they see and not always hear both sides of the story.** Perception is not always enough to tell a story and there is two sides to every story. The supervisors should investigate more into incidents.

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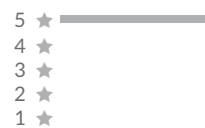
**I think it is great that the school offers a counselling program, but I feel the children aren't given enough opportunity to use this benefit.** It helps provides a safe place that the kids can discuss things they may not feel comfortable discussing at home or with their teacher.

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**More one on one for students in class who need more attention and to help keep them from outbursts and inappropriate behaviour toward others** There are some students who don't have the appropriate skills to be in a classroom without adequate observation compared to others.

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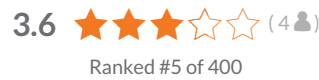


**Connection between students** Mental health is suffering from lack of connection . Very independent learning even when the kids are in the schools.

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**The staff is very approachable** Kids are willing to advocate for themselves



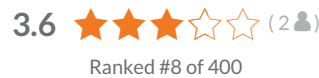
**I appreciate that online learning was available this year as an option for those of us that felt unsure what was happening in our world. I think having this option available has been helpful in helping others feel safe.**



**Admin and teachers have done very well with getting the online learning more effective! I found the second time around was way easier to follow! I find the students are able to function a lot more independently**



**Appreciate a great school communication plan** As Covid rules change, I'm updated by both Parkland School Div., and Brookwood. I'm getting update burnout.



**Appreciate building futures program** Engaging for students



**I appreciate all the help and measures teachers gave gone through to keep every one safe and healthy**





**I prefer kids wear school uniforms** School uniform teaches students to dress smart & take pride in their appearance. School uniform brings equality among students.



**I've appreciated the school staying open and following AHS safety regulations during the pandemic. I've appreciated the teachers and staff putting their lives on the line so our children can attend in-person learning this year.**



**My concern is that children are getting bullied in class and the bullies are getting away with it. My child does not feel safe at school...** I do not agree with children getting detention for behavior out of their control, like ADHD and Tourettes.

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**Not enough physical activity time** Kids need to move their bodies.

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**Vehicle access to the school is abysmal and unsafe. The access road should be twinned and traffic flow improved.** There is virtually no access for emergency vehicle during start and end times.

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**I appreciate being at school.** Working and teaching from home was not effective for many students who need one on one support.

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**I appreciate our librarians flexibility** When our library space was closed to become a classroom, she brought the library to the classrooms! The students really appreciate her.

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**I think the kids need lots of help navigating thru course selection and future goals.** The landscape of learning is always changing and each student needs unique guidance thru their future planning.

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**What I appreciate in our school is admin holding students accountable for there negative actions** Students need to learn they are not allowed to disrespect others or the building

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**Willingness of staff to embrace diversity.**  
Staff work hard to ensure every student feels welcome and their needs are met.

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**I appreciate everything the school does for the students. I appreciate the online virtual learning.** The safety of all students and teachers and staff at the school from covid.

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**Mental health** I am concerned with the growing amount of mental health issues and lack of supports

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**Online was very unorganized sometime more difficult then needed** The teacher are trying very hard to keep up with online and in class teaching.

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**Small group activities have ceased with the covid regulations.** The kids have less ambition and drive to even do their best in their classes. They can't do things together even in a safe manner, this is isolating

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**We appreciate everything the school and school division has done to keep the kids safe from Covid.** It takes a lot of work from staff but it is vital. Thank you!

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**Appreciate my kid's online teachers being so supportive** With a high-risk kiddo, online school was vital this year. It's gone pretty well, thanks entirely to the teachers.

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**Covid Burnout** Too many added responsibilities added onto all (staff, students)

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**EAs and support staff are essential to positive learning outcomes for all the students.** It is important that we support all students regardless of challenges they have.

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**Emotional support for kids** Wish there was a forum for young kids to share their feelings about covid

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**I appreciate having an option to learn at home and an easy transition when we were ready to return.** It is important to have options for families that have different risk tolerance and factors.

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**I appreciate that all decisions made focus on student learning at the core.** It's why we are all here!

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**I appreciate the additional efforts to focus on staff and student mental health and wellness.**

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**Mental health issues are on the rise.** Every school should have someone on staff dedicated to support the mental health of students (counselling or connection to community supports).

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**Need for Before and/or After School Care at Muir Lake** Important to consider before/after school care directly at the school. There is not a lot of care within the community and saves PSD on busing costs.

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**Support Staff** has been led to believe that we had a union in CAAMSE that was there to fight for us, not placate the division as they like to do. We are being asked to do jobs that legally we are not allowed to do, but we have nobody to back us up in saying no, support staff cannot supervise a

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**That the school has provided a clear way forward to have in person school facilitated.**

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**The school is doing a fantastic job dealing with covid.**

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**Too many PDF days / days off** With the amount of days off, it is difficult to manage schedules

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**We have been exceptionally pleased with the division of recess so that not all children are out at the same time** We feel this gives the children a safer environment

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**Quarter system in the high school** This has been a challenge for my son - the fast pace of the content learning, and exams almost every couple of days has caused anxiety.

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**Appreciate the resilience of staff and students.** It's a tough year!

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**Community** Great sense of community within and outside of the school

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**I appreciate the continuous efforts the school faculty have made to ensure our kids are safe and remain safe while at school. It's important because my children who thrive and prefer in person schooling rather than at home learning.**

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**I appreciate the programs of choice Not all kids learn the same way**

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**I do like the teacher's commitment to the switches from on line to in person I don't like zero communication from the councillor/psychological support he is receiving. They won't even call his out of school psychologist**

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**PSD Communication seems to have dropped off entirely Other than the odd FaceBook post, we have received very little communication from PSD anymore**

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**The grade level teacher's communication Helping keep parents in the loop**

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**Throughout the world that prove that masks are harmful to our children. Both physically and psychologically. It is against their human rights and Canadian rights to force them to wear masks. And yet the people who are supposed to protect and stand up for our children aren't willing to do that**

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**Why is there absolutely no snow clearing being done this year? It's a massive safety risk to everyone stepping on school grounds.**

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**Appreciate the school's commitment to keeping students safe and minimizing their chance of contracting COVID-19 at school. Keep kids healthy despite pandemic.**

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**BULLYING NEEDS TO BE DEALT WITH IN A MUCH BETTER MANNER AND NOT LEFT TO STUDENTS TO “FIGURE IT OUT FOR THEMSELVES”** Not everyone knows how to deal with unsavoury comments and being told to kill themselves on a daily basis. Our children should be better protected.

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**Be more ready for pivoting into online when the weather gets cold. So the kids don't miss out on any learning.**

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**Bussing should cost what it costs and be paid by the people who use utilize it. Taking funds allocated to students or other programs to subsidize bussing is incomprehensible.**

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**Child is learning well - kinder is the introduction to school. In a COVID based world, it seems to be proceeding well** Sets the basis for minimum 12 years of learning, but also into post secondary

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**Communique** It's nice to get a mid-month update from the school.

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**Continuum of environments.** Not all parents want their children with identified needs in a typical classroom.

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**Division communications seem infrequent.** Important to hear from Board and Superintendent as well as from school.



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**I am SO appreciative of the amazing staff and admin at our school! I can't describe how much I appreciate them, especially this past year. The school is nothing without them.**

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**I have concerns as to why we implemented new report cards during a pandemic.**

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**I really appreciate the communication that is available between parents and Administration. Communication is key as a parent with a student in grade 10. The high school environment is so new to families, and MCHS has made the transition easy**

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**Kids need more community involvement It's important they learn from other organizations. Money management, shovel a senior driveway**

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**My kids are missing the interaction of friends they made last year that are in different classes. Perhaps a pen pal program or something . They are sad that they can see their friends from a distance but can't even talk to them usually. They want to keep those friendships going somehow.**

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**Online learning expectations are set to high for younger kids Expecting 6-7 year olds to sit in front of a screen all day is unrealistic. Provide assignments to complete on their own time with fewer Google meets**

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**Online learning should now be the norm on snow days. No need to miss out on even more education due to mother nature. School is all about preparing kids for adulthood. Most jobs do not accommodate snow days in Alberta. This is more so with older kids.**

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**Option 2.** It is great that my children had the choice to work from home, many of the online teachers have been amazing

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**School cleanliness** Our school Custodians are outstanding with keeping up with all of the additional Covid cleaning on top of their regular duties.

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**Students should be asked to fill out evaluation forms for teachers at the end of school. This information is most important.** Some of your teachers need some serious closer supervision, guidance and accountability. Others are rockstars and should be celebrated.

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**Teachers along with many many many other jobs are expected to do more with less since Covid. This applies to my non teaching job as well.** Everyone has had to make massive adjustments at their jobs, not just teachers. Think day cares, hospitals, seniors homes, even 7-11! Everyone!!!!!!

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**The grade level teacher's organization** During COVID and in person/on-line learning, organization is key for students' understanding and anxiety.

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**The main reason I sent my son to do in-school learning was socialization and exercise.** The kids need to be with their peers and need physical activities to get away from consistently being on a screen.

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**There needs to be increased expectations that all school staff and students are treated respectfully and professionally by all parents and guardians.** Staff, students and parents should be treated appropriately at all times and there should be no tolerance of any inappropriate behaviour from parents.

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**There needs to be more done about bullying, stricter policy's, or behavior management . I find that it is not being taken seriously.** Children should not be scared to go to school, they feel they don't have the support they need.

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**Too many apps!** Find one app/website for all the school needs. It's too confusing having to go from app to app to see grades, book interviews, etc. Please simplify!

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**We need more councillors available to be in schools. Even if we hire a councillor full time and then they can go to 5 schools a week.** It is so important to have a consistent person to be able to be there for kids even if it is just the same day once a week.

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**Ability to highlight offerings of French Immersion** For the families enrolled we need to ensure the information from CPF Parkland chapter is shared throughout the division.

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**Appreciate: LLI, school counsellor, admin who are professional and respectful**

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**Both the prinical and vice-principal are doing a fantastic job with school upgrades and future planning. The school is looking a lot better.** Kids need to feel like their school compares to others and that it is an important place to be.

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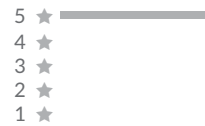
**Class sizes** I am concerned with growing class sizes especially in division 1-2

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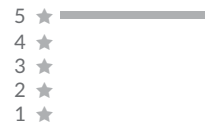
**Cohorts only matter when it suits** Students in hallways, staff supervising all over, behavioral students sent to different cohort areas during recess. No consistency

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**Communication during COVID** Was important to stay connected with the school even though parents are unable to go into the school due to COVID.

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**Concerned about the restrictions on music and physical education.** I appreciate these are harder to navigate around but the current programs are not sufficient for children's stimulation

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**Coping with COVID-19** My school has worked hard to make school "home" for our students amid all the challenges of COVID-19.

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**Covid has been a major interruption, HUGE thank you to all school staff...teachers, support staff, custodians!!!**

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**Drop off/pick up is horrendous. Too much traffic and not enough space. Could a parking lot be built across the street in the empty field?** To stop traffic jams, prevent accidents and have a better overall flow of traffic.

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**Forecasted milestone dates for masking reduction/elimination.** My child is masked 90% of the time which is a learning distraction & uncomfortable. Given vaccination schedules, when will changes occur?

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**I am appreciative of the support my son's homeroom teacher has given him through this emotionally trying year due to COVID.** Mental health is important.

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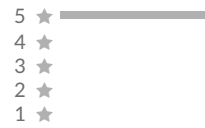
**I am concerned about staff wellness and burn out.** It's important because if staff aren't well, students are not receiving the best possible education.

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**I am concerned about the new curriculum the government is trying to implement.** Everything I've read states it's regressive and would put us behind the educational standards of other regions. How can we ensure its quality?

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**I am concerned with the duplication of programming without collaboration of all stakeholders** All three high schools are offering versions of online learning ... why is there no collaboration for consistency, best practice and product

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**I am very concerned at the willingness of the school board to go against our children's charter of rights and freedoms as well as real science because** Of political pressure. There has not been one real study to prove that masks are an effective barrier against covid. But there are many many studies

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**I am wondering why grade 12 students can't have a grad ceremony & dance at their school when they are cohorts and spend all day together** Restrictions are easing and will be even more so by May/June. These students have had no sports, disrupted learning and deserve a grad celebration.

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**I appreciate all teachers and staff**

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**I appreciate having a job.** It's important to maintain my lifestyle.

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**I appreciate how accommodating everyone has been with such a topsy turvy year I strongly feel r/t to school was NB for my daughters mental health. Knowing everyone was doing everything to keep school open and safe was appreciat**

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**I appreciate how fast the school has reacted to COVID positive and has taken steps to help notify the school community quickly. I feel is important as administrators have Been tasked with a public health job and are doing a great job despite the challenges to notify families**

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**I appreciate how hard all the staff have worked to navigate through this difficult time putting the best interests of the kids first.**

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**I appreciate how hard the staff and admin have worked to make an inclusive space for my child. It's important to me that even though my child has delays and obstacles to overcome he is still treated as a part of the class.**

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**I appreciate how much our teachers, administrators, and staff care about our kids. I appreciate that our schools are open and kids are in class. The impacts of kids not being in class may be worse than COVID itself in may respects. Our teachers show that they care by teaching in class.**

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**I appreciate how much the administration cares about the health of their staff. While this is a hectic year, it is good to get those earnest reminders to take care of ourselves, from all levels of administration.**

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**I appreciate how our staff is striking a reasonable balance in enforcing unprecedented medical measures dictated by health bureaucrats.** I didn't sign up for this. If AHS wants these measures enforced enthusiastically, they can hire their own compliance officers for our schools.

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**I appreciate that bus supervision has been done by Admin** Leave staff to attend to the precleaning/post cleaning of rooms, get ready for the day, connect to peers, prepare for the next day

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**I appreciate the culture of growth and trust in PSD--we can fight and exist harmoniously in the same building.** It's important because these are people we have to work with for many years of our life.

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**I appreciate the difficulties our current world situation brings to education delivery.**

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**I appreciate the effort the teachers put into the online instruction portion of the year.** It helped keep a routine during at home learning. My kids knew exactly what to do at home.

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**I appreciate the fact that FI was offered through the learning at home option, but I am concerned with the structure given to kindergarten engagement.** Two 30 minute sessions a week of face to face with my sons's teacher was not enough for meaningful learning to happen.

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**I appreciate the ongoing Covid 19 communication** It helps me feel confident sending my child to school

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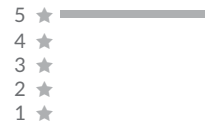
**I appreciate the ongoing commitment that staff has for providing our students with safe in person learning at school each day.** There are many challenges facing us because of Covid 19 and our staff work hard to provide normalcy and safety for our kids each day at school.

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**I appreciate the staff** For working together in assisting students and parents to succeed with remote learning.

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**I appreciate the way Covid 19 is being handled in the school. My kids feel safe.** It's important that myself as well as my kids feel safe about going to school.

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**I feel very supported with a special needs child** The school has been amazing with my concerns having a special needs child. Her accommodations are met without her being treated differently

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**I felt it was a fairly smooth transition from in-class to online, back to in-class.** I was worried that my son would have difficulty staying focused because of the change to his regular routine.

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**I super appreciate how hard everyone is working. And I appreciate all the grease that's being given. I hope we can continue**

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**I thought the online learning was done very well. The communication from the teachers has been great.**

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**I wish there was more help for students with mental health issues & learning disabilities who don't necessarily exhibit extreme behaviour.** Kids with issues like mine but who don't display their extremes always at school end up slipping through the cracks!

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**I worry about constantly and wonder how teacher welfare fits in to the goals of our division/school. I feel exhausted, depleted, overworked and that I am not doing enough to reach all of the learners in my classroom.**

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**I'm concerned that there is still a minority of teachers putting hands on students.** if students have a code of conduct to follow, it sends the wrong message when an adult/teacher does not follow their code of conduct.

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**I'm disappointed in the assumption that we will continue to do more with less. WE ARE NOT OK.** You keep thanking us for all that we do, but nobody is seriously acknowledging that we might not be ok.

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**Inclusion (lack of support)** Inclusion without supports isn't inclusion. It's abandonment. Students with violent behaviours shouldn't continue to be tolerated without real support

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**Inclusive Education** This program is not as effective as claimed. Students constantly miss help when high behaviour of others present. Quiet, anxious kids fly under radar.

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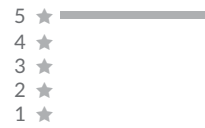
**Lack of supervision on the playground** My child complains regularly about a classmate who plays to rough, reports it to the supervisor who never does anything. Better monitoring of games

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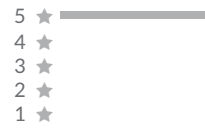
**Literacy consistency across the board** It would be great to have a set literacy standard across the school board.

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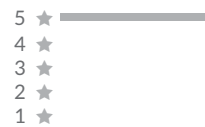
**Most of my concerns are covid related at this time.**

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**My kids have lost focus because of online learning. They definitely do not have good grasps of the content.** They may have passed a course, but they are not prepared for moving on

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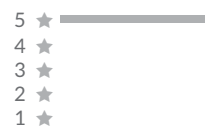
**My teacher and support staff colleagues are AMAZING.** They are so supportive and help me get through these tough times

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**Our school is branching out from being just a sports and drama school.** Kids have so many different needs and interests. The more of those the school can foster, the more engaged kids will be.

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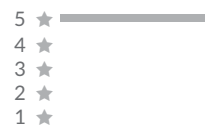
**Parking** We need an extra entrance for the overflow

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**Pleasant teachers and staff** Makes us feel daughter gets the education she deserves

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**Quarter system not good for many students** The speed at which the curriculum is delivered does not allow for any time for meaningful thought or understanding. No time for info to sink in.

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**Re-design the parking lot (if possible)** The parking lot is way too small for the size of school. If a separate exit could be created it would alleviate a lot of the traffic issues

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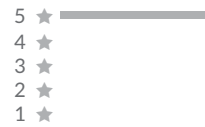
**Safe environment** Protects staff and students

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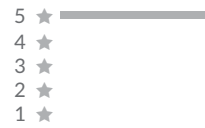
**School need to be renovated** School is one of the oldest in Spruce Grove and needs to be renovated, lots of classrooms are additions and not actual part of the building.

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**Seeing that is their only social outing is school right now it is the only place where they can talk sometimes.** So i feel that it is very important that they have someone in all schools full time that they feel comfortable to talk to.

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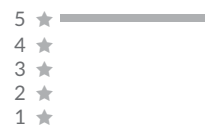
**Sports teams need to be a priority** Many students use sports as a stress/anxiety reliever; finding ways for students to continue to participate would be beneficial. 1 on 1 training?

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**Staff are amazing** Amazing office staff and key teachers that make a bug difference in these little minds.

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**Staff are amazing and working so hard to ease COVID stress**

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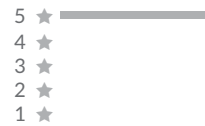
**Staff are friendly and the school.is clean.**

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**Still very worried about COVID risks, especially with phys Ed, music class, etc.**  
Would be nice to be getting more regular updates/reassurances that the school is still taking this seriously, esp. with new strains around.

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**Teachers and the way they go above and beyond for their students** Teachers care for their students and want what is best for them - not just academically but as people

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**Thankful for my colleagues** My wellness depends on them

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**The Quarter System is not beneficial for most students. The pacing is too fast and I fear that knowledge and skill retention will be lower.**  
Full year options are also limited by the 1/4 system because they are crammed into two quarters rather than spread throughout the year.

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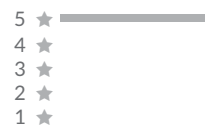
**The office staff is phenomenal** Very important to have well informed and run administration

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**The school does not take bullying seriously.**  
My child and others have been seriously impacted by this.

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**The staff team are very flexible** In the age of covid and things changing from day to day, the staff are rolling with the punches and doing their best for the students

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**The support with covid has been solid** Allows for a feeling of safety

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**There was a COVID exposure, which was scary, but communication around it was great** Deciding to do in-person school was not easy. when we got the call about an exposure it was very scary, but the staff were super kind and supportive.

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**This ThoughtExchange platform does not collect accurate feedback. Any points are diluted between the redundant Covid or kudos notes. Categorize them** To weigh 650 similar points is ineffective & frustrating. Since most people quit after the first 100, what info has merit? How is this format useful?

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**Timely communication** Psd and school admin have quickly responded to provide information to staff and families in our ever changing covid reality

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**We are blessed with a great school community of support**

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**We do the best that we can with our parking lot and bussing situation but it is not great.** Pavement and better flow for traffic down the back alley would be a huge improvement.

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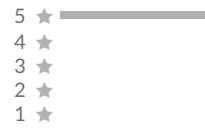
**Would like more science and technology career exploration opportunities** Kids have no idea what's out there and it makes choosing post secondary school program almost impossible.

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**You care about our children** Staff consistently show that our children's education is their top priority. Thank you for your compassionate approach to education.

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**I do not like that you have made the students cram a total course into a two month time allotment.** I understand you think it is better due to the flu that going around, but I find my child's grades have plummeted and is finding it more stressful

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**Academic Concerns** Many students have gaps in their learning from "learning at home" from last year. The gaps are shrinking down but it impacting classroom instruction

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**Appreciate the school being open and taking the kids and having a safe place to be.** They need to feel excepted and treated with care

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**Appreciated the weekly emails from the school with general info and updates.** This made me feel much more a part of the school community, more aware of what was going on and more comfortable with the procedures and changes.

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**At the beginning of the year communication from Brookwood was not as good as it was in previous years, especially surrounding the covid protocols.** As a parent I like being informed of what is going on around the school, and what protocols and procedures we need to be following.

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**Best person for the job of teaching.** Unions need to be abolished to allow for the best teachers to be compensated for their hard work.

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**COVID Mitigations - well done** PSD is doing a very good job with COVID mitigations

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**Caring** Creating an environment where the child feels safe, valued and respected as a community member

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**Clarity around policies and procedures is sometimes lacking** Sometimes staff are unsure what expectations are around variety of procedures. Remote learning, Supporting at home learners, cleaning protocols, etc.

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**Consistent PPE protocols for grade 4 and up** Keep kids safe and limiting the exposure to COVID-19

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**Covid updates** So much info out there and impacts our kids

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**During Covid the high school kids should not have a Torch period.** They have cohorts and with them registering in different classes they are now mixed with other kids.

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**First I commend SGCHS and Parkland School Division for managing the Covid crisis as well as could be expected. Some students had difficulty adjusting** It is important because these are extraordinary times.

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**Focus on both student and staff wellness.** If staff are not well, they will not be in the best position to support our students.

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**Gradebook this year was not necessary**  
Important to keep extras at a minimum in a year like this

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**I am concerned that science (older grades) is losing the spark of interest in my child as with the COVID-19 restrictions there is little hands-on** My child had a love for science but is now board with it. Hoping we can find a way to have kids participate actively in experiments

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**I appreciate being able to contribute my input to the school calendar.** I value feeling heard by the division.

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**I appreciate how hard the teachers are working to make this year as normal as they can for the kids.** It is important for their mental health. So much has been taken away or changed for them this year.

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**I appreciate how well organized the school is and how they are caring towards the children. It's been a hard transitional year for the children and I Am happy how understanding and accommodating the staff are.**

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**I appreciate my school staff members and the resources we have. Our school takes good care of resources and is excellent at sharing materials.** There is a strong sense of community- everyone appreciates the work each other is doing and caring for resources shows this.

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**I appreciate that we have a snack and lunch program.** There is a great selection of healthy option for students who don't have any food.

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**I appreciate the flexibility in learning** When kids need to be home the learning can continue

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**I appreciate the staffs priority for keeping kids healthy and safe during these times.**

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**I appreciate the steady communication from PSD and High Park School regarding COVID-19.** Having regular communication helps to ease the stress of the situation.

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**I appreciate the teachers my children have had thus far.**

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**I enjoy the small class sizes and excellent teachers. My child is a good learning but for once feels as though he belongs.** This is important as it contributes to a stronger self esteem and enjoyment to learning.

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**I feel that they need more councillors to talk to students about what is going on in their individual lives.** I feel that is important as many kids are falling through the cracks they need to talk to someone about how they feel in the moment.

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**I feel the school has turned into a non-conducive beneficial learning environment with all the "can nots" anymore my boys can't be kids at school** School is suppose to be a safe space but with all the fear being thrown at them from Covid they are not getting that anymore

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**I have been happy with how our school is this year, I wasn't sure what to expect with Covid, but I feel it's going as well as it can. I feel fairly good sending kids to school daily. As well as on the bus.**

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**I really appreciate the efforts by most teachers to be flexible, fair and helpful to students during these challenging times**  
Learning has been nothing but a challenge and when teachers are understanding and helpful to students it is really appreciated.

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**I would like to see specific planning and development in the OH&S of the school.**  
Students cannot properly wash or dry their hands b/c of inadequate facilities.

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**If your child has a sniffle and are not able to go to school that day for safety reasons, they should be allowed to do online learning that day.** We don't take any chances right now but not fair my child misses out on education because we are being responsible.

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**Improve the play based leading curriculum**  
Concerns over the large learning gap from kindergarten to grade 1

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**Information has been clearly communicated to parents in a timely manner**

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**Kids should be mandated to wear masks, schools are a mass gathering** The kids don't get sick, they bring it home to their parents who get sick and then take it to work and infect anyone in contact with them.

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**More planned sports for kids to play and watch for fun. More creative use the school in ways that balances safety concerns and mental health concern.** Because I think sport can be emotionally healing in a time of enormous stress.

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**Muir Lake school needs an out of school care program** Being a rural school, having a program that runs in the school would give parents options other than bussing their children somewhere else for care.

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**My child will sometimes private message the teacher on google classroom if needing clarity on something.** We almost never receive a response and upon asking the teacher about best way to ask, we are still told use private messaging????

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**My only concern is the health and wellbeing of the staff/teachers. Both of my children's teachers have had leave this year.** It affects them personally and affects the children. Although resilient, children need structure and reliable contact with their teacher to feel saf

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**No Speech Therapy** Not having this effects his learning and communication which is really effecting his mood about learning.

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**One concern was the lack of updates from one of our youngest child's teachers.** while we consistently asked and engaged our child to tell us about what she was learning, I still felt out of the loop. Unsure what work was due, etc.

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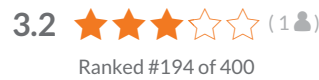


**PSD have done an incredible job of running the schools this year. Despite all the mixed messages from the gov, you just kept moving forward. Kudos!**

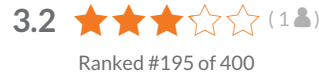
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**Parent Notification when a child is falling behind in work** Kids don't tell us if they are struggling, even if asked. A heads up from the teachers might be nice especially with younger kids. Homework would help



**Parents need more communication. Not having access to the school as we are all used too, leaves us in the dark and wondering what is going on.** on



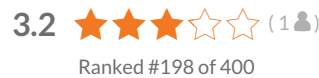
**Programs of Choice** The variety of program options available to students helps to engage students in school.



**School Environment** Helping students through tough times



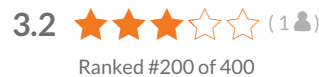
**Small community feel.** Staff and students are close.



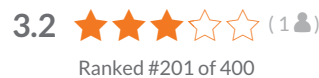
**Staff Wellness** How can students be well if staff are unwell





**Support from admin** I feel I have the support from my admin to meet my needs and the needs of my classroom



**Teachers in AAC do not aid students. Have emailed multiple times- no response.** Offered at distance learning but there is no help available unless you go in.





**Teachers not wearing masks properly or students.** Covid is spreading and it doesn't feel like a safe environment.

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**The choice to put money into other things other than EA/TAs is getting frustrating.** The fight to get my daughter any support as been terrible and we have looked at moving to better give her the ability to access supports

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**The crosswalk between Brookwood and woodhaven needs a light or a crossing guard. It is not visible enough for drivers in busy pick up/drop off times.** Lots of kids use that crosswalk before and after school and their safety is important

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**The friendliness of the front line staff.** When we went to the school for an appointment they were warm, welcoming and genuinely happy to see my child.

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**The quarter system is amazing** I think that the quarter system has been beneficial to students as they are able to concentrate on 1 or 2 cores rather than 3 or 4.

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**The school division did a great job of getting our kids back in school I like the 1/4 system School is doing a great job following the rules** My child does better in person than on-line

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**The teachers are so stretched and overwhelmed they can't communicate with parents very often.** I don't get feedback anymore. I only receive a mass email list of assignments that students have not completed. I don't know how my son is doing.

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**The teachers worked hard this year to adapt their teaching to fit within the covid guidelines. Especially Ms. Stuart who found new ways with music.** The pandemic has been hard on everyone and this helped make school a safe and fun place for our kids to be.

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**We have enjoyed the experiences at Graminia** Positive environment will leave a solid foundation for the students as they mature

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**Communication** With 2020/21 being as different as it was, I have appreciated the communication from the school and especially from the teachers.

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**Communication** We can easily go to the teachers or staff to address our concerns, everyone is very open to conversations about difficult subjects

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**French Immersion** Teachers are open to helping both students and parents in the development of learning a new language

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**I appreciate the care and attention that is shown prior to and post school day.**

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**Bussing costs are too high** Many children have 2 households and not feasible to assume both are within the zone

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**I appreciate that you are open and teaching our children.** As education is extremely important for our children

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**I appreciate the staff members** They provide insight and support

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**Teachers using multiple apps for distance learning, creates confusion, frustration with parents having multiple apps and log ins etc**  
Be more streamlined and efficient if either schools or the board made the decision of what app is to be used.

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**The school board is too lenient when it comes to attendance, absenteeism and tardiness.**  
Especially important with children who are struggling to begin with. Has been an issue pre-COVID so cannot put it on that.

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**2021-2022 calendar, spring break, does not align with other school divisions.** I appreciated how in the past PSD's spring break aligned with other school divisions. PSD's spring break doesn't align with other divisions next year.

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**I appreciate all staff and principles**

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**I appreciate that although things look different this year, the staff have implemented a consistent routine.** It's important for kids to know what's coming, even knowing where they will play at recess tomorrow gives the structure that they crave.

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**I appreciate the hard work and organization from the teachers.** My children haven't had any problems transitioning to in school learning from last year.

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**It's not always bullying. The term is being overused and or used in the wrong context.** Bullying is when a person is personally being targeted everyday. Negative interactions that occur infrequently or randomly is not bullying.

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**Kids need access to places to have lunch and safely gather together to socialize as much as possible in the school.** Because even in good times, gathering in school was limited... now? the deep sorrows that are growing because of enforced governmental isolation.

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**Minimal recess issues this year due to cohorting.** Smooth transitions to and from class.

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**Re-Writes on failed or low mark exams** The adult world does not give you re-writes at work. Kids need to learn to put proper effort in the first time. No crutches should be given.

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**The flexibility of teachers to adapt**

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**The poor planning of homework/studying** It seems like my child has zero homework one week and then three tests including a midterm the next week. Can it not be spread out a bit?

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**There are not enough supervisors outdoors during recess in ratio to students** My son and other students have been bullied by a particular student during recess because no one is there to watch them properly, unacceptable.

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**Torch Time is a great addition** Giving students the opportunity to catch up on work and connect with a teacher is a great idea. Offering cop talk, gym, etc. is a great option as well

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**Great online program during COVID, and options for hybrid learning.** Need options depending on what is going on with COVID. Nice to have a good program in place.

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**I appreciate the hard work PSD staff members have put in during the Covid-19 pandemic.** It would have been easy for people to feel defeated but so many people stepped up and made it manageable.

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**I find it very concerning how much education my child has missed due to Covid.** There is no opportunity for kids to make this missed work up. It will just never be taught.

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**Snow days, not sure why we couldn't quickly switch to at home learning.** Too many days off for the kids.

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**We haven't had a staff meeting in a while.** it's important to keep staff engaged at this time it seems many are keeping close to their work area so it's good to get boost morale

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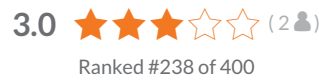


**I am concerned about the lack of communication** Communication between division, school, and staff is lacking. Having to quarantine, going online, and change in rules has not been clear

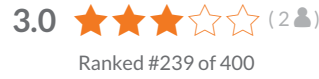
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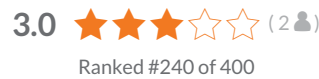
**I am concerned with disparity caused by the current realities. Students who are disenfranchised are even more so now.** Communities are only as strong as their weakest members and Covid-19 is making our weakest members even weaker while our Strongest members cope well.



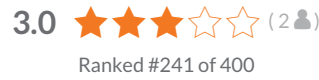
**I appreciate all the hard work the staff has done to protect my child from COVID-19. I appreciate the effort they put into him to continue learning** I was afraid he would lose out a whole school year worth of learning but he has come a long way especially with his reading which he struggles with



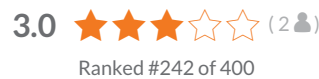
**I appreciate how different CFL is and all the unique programs we can offer.** I like that families have options.



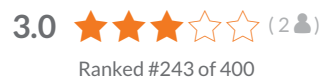
**I appreciate the PSD is budgeting to fix and upgrade some of the older schools** Even though the building are there for the students it is so awesome to see some renovations happening to make the older schools get a fresh new feel!



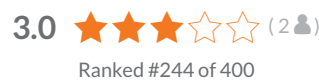
**I feel both my son's teachers have made an extra effort this year connecting with them** With everything going on in the world the extra effort to connect with my boys has put them a bit more at ease





**I have no concerns** seems that the school is doing its best



**It is very unfortunate that the Nature Kindergarten cannot run out of the Scouts Location.** It is a wonderful resource to have in our back yards and how much does it get used each day? School space is already limited.





**Opportunities for some staff to work from home** Safety for those but since not all staff can do so, it does demonstrate some inequities

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**Our family appreciates the fact that a sports academy has been added this year.** Love that it gives my kid an extra opportunity to learn and train in his sport.

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**Staff at Memorial have handled online learning extremely well.** With classes being moved on/off-line at any given time, the ability to continue lessons seamlessly is very much appreciated

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**Still have concerns about social distancing in the class** Concerns about using multiple subs during teacher absences... more chance for virus to makes its way around

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**Teachers care and are concerned about the students** Teens don't talk to their parents alot. It's nice to hear if she is doing well or struggling in school.

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Ranked #249 of 400





**The quarter system works good for my daughter she learns better with the short class time** I think they remember easier They not get stressed when doing exams

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**The teachers can be a wee bit tougher on the kids and hold them accountable for their actions.** If they mess up there needs to be consequences that mean something to the kids.

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**Worried about no supports for special needs** We did online school with my special needs kid this year but I've heard there's no budget anymore for supports and he really needs them.

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**power school** helps to keep track and on top of child

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**Not being able to look at the Lost and found**

My son has lost so much stuff as he has this year, most of it has Mabel's labels with his name on them, that's a big cost to me. I know Covid ....

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**Sometimes I feel the students could be challenged more and the teachers could be a little tougher on them.** This will help prepare them for life and also push them to reach their potential. Stronger students should have as many resources as weaker ones.

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**"behavioral" issue kids shouldn't be in regular classes. They tie up a TA and get to act out with no real consequence. My kids notice this.** they affect the learning of the majority and my kids ask why they can be rude to a teacher or another student but dont have consequence, it's bull.

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**Appreciate the dedication of teachers providing online instruction alongside in-person instruction.** Keep learning going despite pandemic.

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Ranked #257 of 400



**Appreciated how well my daughters grade 6 teacher kept us informed about what school was assigned/due, what topics were being covered, etc.** The teacher maintained a solid weekly Google classroom update, and used the remind app very well to help us as parents help our child stay on track.

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**Assign Homework** Homework would help kids that struggle or fall behind. Especially kids with disabilities. Also sets a good work practice for later school years.

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Ranked #259 of 400





**Blueberry parking lot needs another light**  
From December to February it is dark in the mornings and the kids can't be easily seen.

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Ranked #260 of 400





**Bring back hot lunches!** Both the kids and parents are missing these big time!!!

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Ranked #261 of 400





**CFE staff meetings** Miss having these. Even virtually, it was nice to connect and feel some people-energy for a few minutes. (Perhaps we could do something fun?)

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**COVID** Teaching is not easy at the best of times and during COVID it is exponentially hard - thank you for all you do for our kids.

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**COVID efforts** For the most part I think the teachers and staff are doing a great job with the added stress of covid efforts.

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Ranked #264 of 400





**Certain health restrictions are just nonsense**  
Such as, having to "quarantine" Valentine's for 72 hours. The kids play together all day. These extra measures is creating unnecessary stress and fear

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Ranked #265 of 400





**Children's lives have been disregarded along with the parents trying to hold things together** This is our lives

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Ranked #266 of 400





**Classroom cleaning** Teachers have had to take on a lot of the duties of cleaning that the night custodians are typically responsible for because of Covid.

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Ranked #267 of 400





**Communication** We receive weekly curricular and event updates from our child's teacher and it is so appreciated.

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Ranked #268 of 400





**Covid protocols in schools** It's taken seriously and protocols are in place and staff are doing their best to keep things sanitized and spreading out students.

3.0  (1 )  
Ranked #269 of 400





**Cuts to puf funding are going to be hard to come back from.** If early education is funded properly that money is saved down the road. Most Kids won't need those interventions past grade 1.

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Ranked #270 of 400





**Did not see why the older kids were sent home** Seemed like the school was doing babysitting for the younger kids. My child had construction. That's a course you can't do on-line No money was refunded.

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**Grade Book** Grade book is not useful for division 1 teachers (K-3). Couldn't we consider a differentiated system for early years students?

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**I LOVE that collaboration time has been worked in to our schedules, however it is difficult to get anywhere in terms of working when we have to have a mini meeting each time .** Trust us to work! It might take a few blocks of time to build the rapport & trust needed to create but it will be worth it!

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**I absolutely love my sons preschool teachers.** These teachers have shown so much love to my son and have totally changed the way I look at his learning and brain development.

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Ranked #274 of 400





**I am concerned about the lax attitude towards COVID protocols arising recently in school.** Students working in hallways, classes not staying separated in hallways, not waiting in classrooms until it is time to transition to a new space.

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**I am concerned that some programs are losing participation at MCHS, but could, perhaps, fill up again if students were given their second choice.** This is important so that MCHS can continue to offer a large selection of option courses.

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Ranked #276 of 400





**I am worried about older and high risk staff in schools. The government's protocols do not protect them enough.** They should be prioritized for vaccines.

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Ranked #277 of 400




**I appreciate colleague support** Even when we are not able to eat in the same room my colleagues understand and can help converse around the situation we are in

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Ranked #278 of 400





**I appreciate how hard all of the teachers are working in the ever changing rules regarding COVID** It is so important to be flexible and allow for multiple learning models (online, in person etc.). Thank you

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**I appreciate that I don't perceive many disruptions in my child's learning due to covid** I feel that my child is having access to good education

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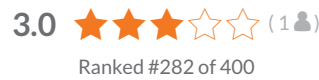


**I appreciate that schools have remained open during the pandemic and that the kindergarten experience was as normal as possible this year.** Our children need as normal a routine as possible. We're not trained as kindergarten teachers and I would have had to quit my f/t job to teach @ home.

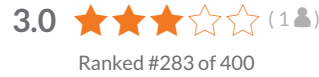
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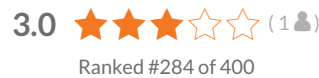
**I appreciate the ability to speak directly to the deputy superintendents Scott Johnston and Mark Francis** were both readily available to discuss staffing concerns as well as to give covid information at the start of year.



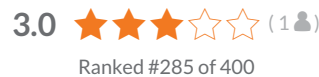
**I appreciate the continued support for what is best for My student and the ability to work with our family to meet her needs.** This has allowed my daughter to remain successful despite facing mental and physical health challenges.



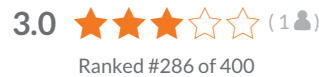
**I appreciate the efforts that the classroom teachers have put in this school year.** My child has loved being able to attend school for most of the year. The teachers are doing everything they can to make it enjoyable and educational.



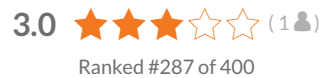
**I appreciate the flexibility of the programming offered in this district** Options are important for families so that they can find the program that will work best to support their students



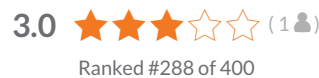
**I appreciate the measures put in place for the safety of staff and students during the pandemic** It is important for students to be in school under safe conditions.



**I appreciate the online platform that the students have been able to access to continue with their education even when they are away from the class.** Being able to stay in a routine with education and learning is important to us as a family and especially our child.





**I appreciate the professionalism and positivity of the staff at CFL during this crazy year** Everyone struggled this year and it was good to know that staff were available to address questions and concerns, doing so with a smile!







**I appreciate the sense of community** It allows kids to feel like they belong

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Ranked #289 of 400





**I appreciate the weekly email from the principal keeping parents informed of upcoming events** I appreciate the small class sizes

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Ranked #290 of 400





**I do not agree with the change to the inclement weather policy.** It is poorly worded, ill-conceived, and was implemented without sufficient notice.

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**I love the monthly newsletter.** This is a great summary of the events happening and helps families plan for the month ahead.

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**I really appreciate the communication received from Prescott, from both the school and teachers.** When you are aware of the goings on and what your children are learning that week, it opens up the lines of communication with your children.

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**I think the newsletter sets out growth programs available to families, parents, and students for a variety programs very well.** Issues such as mental health, getting through the pandemic etc. is up to each family, not the school or staff. They have enough to deal with.

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**I'd love to see time during the day to access a mental wellness coach.** Taking time off to speak to a counsellor is too hard, so many staff don't access any support.

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Ranked #295 of 400





**Memorial Communication is outstanding**  
Regular communication from staff and administration is impressive at Memorial - we always feel that we are well informed and know who to contact

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Ranked #296 of 400





**Mental health supports** Much of what's available is DIY. Can we create an online PSD mental health group or something?

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Ranked #297 of 400




**More supports for students- counselling, clubs, Provide**

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Ranked #298 of 400





**My only concern is the lack of EA support for students** We have way too many students that need extra help but not enough funding to get it accomplished

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Ranked #299 of 400





**Online Learning - not efficient / consistent**  
Online learning, is a touchy subject. There is no consistency between teachers. Realize this is new, and difficult.

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Ranked #300 of 400





**Online Learning Support** Teachers were not given sufficient support to prepare for Option 2. Understaffed and under-supported. Not enough teachers for amount of students

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Ranked #301 of 400





**Online learning was very patchy in the fall term with each individual school trying to manage Option 2 itself** Things are a lot better now that the schools are pooling resources for dedicated teachers for each grade. Fall term was really difficult.

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Ranked #302 of 400





**Our rural bus route is unreasonably long. We live 13km paved hwy away from the school. The bus ride home is almost 1.5 hrs with 2 transfers.** The lack of reasonable bus commute means we've had to drive our young children each day for kinder and grade 1. It impacts our work and finances.

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**Our teachers are being asked to do too much, program for in class and program for at home learning with consistent movement.**

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Ranked #304 of 400





**Pacing of classes in quarter system** Students do not have an adequate amount of time to digest material presented in class before moving on to next unit.

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Ranked #305 of 400





**Parent Notification when a child fails a test or assignment** We can follow up at home to make sure they understand what they are missing. Homework would help.

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**Psd bussing. Bussing has always been horrible.** Expect payment before the year is done for the following year. Must pay by credit card. I dont have 1. Staff at the office are horrible to deal with

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Ranked #307 of 400





**Quarters are great for options classes but stressful for core subjects.** The sheer amount of information needed to be packed into each daily core subject class is a lot to process in one time period and mentally exhausting.

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Ranked #308 of 400





**Staff are working extremely hard with little or no recognition from leadership.**

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Ranked #309 of 400





**Staff feeling increasingly isolated. Expected to teach/counsel/supervise/mark/plan on top of COVID responsibilities such as disinfecting classroom**

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Ranked #310 of 400





**Teachers are always happy. Shows the students it's a positive place.**

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Ranked #311 of 400





**Teachers need better online training** The teachers need better support to navigate the online learning platforms in order to better help their classes

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Ranked #312 of 400





**Teachers seem caring.**

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Ranked #313 of 400





**The availability and flexibility of the administrative team** As the parent of a special needs student, it is important to me that they are accessible and communicative

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Ranked #314 of 400





**The choice to not allow my kids to use the hill as a sliding hill was silly!** I don't believe school property is private

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Ranked #315 of 400




**The communication between teachers and administrators is lacking.** As a result, students feel less inclined to report any inconsistencies, because they don't feel it will amount to anything.

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Ranked #316 of 400





**The music program is amazing at Muir Lake. My kids love it** Mrs. G has really engaged both my kids to have a love of not just music! They love her and her music

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Ranked #317 of 400





**The online option is a keeper.** It's a great way to keep sick kids up to date.

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Ranked #318 of 400





**The whole bussing system is very disorganized.** Was told over the phone one price. When I went in person it was triple the amount. Was told "oopsie, mistakes happen".

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Ranked #319 of 400





**There is a variety of course options for my child.** My child is able to receive both the academic and emotional support she needs.

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Ranked #320 of 400





**Transparency between Admin and Staff** Its refreshing that decisions are mostly made as a team. There is alot more transparency and involved decision making

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Ranked #321 of 400





**Transportation is a mess** Busses are sent out without card scanners and/or radios. No ability to contact drivers. People being charged for bussing that didn't register

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Ranked #322 of 400





**Tries hard to be inclusive** As a minority I appreciate the attention to positive diversity

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Ranked #323 of 400





**Under the fear of backlash from parents and politicians who are living in fear. They have not even been able to show one case of airborne transmission** I am massively disappointed in all you who choose a profession where your job is to safe keep our children. You should all be ashamed of yourselves

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Ranked #324 of 400





**Use of masks** Once my child is in the classroom, I want the use of mask while sitting to be stopped.

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Ranked #325 of 400





**We have an amazing group of staff members! It feels like I am part of a great team! It is great to be in a place where the people are kind and get along so well.**

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**Why does PSD 70 not employ a physical therapist beyond early education? Kids with physical disabilities are NOT magically cured once beyond Early Ed. It shouldn't be a hard to get PSD to hire a contracted PT for 1-12 My son's disease is progressive, but PT slows it down from advancing. HELP us!**

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**Wide variety of options for learning** gives parents option based on their level of comfort.

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Ranked #328 of 400





**appreciate that there will be learning from now on no matter if buses running or not. Enjoy the choice of in class or online learning.** Its important because education is important. The children and staff can not afford to lose days with the high pace they are learning new material.

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**Caring staff make our kids' school a welcoming positive place.** Our young kids are having a positive experience in grade one.

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Ranked #330 of 400





**The young staff, I feel the can be more relatable to the children and they're always willing to adapt.**

2.9  (4   
Ranked #331 of 400





**Stuck on why there's no snow removal** I watched two kids wipe out this morning, one of them biting it twice just trying to get around the corner.

2.9  (3 )  
Ranked #332 of 400





**Transportation** This always seems to be a nightmare for so many families, there just has to be a better way for the transportation department to function.

2.9  (3 )  
Ranked #333 of 400





**I appreciate all the online teachers easpically**  
**Mrs Holden**

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Ranked #334 of 400





**Research shows that boys are being left behind academically and are not doing as well as girls.** It is important that boys are given equal opportunity to succeed like their female counterparts.

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Ranked #335 of 400





**We were charged \$200 for bussing that we cancelled through the driver, our kids didn't step one foot on the bus. It was \$2000 to bus our kids.** Now we are banned for the next year, we were told the bus drivers are not part of Parkland School, we didn't know.

2.9  (2 )  
Ranked #336 of 400





**I would like to see more communication from the teachers, using an app or an email, keep parents informed,** My child struggles with what need to be done, and I don't know what needs to be done, I would like to be kept in the loop.

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Ranked #337 of 400





**Administration at Memorial is engaged and present** Staff check-ins and visibility throughout the school make connecting with staff easy and efficient - developing relationships is key

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Ranked #338 of 400





**Communication is lacking** In a world we're technology is always at our fingertips. Why am I finding out about day 50/100 is there isn't there off a fb moms group?

2.8  (1   
Ranked #339 of 400





**I wish there was a way for kids to write their exams when missed due to covid instead of an average of their marks.** No chance to pull marks up when missed for reason beyond anyone's control.

2.8  (1   
Ranked #340 of 400





**I would like more PD opportunities for non-school staff.** Working without interruptions at home has been a boon, but I wish I had been given the time for self-improvement as well.

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Ranked #341 of 400





**I. Am. Exhausted.** When we're free and clear of COVID, can we make the effort to lighten everyone's burden and do some fun things?

2.8  (1   
Ranked #342 of 400




**Location of school???. Parking lot: 🦠 Option to work from home:♥️, teachers who don't know how to fill long class time and waste it with movies: 🤔** Because a solid education is vital to students' future success and emotional well being.

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Ranked #343 of 400





**My child is very happy with all aspects of the school** This is very important because he and other students had a very hard time with being bullied and redaculed at his old school copperhaven

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Ranked #344 of 400




**Role of Grade Coordinator High School:** What is the role? Should we be hearing from them? What are their tasks?

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Ranked #345 of 400







**Stop the fall breaks and arrange breaks/PD days to fall on stat weekend.** For example. Easter next year falls a couple of weeks after spring break meaning parents are having to take extra time off work to accommodate.

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Ranked #346 of 400





**The sanitizer is taking the paint off of my lockers and the finish off of all of my furniture and toys** They will need to be replaced, but I'm worried there will be no money to replace items that are damaged by district provided sanitizer

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Ranked #347 of 400




**staff mental health** I am concerned about staff mental health. The restrictions of staff not being able to socialize during breaks is taking a toll on their well-being.

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Ranked #348 of 400





**For not doing any legitimate research beyond what you are hand fed. It's appalling. My daughter is the only grade in the entire school that needs to Wear a mask.** That means you are risking her health and mental well being for a political agenda. Because every other grade in the school is mask free

2.7  (2   
Ranked #349 of 400





**Funding for small schools** There seems to be inequality in resources and technology between the divisions larger and smaller schools.

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Ranked #350 of 400





**I appreciate the increased transparency and honesty in the past couple of years concerning major division decisions.** Division office has been forthcoming and transparent regarding difficult decisions over the past couple of years.

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Ranked #351 of 400





**I have no complaints... in this crazy time we are in right now, I'm confident, happy, impressed and honestly grateful! The staff are doing amazing!** My child's mental health is number one, and being back in school plays a huge role on this.

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Ranked #352 of 400




**I worry about the well being of older students grades 5 and up with limited resources of outside recreation during recess.** This is where kids bond. This is supposed to be a fun time and not a jail like setting where all they do is walk around in a parking lot.

2.7  (2   
Ranked #353 of 400



**Lack of communication from teacher** Communication is not the greatest, often finding out last minute of things the child may need for an upcoming school day (ie special attire, supplies)

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Ranked #354 of 400



**Quarter system is working well** My child enjoys being able to focus on only 2 subjects at a time. It's made diploma exam time less stressful.

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Ranked #355 of 400



**Wabamun Teachers and staff have gone above and beyond to give students a healthy and productive school year during a pandemic.** This has not been an easy year on anyone and I really appreciate that they have gone the extra mile to create a safe learning atmosphere.

2.7  (2   
Ranked #356 of 400




**We didn't have enough professional support to continue with option 2 remote learning for French Immersion. There was almost no conversational French.** The lack of at-home support particularly for conversational French was a major deciding factor for returning to in-classroom school during covid.

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Ranked #357 of 400



**biased teaching** doesnt promote thinking

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Ranked #358 of 400




**Activities or assignments are only done individually . Even with masks on.** The kids are depressed/lonely. They are more resistant and unmotivated to attend when they aren't going to work with their peers.

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Ranked #359 of 400





**Appreciate the communication from classroom to home in Grade 1** I feel like the transparent and communication helps me reiterate material at home to help foster their education. Could be done better in kinder

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Ranked #360 of 400





**Collaboration is hard with staff who do not want to hear others' ideas. I would LOVE to see it be more of a priority in our division. I feel that it would keep teachers who stick to their "tried & true" ways from becoming arrogant/obstinate in their practice and keep working for what's best for kids**

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**Concerned about the age of the school** We have one of the oldest schools with old school items and lack of available resources

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Ranked #362 of 400



**Covid protocols - isolation for staff and constant masking for everyone** I worry about staff and student mental health

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Ranked #363 of 400



**Family** They stick together

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Ranked #364 of 400



**Good community spirit at school** Muir Lake in the past offered a welcome BBQ, organized event days like wear your jersey day, etc, offers school merchandise.

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Ranked #365 of 400





**I appreciate my children being able to ride the bus and attend school in person, as opposed to online learning.** Beyond the academics, they benefit socially and physically so much going to school each day. I cannot fulfill all their needs at home.

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Ranked #366 of 400





**I am concerned that our school is trying to offer too many new initiatives at once** Staff are being split into too many niche/new programs. Staff are burnt out and students in established programs are being moved down priority list.

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**I appreciate copperhaven school**

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Ranked #368 of 400





**I appreciate that Connections for learning is an option for us this year. My kids are doing quite well with it, I find I am printing a lot of stuff at home for them which is starting add cost**

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Ranked #369 of 400





**I appreciate the leadership that I see in Division Office.** I see the collaborative efforts of this team to make a difference for staff through support, communication and leadership through example.

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Ranked #370 of 400





**I appreciate the support from our administration at our school when dealing with difficult situations.** We are lucky to have strong leadership who have high expectations for students and guardians and how they treat our staff.

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Ranked #371 of 400





**I'm so grateful for the willingness of our division to be so flexible with staff to work from home when needed.** We don't need added stressors while teaching during a pandemic. Having this option when needed, especially for parents has been appreciated.

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Ranked #372 of 400





**It is unfortunate that Gr. 10 kids do not get accepted to take Psychology.** It is a course they are allowed to pick but they never get approved to take it.

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Ranked #373 of 400





**It's a double standard. And if we had the power to not have her in school. She wouldn't be there.**

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Ranked #374 of 400





**K/1 split classes don't work** My daughter is struggling and not receiving the support she needs - and should receive - as a kindergartner.

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Ranked #375 of 400





**Kids' development has been severely impacted by COVID precautions.** The sudden negative & unrelenting social/mental/physical/financial impacts for many COVID-era children

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Ranked #376 of 400





**MCHS needs the access road widened or another way in or out of the school** Bottle neck to get in or out

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Ranked #377 of 400





**Millgrove has done a great job keeping students safe during covid**

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Ranked #378 of 400





**Mixed info about covid restrictions** Valentine's day was very confusing for what could come to school . Some teachers sent stuff home which broke kids hearts but other teachers allowed it

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Ranked #379 of 400





**My duagher participated with in class learning as much as possible.**

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Ranked #380 of 400





**My kids are experiencing COVID-Precaution-Fatigue.** Increasingly, they cannot bear to be in school wearing a mask for hours. They beg me to let them stay home--anything to avoid MASKS.

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Ranked #381 of 400





**My son started high-school this years and I was apprehensive about the four quarter system.** I think it has worked well for my son but wonder what others have experienced. Is it working for children with ADD etc.?

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Ranked #382 of 400





**Online school has really reduced bullying concerns** Because there's no unsupervised interaction with the other kids, there has been much less bullying this year than previous years.

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Ranked #383 of 400





**Our children's bus ride is fairly short.** They don't spend hours a day riding the bus ... yet. Unfortunately next year our oldest will be commuting 180 km / day.

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Ranked #384 of 400





**Our daughter loves her experience at meridian**

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Ranked #385 of 400





**Seamless transitions from in person to online learning** This has been great to see and allows students to learn at pace in all situations. Doing a great job!

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Ranked #386 of 400





**Thankful for great teachers and staff** They've kept our kids safe, healthy, and educated during such a trying time

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Ranked #387 of 400





**The kids should have a standard type of mask that they wear.**

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Ranked #388 of 400





**The pace of the quarter system for math and science courses is too fast.** The quarter system is adding extra stress at an already difficult time. The stress caused by so many tests each week is negatively affecting my child.

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Ranked #389 of 400





**The school boards last minute choice to change cold/snow day policy really turned me off the SD.** Last minute choices made by the SD showed no chance for parents to have input or the choice/chance to change arrangements already in place

2.7  (1 )  
Ranked #390 of 400





**Working from home** I'm grateful to have this option available.

2.6  (3 )  
Ranked #391 of 400





**Appreciate: PD Days for the opportunity to prep and collaborate with colleagues**  
Concerns: outdated and smelly student bathrooms. I am worried there is clearly something wrong with the plumbing and the smell is disgusting.

2.6  (2 )  
Ranked #392 of 400





**Be nice to have a play ground, social events like dances etc for middle school kids. Obviously not with Covid but in the future years.** social engagement out of structured school times is important for development.

2.6  (2 )  
Ranked #393 of 400





**Why do the younger grades (aside from the kinders) have the furthest walk to get to and from their door?** They move the slowest, it just doesn't make sense.

2.6  (2 )  
Ranked #394 of 400



**I am concerned about the busing situation.** I don't like the fact that my kids are on the bus for 3 hrs a day.

2.5  (3 )  
Ranked #395 of 400





**For the past few years, I feel like Muir Lake's reputation of being a great, community based school has been sliding.** The sense of community and connection is everything, especially in today's world.

2.4  (2 )  
Ranked #396 of 400





Group projects have to continue.

2.4  (2 )  
Ranked #397 of 400





I appreciate that the principal and vice principal are so open and welcoming and are bringing new options for jr high to the school. Creates a positive, open, innovative, and exciting atmosphere.

2.4  (2 )  
Ranked #398 of 400





It boggles my mind most other schools have no clue what we do at CFL.

2.4  (2 )  
Ranked #399 of 400



My path is an essential part of my child's learning This program is amazing for kids learning that can not be done in a traditional classroom

2.4  (2 )  
Ranked #400 of 400

