Q12 Are there additional considerations that you feel are more important than these?

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Minimizing the driving distance to school. We live in the Chilco Rd area, our catchment is View Royal Elementary, but we are enrolled at Eagle View Elementary, as it is closer in proximity (and safer to walk/bike) from our house, as our kids get older. The majority of transfers to Eagle View each year come from the Child Rd area for these reasons.	12/1/2018 10:39 PM
2	Ability to choose schools in different catchments (e.g., because it may be closer, family or caregivers reside near, select a preferred teacher)	12/1/2018 8:43 PM
3	French immersion access is super important and having friends in the neighbourhood with the same catchment School being accessible by foot/biking	12/1/2018 2:44 PM
4	Freedom of choice	12/1/2018 2:04 PM
5	The quality of the school	12/1/2018 8:08 AM
6	Need to differentiate french immersion catchment areas from English catchment areas as there are less French Immersion options and the catchements don't make sense for French Immersion currently	12/1/2018 1:14 AM
7	Promote to our work. We only have one car and work long hours (and no family to help) so we must have our child's school near our work or a bus right across the street from the school that comes directly to either our home or work.	11/30/2018 9:35 PM
8	Same sibiling	11/30/2018 8:59 PM
9	I think that keeping siblings together in the same school is essential to creating community and helping transitions into school. Younger children have the opportunity to look forward to school if their elder siblings have already gone.	11/30/2018 8:35 PM
10	Close to neighbourhood where they live.	11/30/2018 8:32 PM
11	Access to language education appealling to diverse cultures and interests. Access to language education for students not enrolled in French Immersion. Consideration of additional bilingual programs or classes. Equity and avoiding economic segregation across schools or within a school (between immersion and English streams)	11/30/2018 8:11 PM
12	Construction on building/ road way that will interfere with transportation	11/30/2018 7:09 PM
13	Special needs services	11/30/2018 7:07 PM
14	Secondary school boundaries align with Middle school boundaries. I think programs of choice have multiple catchment areas that they serve	11/30/2018 6:15 PM
15	School that provides more quality education for special needs children. I feel my child would learn better in a smaller school rather than a larger school.	11/30/2018 5:35 PM
16	Already enrolled students should not be impacted. Most families in my area are living in the location specifically to be enrolled in the current catchment boundaries.	11/30/2018 5:25 PM
17	Keeping siblings together	11/30/2018 4:59 PM
18	Yes, I would like my child to stay with her peer group that she's been enrolled with since Kindergarten.	11/30/2018 4:57 PM
19	Access to French Immersion - opening up more spaces. Access should not just be by chance for children and families wanting to access french immersion.	11/30/2018 4:47 PM
20	Proximity to school, going to a school in our neighbourhood, and being within catchment was our priority. It was more important than going out of catchment for French.	11/30/2018 4:15 PM

The access to district programs of choice is incredibly important. Accessing the Centre for Soccer Excellence academy and the french immersion programs have been transformative for our children and their educational experience	11/30/2018 4:02 PM
Retaining same sequence of schools across grades for English and French Immersion students	11/30/2018 3:50 PM
13 I'd like to see communities re-invest in their catchment schools. Ensure that every school has equal access to academic options, sports teams and training, language immersion.	11/30/2018 3:48 PM
4 Keeping families together	11/30/2018 3:29 PM
25 No	11/30/2018 3:20 PM
6 Siblings in same schools	11/30/2018 3:16 PM
27 Whether the school is safe (seismic upgrades) Quality of programs- French Immersion schools do not offer the same quality of programming to English program students. All-English schools offer better programming for English students (both in classes and as extra activities). More options an selections are available to the English programs because when all the kids are in the English program there are enough kids to offer better options. Schools should be English-only or French- only. Where it is both, the English program students suffer and miss out. I was at a school of this type as a child. My own child started at a dual-school and as a parent I could see that after 30 years, nothing had changed, so we do not attend our catchment school and my child/student now has far more opportunities than they would have had at our catchment school.	
We chose Fairfield because we thought the kids could go to OakBay high but we are just out of the catchment area and they both go to Vic High. We're not very happy with this.	11/30/2018 3:14 PM
No more important, but ensuring my child is not in the English track of a duel track school is of upmost importance to me.	11/30/2018 3:02 PM
0 Siblings should have priority in the same school	11/30/2018 2:58 PM
1 quality of school	11/30/2018 2:55 PM
2 proximity to parent/guardian workplace	11/30/2018 2:48 PM
Attending the same school as peers	11/30/2018 2:45 PM
Availability of School Busses and routes to school	11/30/2018 2:43 PM
You would take a lot of cars off the road if you would provide better school bus access.	11/30/2018 2:42 PM
6 safety	11/30/2018 2:42 PM
Enrollment based on specific or special requirements of child, ie Gifted programs	11/30/2018 2:34 PM
I'm not sure it is necessary to provide programs of choice in every neighbourhood, especially the sports ones. Also, it seems natural to have separate rules for choice programs. So, I'm not sure what you are asking for with a rank for considering this for catchment boundaries. For instance are you asking that boundaries for the regular program be modified to each contain a choice program which would also affect who goes to the regular program? That does not sound like a good idea, although better for French than for sports.	
9 quality of the school/teachers, social mix of students in the school. boundaries should encourage mix of students from different income groups/social backgrounds.	a 11/30/2018 2:11 PM
French immersion needs to be offered at more schools. We bought a house near Tillicum Elementary, assuming that French immersion was offered at every single elementary school. Our area is lacking in French immersion but areas like Oak Bay/Fairfield/Fernwood have a lot of elementary schools offering French immersion.	11/30/2018 1:57 PM
1 not at the moment	11/30/2018 1:53 PM
2 The catchment for French Immersion could be different to be able to go to a closer school.	11/30/2018 1:48 PM
Yes. Parent choice. The District has sport academies for some sports but if your gifted child excel at a sport not within the academy you are now bound by catchment. Disappointing	s 11/30/2018 1:46 PM
Using population levels and ease of access to school not just distance. For instance I live in Jame Bay almost equi-distance to 2 middle and 2 highschools in different cathments; one is nearly a straight drive to the east or with a bus route, but the catchment school requires crossing through downtown and major roads/intersections.	s 11/30/2018 1:46 PM

45	Safe walking route.	11/30/2018 1:36 PM
46	I would like my child to move with his cohort through the transitions from elementary to middle and from middle to secondary school. The closest middle and secondary schools to enable walking or biking are currently "out of catchment." They are only 3 and 1 blocks from my residence, respectively.	11/30/2018 1:32 PM
17	Have 3 children. When the youngest goes to kindergarten, with the change there is a potential chance that 2 young one will need to attend different elementary schools.	11/30/2018 1:09 PM
8	no	11/30/2018 1:03 PM
9	Child input/choice and desire for program	11/30/2018 12:58 PM
0	I think access to programs of choice are important and should not be compromised if you want to stay in catchment.	11/30/2018 12:55 PM
1	Feeder programs that create and maintain community.	11/30/2018 12:46 PM
2	No	11/30/2018 12:26 PM
3	To be in the same school as sibling	11/30/2018 12:20 PM
54	Pathway schools - once a family has been accepted into a school, all siblings should be allowed to attend, and stay with the pathway school they were accepted into. Children should not be forced away from peers or siblings due to changes in family's residence - something often they have no control over.	11/30/2018 12:12 PM
55	who will be taking the child to and from school, and where they live. for example, my mom will be taking my children to and from school, and looking after them between end of the school day and when I get off work. Since she doesn't drive, it will make more sense for my child to attend a school in her catchment area	11/30/2018 11:53 AM
6	Students should have the option to go to the school that is close to the parents workplace.	11/30/2018 11:15 AM
7	Quality of education available at the nearest school	11/30/2018 10:42 AM
8	I don't think so.	11/30/2018 9:58 AM
9	Keeping as close to current boundaries as possible	11/30/2018 9:37 AM
0	They're all equally important!	11/30/2018 9:37 AM
51	Children learn best and thrive socially and emotionally when they are able to attend smaller schools close to their neighbourhoods and communities. The district should consider re-opening of bulding more of these smaller schools to help instill a sense of belonging and community in their students.	11/30/2018 9:29 AM
2	Keeping siblings together even when families have to move out of a catchment area	11/30/2018 9:05 AM
63	Yes, to hope that our daughter, currently in grade one, can remain with her friends that she has bonded with over the past two years and for our second daughter, currently two years old, to be able to attend the same school with our first daughter.	11/30/2018 8:59 AM
4	Proximity to home	11/30/2018 8:49 AM
65	Sidewalks! Proper sidewalks with curbs and crosswalks. I do not feel safe walking on am extended road with a white line between myself and a car. Why would I want my child to walk on the sidewalks?	11/30/2018 6:52 AM
6	Staying with the friend relationships they have developed in the past years.	11/30/2018 5:48 AM
57	There should be more French Immersion schools. There should also be proper care taken of challenge and special needs students. Stop shoehorning kids into regular classrooms and overwhelming teachers. Stop routing funding to useless positions in the school board head office. Stop taking years to assess child special needs. It isn't working. Probably fund special needs and challenge programs by eliminating unnecessary roles at the district level. All students will benefit when you act responsibly.	11/30/2018 4:08 AM
8	Flexibility for those near a boundary	11/30/2018 3:50 AM
69	Maintaining or promoting a feeling of community within a school community. This is built through both school culture and the geography of students' homes and how they travel to and from school.	11/30/2018 1:06 AM
70	none	11/30/2018 12:15 AM

71	If my child is more academically inclined/trade oriented or musical, allow them to go to the school which will be the best fit for the child.	11/30/2018 12:02 AM
72	Staying in the community you have chosen to live in, raise your family in and vote in.	11/29/2018 11:56 PM
73	NONE OF THE ABOVE ARE IMPORTANT TO ME. WHY DO YOU FORCE SUCH A RESPONSE? There should be an N/A option. Distance to where i work (downtown) so that i can respond to many issues related to my son with severe autism; staying with his cohort of special needs friends; proximity to his primary after school care giver, - who is not in Langford where his catchment area is. Badly done question	11/29/2018 11:22 PM
74	No	11/29/2018 11:14 PM
75	Keeping families together!!! My child is currently enrolled in the French catchement school. If the boundaries change and we are no longer in that catchment, the new enrollement priorities mean that I either have to have my kids (second one is enrolling in 2020) at two different schools (not an option, we have no way to make two different drop offs work), or I have to move my eldest child (also not an option. He has anxiety and ADHDthere is no universe where moving him unnecessarily away from his friends/school community is a good idea). I understand that boundaries need to change, but students currently enrolled should have their siblings grandfathered in (as they were originally in catchment). Failing to keep families together is especially hard for students with special needs and those with other challenges (social, economic, mental health, etc.). These are the people we should be protecting.	11/29/2018 11:03 PM
76	Yes! We specifically chose South Park for its programs, but also because we were thinking in a long term education plan. We wanted to choose the middle school for our children and not be forced to attend the school in our catchment.	11/29/2018 11:02 PM
77	Very important -SIBLINGS!!! People move and important for siblings to attend same school!! Please note: Vancouver has no catchments	11/29/2018 10:24 PM
78	Not splitting catchements from elementary to middle school and from middle to high school, allowing peers to stay together	11/29/2018 10:23 PM
79	changing of current catchment - don't want it to affect child who is currently school aged and our youngest (not yet in school)	11/29/2018 10:19 PM
80	Siblings in same school, families with two addresses not in same catchments (separated or divorced parents)	11/29/2018 10:18 PM
81	Density of population	11/29/2018 10:08 PM
82	Enrollment priority for siblings is more important	11/29/2018 9:57 PM
83	Priority for registration should be given to in catchment students as well as a siblings of students already enrolled in school	11/29/2018 9:38 PM
84	If we are mandated to pay our taxes including property tax; then, it's my right to send my kid(s) to the school which we belong to. I feel I pay to keep the area clean for somebody else's use/pleasure	11/29/2018 9:35 PM
85	Please either keep boundaries stable or reconsider strict enrollment priorities so that families can have their children attend the same school.	11/29/2018 9:17 PM
86	Quantity of children in each school	11/29/2018 9:15 PM
87	Siblings attending same school	11/29/2018 9:15 PM
38	We want both of our children to attend the same schools	11/29/2018 9:01 PM
39	after school care	11/29/2018 8:58 PM
90	No	11/29/2018 8:57 PM
91	Minimize traffic.	11/29/2018 8:54 PM
92	Social connection to peers, it would be highly disruptive to our children if they were not allowed to continue being in schools with the kids they are familiar with. The catchment rules changed after we moved or we would have otherwise worked harder to live near our preferred catchment.	11/29/2018 8:49 PM

93 Allowing children to continue to the middle school and high school that their classmates will be attending is of immense importance. For us at South Park, a school of choice, with no catchment, it would be devastating for all of the children to lose the friendships and bonds they have made while also having to start a new school.

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 94 is travel to the school safe? 95 Ensuring a diverse socio-economic mix within the school. 96 Academic courses 97 Population projections. And school of choice should remain spread across the District. 98 siblings in the school 99 Mainly just giving my child the opportunity to attend the nearest school with the services we want for him. 100 Availability of after school care, distance from parent/ caregiver during school times in case of emergency. 	11/29/2018 8:45 PM 11/29/2018 8:41 PM 11/29/2018 8:33 PM 11/29/2018 8:32 PM 11/29/2018 8:15 PM 11/29/2018 8:09 PM 11/29/2018 7:45 PM
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101 No	11/29/2018 7:40 PM
102 I am not worried about the transition from elementary to middle school. I am more worried about making sure my kids can remain in French immersion when in high school. This might require them to switch catchments. So we need flexibility in that regard. I have heard about kids having to drop out of French immersion because there were not enough spaces in their catchment	11/29/2018 7:03 PM
103 French Immersion streaming is resulting in the English tracks at those school being top heavy of hard to manage kids. My kid attended Oaklands (no French) and we put her into late French in Middle school for a better experience. I think the streaming is a problem.	11/29/2018 6:54 PM
104 no	11/29/2018 6:50 PM
105 There should be flexibility built into the catchment system so that children have equal access to programs of choice regardless of where they live.	11/29/2018 6:49 PM
106 I really think kids should go to the school in their community. The kids in a neighborhood would all go to the same schools, promoting neighborhood play outside of school hours.	11/29/2018 6:41 PM
107 Mental impact of being alone in a new school	11/29/2018 6:34 PM
108 Yes, access to the current stream school attached to elementary schools. For example, my daughter goes to Campus View and we want her to remain with her community as she moves to the identified stream middle school - not a new school.	11/29/2018 6:32 PM
109 Yes. The school our son ended up in is in one of the most expensive neighborhoods in Victoria; thus, we could never afford to buy there. Once we had to leave our rental, we were forced to buy in a less expensive neighborhood, yet we would like our son to continue at this school. The economic disparities between neighborhoods should be a consideration if a child wants to continue in a catchment he/she started in. We worry deeply that when he reaches Grade 6, he wil have to chance catchments. While the school in our catchment is good, he will lose all of his connections and friendships. Therefore, it is also important that the school district adopt a "once you're in, you're in" system for cases such as these.	11/29/2018 6:31 PM
110 Sibling priority #1	11/29/2018 6:21 PM
111 The consistency of his attendance at the same same	11/29/2018 6:00 PM
112 No	11/29/2018 5:59 PM
Actually following the first consideration as our current catchment isn't the closest school to us.	11/29/2018 5:57 PM
114 too many students in one school	11/29/2018 5:54 PM
115 No	11/29/2018 5:43 PM
116 My child's choice of middle school and secondary school was based on the Fine Arts program (band, choir, musical theatre)	11/29/2018 5:38 PM
117 nope - French and proximity.	11/29/2018 4:56 PM
118 Yes! Where before and after school care is located!!!! Also where parents work in proximity to school	11/29/2018 4:27 PM

119	When my children advance to Rock Heights, I'm concerned with where it is located for transportation options. It is quite far away and also tucked off of main routes. We love Vic West neighbourhood and Elementary school. Although we did not move there to get into a certain catchment, now that our kids are established, we would want to stay in the catchment at least for elementary. Where middle schools are concerned, Shoreline is on a main route and we know a lot of kids going there (opportunity to car pool or take bus) so I would love if it was an option.	11/29/2018 4:25 PM
120	Yesassuming we don't moveall my kids should go to the same school (inc. following the same elementary> middle> high school path).	11/29/2018 4:21 PM
121	Neighbourhood kids go to the same school	11/29/2018 4:20 PM
122	How close is the school to your work, should be an important consideration.	11/29/2018 4:19 PM
123	Overall well being of a child. My child is very happy and learning at an accelerated pace. I want my other child to be able to the same at the same school.	11/29/2018 3:53 PM
124	Administration	11/29/2018 3:52 PM
125	Yes, the quality of the school. The quality of the teaching being most important and engagement of children and parents.	11/29/2018 3:49 PM
126	If the student lives more than a 10 minute walk from school, a school bus should be available. Not all parents have a personal vehicle and a walk greater than 10 minutes is too far for younger children to walk.	11/29/2018 3:47 PM
127	Out of school child care	11/29/2018 3:43 PM
128	Work with CRD/Municipalities to build safer transportation options for the kids (eg. cross walks that light up, paths off the road through easements, grass separation on sidewalks, etc.)	11/29/2018 3:42 PM
129	None of the above (Q11) is important, as we are not near our school, but I'm not able to leave Q11 blank. Most important to our family is continuing at South Park Family School.	11/29/2018 3:38 PM
130	No	11/29/2018 3:27 PM
131	Keeping siblings together is important for families such as ours. Also, carbon offset as can use one vehicle instead of two, plus the convenience. And dealing with one administration instead of two and so on.	11/29/2018 3:13 PM
132	grandfather existing school of choice kids and their siblings	11/29/2018 3:11 PM
133	Size of the catchment should match the capacity of the school. We should not be putting temporary structures on school grounds if a recently renovated school has increased capacity but a historically small catchment area.	11/29/2018 3:08 PM
134	we bought our current house because of the catchment school. Kids should be able to walk home and have friends live close by.	11/29/2018 2:54 PM
135	Minimizing long distance travel	11/29/2018 2:53 PM
136	Community Association. Ie. Faifield Gonzales community group is split by school catchments yet community groups and space are shared. It is a bit of a divide when integrating into our community through our community association but being split by which school our kids will attend. As a family with small kids, having kids in the same community going to the same school is an important part of building and maintaining social groups and relationships with the parents and families that my kids will play and socialize with. As a parent, I would like to know and interact with families that my children go to school with. This is important for strong sense of community building.	11/29/2018 2:49 PM
137	If there is a school closer than my catchment school I would like the option to send my kids there.	11/29/2018 2:44 PM
138	It is hard when one side of the street on one road is in one catchment and the other in a different as it is in our case. The whole road should be in the same catchment area and if it is on a boundry road then the parents should have the choice to choose because they are right in between.	11/29/2018 2:43 PM
139	The idea of neighbourhood is important. You should be able to go the the neighbourhood school where all the neighbourhood children go to foster friendships and a sense of community. The strange "finger" for Sir James Douglas is an example; what is so special about that one block? These boundaries are hard to understand.	11/29/2018 2:43 PM

141	Community and neighbourhood alignment, i.e.: we live close to the Oak Bay Recreation Centre and use that as our neighbourhood hub, even though we technically live in Victoria across Foul Bay Road.	11/29/2018 2:32 PM
142	NA	11/29/2018 2:24 PM
143	Yes, of course the most important thing is that I am dropping off ALL of my kids at the same school!!! None of the above transportation-related choices matter if I have to be in 2 places at once! I'm on my own for school drop-off, with no family in town and 2 not yet enrolled. What a nightmare it would be if they can't all go to the current school!	11/29/2018 2:21 PM
144	Yes, for us it is parents work location. It is much easier for kids to be close to work, rather than home for our situation.	11/29/2018 2:14 PM
145	Not having children in attendance in two different schools. Younger children should be permitted to attend the school of their older sibling in the event of a catchment change.	11/29/2018 2:02 PM
146	I personally feel like the district should also strive to include diversity of incomes and housing types in catchment areas to avoid affluent and non affluent schools.	11/29/2018 2:02 PM
147	Peer groups. My daughter befriended many Margaret Jenkins kids while at Central (my daughter went to SJD) and was then unable to go to Oak Bay with them as she is in the Vic High catchment. It was unfortunate as this is such a critical age for peer relations.	11/29/2018 1:58 PM
148	Split families living far apart possibly access to schools part way between	11/29/2018 1:53 PM
149	Childcare	11/29/2018 1:51 PM
150	Safe cross walks!!!!!	11/29/2018 1:44 PM
151	Consistency.	11/29/2018 1:42 PM
152	I think it's worth adding more schools with special programs. Our catchment school is also French Immersion. The school is so full and can barely accommodate the catchment kids.	11/29/2018 1:42 PM
153	the line at our new street call providence place got caught right on the boundry line, it is easier to go to campus view then it is to hillcrest	11/29/2018 1:41 PM
154	Programs of choice, particularly French immersion programs, should be located in schools that are central to catchment.	11/29/2018 1:40 PM
155	Yes - my daughter is enrolled in our catchment French Immersion school which is Campus View. French Immersion will not be a good fit for my younger son so he will have to be enrolled in our catchment English school which is Hillcrest and hope he can get a transfer to Campus View. I'm not happy about the new system and the idea of my kids going to 2 different schools	11/29/2018 1:34 PM
156	Siblings in the same school.	11/29/2018 1:33 PM
157	Children should not have to drive across town to go to school, programs should be offered in each catchmentinsufficient parking at the school for parents, or teachers.	11/29/2018 1:07 PM
158	I live the established neighbourhood of Oaklands, which has been divided at Fernwood St. We are an Oaklands Family. We are connected to the Oaklands Community Centre. No major streets have to be crossed for us to attend Oaklands, yet we are in George Jay catchment. I am very supportive of the community school and catchment, I simply don't believe that George Jay is our community school Oaklands is.	11/29/2018 1:04 PM
159	Making connections in our immediate neighbourhood by attending the school that is closest to where we live, not just walkable, but within our actual neighbourhood	11/29/2018 12:57 PM
160	Best fit for a child and their learning style Where a parent works/community a child previously grew up in.	11/29/2018 12:50 PM
161	Keeping siblings together at the same school	11/29/2018 12:49 PM
162	had to move out of catchment area because of divorce, but my son wants to continue his education with his friends that are going to Middle School outside his catchment area. A child should have that choice to follow on to middle School with his friends.	11/29/2018 12:44 PM
163	Keeping siblings together; being able to attend school with close friends	11/29/2018 12:34 PM
164	Allowing child to continue in school they are attending	11/29/2018 12:30 PM

165	Proximity. As an example - View Royal Elementary is closer to Spectrum High School rather than Esquimalt High School.	11/29/2018 12:23 PM
166	Yes, priority access for incoming student who are a sibling of students already enrolled at the school of choice	11/29/2018 12:21 PM
167	I'm concerned about friends of my kids who might be taken away from their established cohort. I'm fine with the change, but it should apply to new students only.	11/29/2018 12:09 PM
168	Safety. Beyond accessible bike lanes, the number of busy streets to be crossed and the type of crossings (e.g. non-marked, marked, controlled) is a BIG factor.	11/29/2018 12:08 PM
169	Having a safe walking route to school (i.e. not having to cross busy streets if possible).	11/29/2018 11:59 AM
170	None of the above are a priority for our family. Our priority is the education our child receives.	11/29/2018 11:50 AM
171	no	11/29/2018 11:47 AM
172	Somewhat even distribution of the population amongst schools	11/29/2018 11:37 AM
173	equity	11/29/2018 11:27 AM
174	School buses would be awesome for challenge program, also french emmersion as these schools are sometimes not in our catchment area.	11/29/2018 11:15 AM
175	Safety	11/29/2018 11:02 AM
176	n/a	11/29/2018 10:55 AM
177	My personal consideration, which does not apply to general policy making, is that as a family, we naturally flow towards Victoria even though we technically live in (South) Saanich, so we 'see' schools and social connections in that direction. We don't go 'out of town' so don't recognize schools there. This is based not on work flow, but on previously residing near town and having all of our social connections nearer to town (Victoria)	11/29/2018 10:54 AM
178	Schools should flow into the next tier regardless of catchment as priority. IE those in elementary school together should be able to continue through middle school and high school. The previous schools should be baseline for the next schools catchment - with those wishing to move to a different school submitting transfer forms. IE use the same catchment from elementary and extend it to include full catchments for secondary rather than creating new lines which divides students.	11/29/2018 10:52 AM
179	Childcare arrangements and being with siblings plus size of school. Smaller, neighbourhood schools within walking distance (preferably no crossing main roads) for elementary.	11/29/2018 10:41 AM
180	If the children are already in the school, if they could stay there, I am trying to get in catchment area.	11/29/2018 10:39 AM
181	no split classes	11/29/2018 10:37 AM
182	District Programs of Choice are very often the choice of more prosperous members of the region who have the means/time to drive their kids long distances but have no connection to or interest in the communities in which the schools are located. Bad for the neighbourhoods and their inhabitants. I have seen this in Edmonton, AB, where my older kids went to school, and which has a long, long history of open borders within the school district.	11/29/2018 10:29 AM
183	Keeping child is the catchment they started in.	11/29/2018 10:28 AM
184	The placement of catchment lines. Whether it's a major road or a minor one, lines should never be drawn down the middle of a street. *Of course* kids from both sides of the street will develop relationships, and splitting kids along those lines has a negative impact on that. We had to jump through a number of hoops and forfeit the option of french immersion in order to get out kids into the same school as other members of their immediate community.	11/29/2018 10:28 AM
185	Safety first	11/29/2018 10:12 AM
186	Yes. The current catchment area for Hillcrest is unfair. We live far closer to Torquay, and the requirement that my child attend Hillcrest places an undue and unfair burden on us.	11/29/2018 10:10 AM
187	Please consider that a school maybe be physically close but that traffic/crossing the highway can make it a long trip.	11/29/2018 10:09 AM
188	N/A	11/29/2018 10:08 AM

189	Distance to the school. Our current catchment is Tillicum. However, Vic West is closer AND has bike paths the entire way to the school. Our address is closer to Vic West than Tillicum.	11/29/2018 10:03 AM
190	If your child's catchment school is a program of choice school (sports) your child (who is not a sporty child) should be able to go the second closest academic school so they have more options for classes and not be limited due to the catchment schools lack of classes for them.	11/29/2018 10:00 AM
191	Ability for children to attend school with their long time friends.	11/29/2018 9:59 AM
192	I think that leaving space for kids to be able to transition through schools with their peer groups from the last year is important. For example, if you're in a non catchment school for elementary and then are forced to move to catchment for middle school, you don't have the opportunity to continue with your friends from elementary.	11/29/2018 9:57 AM
193	School travel considerations important to safety, impacts on community, choice of travel mode	11/29/2018 9:56 AM
194	School Programs and cohort of peers - teachers that are amazing.	11/29/2018 9:56 AM
195	Support system that is provided for my child.	11/29/2018 9:48 AM
196	Access to schools with well recognized music programmes, etc.	11/29/2018 9:41 AM
197	School I went to as a child Reputation of the school Knowing teachers at the school	11/29/2018 9:33 AM
198	Out of school child care, quality of teaching, access to EA's	11/29/2018 9:32 AM
199	Special needs accommodation	11/29/2018 9:26 AM
200	Before and after school care availability	11/29/2018 9:17 AM
201	Young children should attend schools in their home neighbourhoods. This helps the child feel safe, gives them a sense of belonging and helps the community.	11/29/2018 9:12 AM
202	We feel that we should have a choice of either Mount Doug or Lambrick secondary, they are both in our neighboorhood. Also, the middle schools Arbutus and Gordon Head both would flow to either of these schools. We live within one block of the current boundary road cut off for Mount Doug!	11/29/2018 9:12 AM
203	Ranking and after school care	11/29/2018 8:56 AM
204	Siblings in the same school; and kids should be able to continue onto the next level of school with their peers, rather than having to switch to a different district because they have moved during their school years. Once in, they should be able to continue along the same pathway if they want.	11/29/2018 8:53 AM
205	on the way to and from work for parents	11/29/2018 8:52 AM
206	All schools should have access to the same programs. (French, Sports, Challenge and Flex) There should not have to be "programs of choice".	11/29/2018 8:52 AM
207	The program/support the school offers special needs children.	11/29/2018 8:46 AM
208	A guarantee that all children living in a school catchment can go to that school regardless of when they move into that catchment. Transfers should never get preference over a catchment student. Opening transfers before school starts is wrong.	11/29/2018 8:35 AM
209	My perception of a school	11/29/2018 8:24 AM
210	Keeping kids within the same family at the same school. Keeping children with their friends/peer groups at the same school when family moves.	11/29/2018 8:04 AM
211	Kids can stay with their friends and peers when they have transferred in from out of district.	11/29/2018 8:03 AM
212	Allowing siblings to follow even after a move, blending of families or divorce	11/29/2018 8:02 AM
213	More consistency between catchment area and municipality. A child should be able to attend the school where the parent pays taxes! Currently, Oak Bay Henderson area students are going to Mount Doug. Weird!	11/29/2018 7:49 AM
214	When so many schools were closed, particularly elementary, it forced families and students to travel further to school, often by driving and often to a school that was originally designed for children to walk to school. Reopening schools would restore the balance so that local families and children can walk to school, thereby fostering independence of the children	11/29/2018 7:34 AM
215	Ability to continue attending school with friends from elementary and middle school.	11/29/2018 7:26 AM

216	Before and After School care close to work	11/29/2018 7:22 AM
217	Im just concerned when my daughter goes to high school coz her school will be vic high. And ive heard from some that its not a safe place coz of the neighborhood. Thats why im thinking of looking for other high school	11/29/2018 7:13 AM
218	Catchment school should be the one geographically closest to home.	11/29/2018 6:43 AM
219	 - community/neighbourhood feel of school community (outer boundaries of catchment should not be more than a 40 minute walk or a certain number of kilometres from school (as a rough guide), ideally) 	11/29/2018 6:32 AM
220	no	11/29/2018 6:27 AM
221	No	11/29/2018 6:17 AM
222	The selection of Shoreline and Cedar Hill for middle school French immersion is very challenging commute or transit-wise for us and many others in our school. We are looking at withdrawing from FI when our child enters middle school as we will be Babel to navigate this commute. Something located in the glanford/colquitz area would be appreciated. Perhaps this is a duplicate of one above but our catchment English school is eagle view and we live by camosun on inter urban. Which means we drive by two elementary schools and traffic challenges to get there.	11/29/2018 6:01 AM
223	Population density	11/29/2018 5:20 AM
224	School culture and the needs and interests of your child	11/29/2018 2:56 AM
225	First and foremost, knowing that the school we have our child in is a good fit for her. The above options aren't nearly as important to me.	11/29/2018 2:23 AM
226	Adaptability factor and kids' social life at school	11/29/2018 2:19 AM
227	A key education outcome is to give families the option of having their child attend a school that is in proximity to their residence for many reasons including the health and safety of children. Once you consider that as a key outcome, then you can find innovative ways to achieve that outcome.	11/28/2018 11:46 PM
228	Schools that aren't stuffed to the max; I want my child to have access to the gym and the library.	11/28/2018 11:42 PM
229	More flexibility for elementary students whose catchment schools are quite large	11/28/2018 11:18 PM
30	Rebuild of older schools	11/28/2018 11:00 PM
231	Near to workplace. Can't afford to pay for after school care.	11/28/2018 10:52 PM
232	no	11/28/2018 10:45 PM
233	None	11/28/2018 10:36 PM
234	Middle school curriculum for a highly acedemic child.	11/28/2018 10:33 PM
235	Family convienience - to avoid unessary car/travel time away from children for example school close to work - school close to after school care - with housing crisis where you live is not the most long term determinate - where I work is for me. Also feel that the school focus/goals are important and vary.	11/28/2018 10:14 PM
236	Maybe not more important, but as important: Students should be able to go with their cohort when transitioning from elementary to middle school. A space should be saved for them even if it's out of catchment. Then they should have the option. Especially when the district makes changes to the rules - it was extremely unfair how it was done this fall and I hope no parents have to go through what we had to go through. When making a big change to the catchment rules there needs to be some time to transition families into those changes. We moved slightly out of our original catchment so we were caught by this new rule for the transition to middle school.	11/28/2018 10:08 PM
237	Taking into consideration the logical flow of traffic in our city and the bus routes. Closer is not better if it requires crossing clogged intersections and fighting traffic and if bus routes dont pass that way.	11/28/2018 9:53 PM
238	indigenous supports and programming	11/28/2018 9:44 PM
239	Children should be allowed to follow their cohort when moving from elementary to middle to high school.	11/28/2018 9:28 PM
240	Keeping my kids in the same school with their friends	11/28/2018 9:20 PM
241	None	11/28/2018 9:19 PM

242	school buses for those in catchment	11/28/2018 9:16 PM
243	Flexibility of fit to best meet the expressed (current) and developing needs and interests of the student and their family/families.	11/28/2018 9:13 PM
244	Geographic proximity to the school.	11/28/2018 9:08 PM
245	Pathway schools that keep cohorts together are important for preserving friendships and community across the school levels from elementary to middle school to high school	11/28/2018 9:05 PM
246	Academic programs, sports programs, and administration	11/28/2018 8:57 PM
247	Good reputation of school	11/28/2018 8:54 PM
248	A high caliber of education and an inspiring academic environment should be available to all students, no matter what catchment a child lives within. I am concerned inequities arise when catchment areas define the education our children can access. This has socioeconomic pressures which further establish economic classes. And, further more, divides and weakens communities. Especially in a city like Victoria, where lacking affordable housing prevents families from the ability to have available choices to schools.	11/28/2018 8:53 PM
249	The ability to petition into another catchment if the school in our catchment is lacking proper support for challenged kids so that kids without issues, like ours, aren't ignored and will still be taught at their level and encouraged to succeed.	11/28/2018 8:52 PM
250	Access to special programs including sports and music	11/28/2018 8:50 PM
251	Neighbourhood school, siblings in same catchment	11/28/2018 8:48 PM
252	Keeping kids together who have traveled through elementary school, middle school, etc.	11/28/2018 8:47 PM
253	No	11/28/2018 8:43 PM
254	We are a french speaking family who would like to be in french immersion and did not win lottery. Would love to have access to french education.	11/28/2018 8:42 PM
255	My child goes to the same school I did.	11/28/2018 8:41 PM
256	Neighbourhood. We are in South Jubilee nieghbourhood but Oaklands catchment. It is a lovely school but we do not feel like part of the community.	11/28/2018 8:40 PM
257	The individualality of each childs strengths and weaknesses during transition years.	11/28/2018 8:40 PM
258	Not adversely impacting families who are impacted by the new priorities ranking for siblings	11/28/2018 8:34 PM
259	Those that are in schools are not required to move but are given first priority in newly opened schools	11/28/2018 8:30 PM
260	Main road boundaries ensure children go to school and make friends from their own neighbourhoods, rather than breaking up subdivisions sending children different ways.	11/28/2018 8:23 PM
261	Continuing on with the same group of peers k-12	11/28/2018 8:22 PM
262	Open schools that have been closed down so children don't have to be driven to school to go to school in a portable	11/28/2018 8:21 PM
263	I'm a teacher. Can my child come to school with me?	11/28/2018 8:19 PM
264	what makes sense 'to the smaller community' within that area. rec centers should be 'paired' with school	11/28/2018 8:19 PM
265	It has always been my mindset that my children would attend the nearby schools that allow them to immerse into the community and simply walk/ride to school.	11/28/2018 8:11 PM
266	Opportunity for late french emersion within reasonable areas	11/28/2018 8:09 PM
267	Staying with long time friends.	11/28/2018 8:08 PM
268	When my child visited the school he immediately felt like this is where I belong. Knowing that he felt positive about his school matter the most.	11/28/2018 8:02 PM
269	Children should not be expected to move to a different pathway when transiting to the next level of school. They should be allowed to remain with their friend groups.	11/28/2018 8:02 PM

270	The previous Student Enrollment Priorities is better. For students, especially those just undergo a transition (from elementary to middle, or from middle to secondary), it's very important that the new environment has something they are familiar with, such as old classmates from the same previous school. The old version enrollment priorities placed Family of Schools as the top one which is very helpful on this matter.	11/28/2018 7:51 PM
271	Priority reviews as well as catchment boundaries.	11/28/2018 7:46 PM
272	Open closes schools to alleviate use of portables	11/28/2018 7:40 PM
273	Bus routes	11/28/2018 7:37 PM
274	More even distribution of children.	11/28/2018 7:33 PM
275	Programs of choice (e.g., French Immersion) within walking distance or easy public transit, which does not require crossing major highway. We are in the Marigold-Shoreline-Esquimalt french catchment, and live close to Interurban, and work on the Peninsula. The current boundaries for people living on the Burnside side of the Highway are not ideal for many. Would much prefer if Glanford or Colquitz offered French, with Spectrum or Reynolds as the high school. Thank you for reviewing our comment.	11/28/2018 7:33 PM
276	children who attend school live within catchment area when starting and attending school NOT just when child is registered. ie. proof residence in catchment during attendance of school I know of people who rented until end of July2018 used this rental address to register and then send their child to kindergarten at school SJD near rental though they bought a house over 15 km away from schoolGordon Head no wonder school is overcrowded	11/28/2018 7:27 PM
277	Free bus pass or school bus	11/28/2018 7:19 PM
278	Looking at the map of the catchment boundary why is Esson Rd outside the boundary for Marigold school which is right across the highway and much closer than Craigflower?	11/28/2018 7:19 PM
279	Having kids go to their catchment school builds healthy kids who can walk to school and connected neighbourhoodd	11/28/2018 7:17 PM
280	Consistency of community for students whose parents have to move often due to housing affordability.	11/28/2018 7:10 PM
281	Some children excel with certain programs.	11/28/2018 7:10 PM
282	Feeder school / staying with friends despite family moving	11/28/2018 7:08 PM
283	Less bus transfer	11/28/2018 7:08 PM
284	Quality of schools	11/28/2018 7:07 PM
285	keeping kids in the same neighbourhood in the same catchment to facilitate friendships and safe groups walking or riding to school	11/28/2018 7:00 PM
286	I feel it is very important for the district to eliminate or minimize programs of choice in order to create an equalized public education system.	11/28/2018 6:59 PM
287	Convenience to home and work for parents especially when siblings are at different schools	11/28/2018 6:57 PM
288	The reputation of the school and best education for my child.	11/28/2018 6:54 PM
289	Out of School Care offered at school	11/28/2018 6:51 PM
290	Being with some of your friendsmaking the transition easier	11/28/2018 6:50 PM
291	No, it is most important that my child can safely walk or bike to school, within a reasonable distance.	11/28/2018 6:47 PM
292	the faculty of the school	11/28/2018 6:47 PM
293	No	11/28/2018 6:40 PM
294	Yes. Ability to attend chosen school based on school environment, social comfort and level of creativity encouraged	11/28/2018 6:36 PM
295	Accessibility from before and after school care	11/28/2018 6:33 PM
296	Victoria BC should bring back school buses, I would love to pay for that because I am a working mother that often has to be at her work place at 9am and dropping off before then is a real issue, secondly we walk most days 2K a walk.	11/28/2018 6:30 PM

297	Supporting students to progress through their educational pathway with the cohorts they begin with as much as possible. Supporting access for Indigenous students to schools with higher Indigenous student populations to decrease isolation and increase cultural safety.	11/28/2018 6:27 PM
298	Access to schools that have strong athletic teams in child's area of interest i.e. track, cross country, volleyball, basketball. Not necessarily academy schools.	11/28/2018 6:25 PM
299	District boundaries and transfer rules should support diversity in the student population and avoid concentrating students with similar backgrounds in specific schools.	11/28/2018 6:23 PM
300	I'm very worried about overcrowding in our current schools. When the population is huge, it puts strains on common areas, bathroom, gym time, library time and creates a more chaotic environment for children. Portables are terrible learning environments. More schools needs to be opened so this overcrowding does not continue. Also, It is impossible to walk to my catchment elementary school from my house. Down the block from my house is an elementary school that is being used as an international school. My neighbourhood is full of children. Uplands Elementary needs to be opened as an Elementary school.	11/28/2018 6:18 PM
301	Staying with friends and trusted peers as move up in grades!!! Social connection and community are super important!!	11/28/2018 6:15 PM
302	Ensuring that the neighbors children get priority over outside student, creating traffic drop offs/safety concerns	11/28/2018 6:14 PM
303	Feeder schools	11/28/2018 6:09 PM
304	Attending school with friends is important. In # 11 my answers would vary according to age of child i.e. walking to school as an elementary school child would rank highly, when older then public transit is rated highly.	11/28/2018 6:03 PM
305	no	11/28/2018 6:03 PM
306	Ensuring a safe walk to school. Crossing gaurds, pedestrian lights etc.	11/28/2018 6:02 PM
307	I wish parents and children are given options to choose from. I want to be able to choose a school of our children's best interest.	11/28/2018 6:01 PM
308	When siblings attend. They should be able to attend that school.	11/28/2018 5:59 PM
309	Small school size	11/28/2018 5:58 PM
310	children need to feel like they belong in there neighbor hoods with other kids in the same school, it is what creates community.	11/28/2018 5:44 PM
311	Peer groups are an important factor. A child forced to go to a school because it is within their catchment and loosing their peer group because of this adds to undue social stress and possible isolation.	11/28/2018 5:43 PM
312	No. But I would like to add that one of the reasons we bought our home before we had kids was to ensure we got them into the right school. We did. One is in SJD Kinder French Immersion and the other will be in two years when she's old enough.	11/28/2018 5:31 PM
313	No	11/28/2018 5:25 PM
314	Schools should receive equal funding and there should not be program of choice or schools of choice. If people want exclusive options they should go to private schools. The fact that some schools have better funding than others is an ABOMINATION. Schools should be of equal quality no matter where you live. We should not have "exclusive public schools" in exclusive neighbourhoods. Schools with rich PACa should get reduced funding.	11/28/2018 5:05 PM
315	Continuing with class	11/28/2018 4:59 PM
316	That my kids can learn with their friends. If they start at a school, and then we move I want the option for my kids to be able to stay at the same School.	11/28/2018 4:53 PM
317	The Family have to live in the catchment district. No exceptions, keep class size low.	11/28/2018 4:52 PM
318	Families in catchment areas should get first priority to attend their catchment school, followed by people with siblings (current sibling families can be grandfathered in). People buy or rent homes in areas specifically with the intention of attending that area's school. Plus allowing/forcing students to attend schools outside their catchment encourages more car transport and congestion, an activity we need to strongly de-incentivize to help combat climate change. Driving also increases stress on everyone.	11/28/2018 4:49 PM

319	No, I think proximity from school to home is the most important.	11/28/2018 4:47 PM
320	Establishing boundaries that are in alignment with neighborhoods, so we create a greater sense of community and promote easier opportunities for children to work on projects and play together outside school time.	11/28/2018 4:46 PM
321	smaller ratio of students per teacher; earlier psycho educational assessments; different teaching methods for children with learning issues, anxiety, ADD, ADHD; MUCH more support for children who don't learn the traditional 'one size fits all method'	11/28/2018 4:38 PM
322	no	11/28/2018 4:37 PM
323	Yes- Flexibility to apply to go to schools outside of catchment based on extra circular activities that excel in that school	11/28/2018 4:33 PM
324	The music and band programs that our granddaughter has thrived in (an A student) and wants to continue.	11/28/2018 4:31 PM
325	My child's catchment school is farther than a non catchment school where he is currently attending to. The catchment should be divided in the middle of two schools rather than landmarks/large street etc.	11/28/2018 4:21 PM
326	distance from residence to school?	11/28/2018 4:18 PM
327	If a child is currently enrolled in a school in their catchement area, they have developed a sense of community at that school already. Having to move schools would be upsetting.	11/28/2018 4:11 PM
328	Ensuring a mix of socioeconomic groups	11/28/2018 4:10 PM
329	That my child go where there friends are and where they will be successful.	11/28/2018 4:08 PM
330	Children's education and not taking a long time to get there, are obviously covered. Children shouldn't not be allowed in a school they need programs for because of where they live.	11/28/2018 4:04 PM
331	No	11/28/2018 4:02 PM
332	No	11/28/2018 4:01 PM
333	Some children have attended elementary schools out of catchment and it would be nice if they could have the option to transition to middle school with their peers in priority over other transfer students, also, offering options for French immersion children, as not all school provide same quality lever of French education, would be very important.	11/28/2018 4:01 PM
334	Also need to consider minimizing driving route to school - which may be a component of "using natural landmarks and main roads for boundaries"	11/28/2018 4:00 PM
335	I really want him to be able to continue on to high school with the kids (his friends) he's been in the French Immersion program with since kindergarten. This is MOST important over proximity, bike lanes, etc.	11/28/2018 3:59 PM
336	nope	11/28/2018 3:57 PM
337	Want the ability to choose a school for our children that seems to be the best fit as opposed to closest location	11/28/2018 3:56 PM
338	If you live within walking distance of a school and can see the school from your house it really should be your catchment school	11/28/2018 3:56 PM
339	Safety. Children attending elementary schools should be able to walk safely to school, without having to cross busy intersections. Also, crossing guards should be trained and employed by the school district.	11/28/2018 3:55 PM
340	Because I have International Students its very important to be close walking distance for them so its not complicated to getting to and from school. Usually the International High School program place the students close to the school of choice so its not a problem.	11/28/2018 3:55 PM
341	Would like to see children attending their pathway school from elementary to middle and secondary schools so that there is a connection with their peers when moving from elementary to middle school and then secondary. This familiarity would help with the transition to a new environment.	11/28/2018 3:53 PM

342	Schools that are near your home should be important considerations for catchment boundaries. When the school is a little too far to walk, school district school board should have school buses available for children to take to school, if school is more than walking distance. This way parents would not have to drive children to school every morning and pick them up. There is never enough parking and the streets would be less congested in the morning and the afternoon.	11/28/2018 3:52 PM
343	Ability for children to remain with friends when moving up from one level to the next. I believe catchment should be strictly enforced for elementary school choice, but then children should automatically default to the appropriate middle school/high school for that elementary school even if they have subsequently moved - but should also be allowed to move to their catchment school if preferred. But the assumption should be a cohort stays together.	11/28/2018 3:50 PM
344	siblings at the same school	11/28/2018 3:49 PM
345	There needs to be a rule in place that younger siblings are placed in a school where older siblings already attend.	11/28/2018 3:43 PM
346	Quality of education at the school my child attends?	11/28/2018 3:42 PM
347	Attending school with kids you've known since kindergarten	11/28/2018 3:42 PM
348	Ensuring that all children from one family can follow the same pathway through elementary - middle - high school	11/28/2018 3:38 PM
349	Consider: 1) separated parents may live in different catchments (I lived in Oak Bay, other parent lived in Saanich, child attended middle school in Saanich); had to request permission to attend Oak Bay which was considered out of catchment but I was in the Oak Bay catchment, 2) if the family moves part way through grades,	11/28/2018 3:36 PM
350	I feel that it's poor district management when my child can't partake in a sport due to lack of enrollment because children are going to out of catchment schools to play sports for "better" teams.	11/28/2018 3:36 PM
351	The REPUTATION of the school for meeting the needs for students with autism, ADHD, and other developmental disabilities is my PRIMARY concern	11/28/2018 3:32 PM
352	Quality of academic education; positive social and inter-cultural environment: one of our children went from Campus View to Arbutus and we hope the next one can also do the same.	11/28/2018 3:31 PM
353	My son attends Victoria High. We would have preferred he attend a Program of Choice (Sports Academy/Challenge) but we also wanted him to be able to get to school on his own.	11/28/2018 3:30 PM
354	keeping obvious neighbourhoods together - e.g. Fernwood, Fairfield, etc.	11/28/2018 3:29 PM
355	I appreciate the neighbourhood school feel of our childrens' schools because it helps get to know people in the community.	11/28/2018 3:28 PM
356	It is important that my child attends school somewhere in proximity to my workplace for ease of after-school activity coordination.	11/28/2018 3:27 PM
357	Yes Building schools of the proper size should superscede any catchment changes. Boundaries for the preferred schools must not be reduced. Programs and staffing at the less preferred schools should be number 1 priority.	11/28/2018 3:26 PM
358	Kids should have access to a local school that is close to where they live so they can walk or ride a bike and have friends in their community	11/28/2018 3:23 PM
359	Living and learning in our community, close to our neighbourhood school is exceedingly important to our sense of community.	11/28/2018 3:21 PM
360	no	11/28/2018 3:21 PM
361	no	11/28/2018 3:20 PM
362	Access to special programs including music and sports.	11/28/2018 3:19 PM
363	Where you can afford to live.	11/28/2018 3:18 PM
364	Why can't catchment lines encompass full regional district - especially in Oak Bay as there is only a small amount that is excluded and put in a different catchment.	11/28/2018 3:18 PM
365	Number of student per school	11/28/2018 3:16 PM

366	If parents/students are willing to travel to get to school, they should be allowed to choose their pathway school. What happened this year to accommodate Oak Bay High left both my children out of their pathway school and cut off from friends and community they were with for years, and caused increased anxiety :(11/28/2018 3:16 PM
367	Currently we are within a block of the boundary between schools. Allowing for school catchments that overlap by a block or two would likely reduce the number of out-of-catchment applications.	11/28/2018 3:13 PM
368	French immersion students should have equal right to being able to walk and cycle to school. Canada is a bilingual country. French immersion should not really be considered a "program of choice" as it builds proper language skills for one of our national languages.	11/28/2018 3:07 PM
369	Our of School Care offered with school in same catchment is critical to me right now	11/28/2018 3:05 PM
370	My child is interested in attending school with the friends he grew up with.	11/28/2018 3:03 PM
371	I feel that the geographic proximity to a school, combined with the available bus transportation (# of busses/transfers) should be the strongest consideration. I live 1/2 the distance and one bus to one school for high school, however my child would technically have to attend a school nearly twice as far by car or transit time as their catchment.	11/28/2018 3:02 PM
372	Consideration of community ties for out of catchment children. The ability to find a residence within a certain boundary/catchment can be very difficult. Possibly having to face a child being taken away from the people they have known for several years would be a detriment to that child. Sense of community is important.	11/28/2018 2:52 PM
373	My son is from a split family and he's suffered from anxiety.	11/28/2018 2:48 PM
374	School Transport seems to be an issue. We barely made the catchment for the school bus even though my daughters school was quite a distance from our home	11/28/2018 2:46 PM
375	Keeping my children togetherfor example1 is jn frencj immersion so may go to Oak bay hihh. The other is not so may go to Vic High. I'd like the siblings together.	11/28/2018 2:45 PM
376	No, proximity is most important	11/28/2018 2:43 PM
377	Safe passage to school is most important to me. My children need to be able to walk or bike safely to school. This mean if busy roads cut through the catchment then overpasses or crossing guards must be in place.	11/28/2018 2:39 PM
378	I would like them to be able to move schools that feed into each other, my girls were in oaklands so Lansdowne was the feeder so I had to request approval there as well. My older girls went to Reynolds for the dance program and not in my catchment	11/28/2018 2:37 PM
379	Prioritizing out of catchment children based upon school pathway/family and distance from school. We recently moved an equal distance away from our school in the opposite direction, but just across the road from a boundary. It now takes us less time to get to our now 'out of catchment' school than it did before and we go straight past our now 'out of catchment' pathway middle school. Out of catchment requests should be prioritized based upon school pathways/family and distance outside catchment (i.e. you are higher priority if you move across the road from a catchment boundary than if you move 5 or 10 miles away from a catchment boundary).	11/28/2018 2:34 PM
380	no	11/28/2018 2:30 PM
381	None. 4 kids in three different schools means they all walk or take public transit.	11/28/2018 2:28 PM
382	allowing exceptions as needed	11/28/2018 2:28 PM
383	Keeping neighbourhoods together. Right now, the northern end of Oaklands, between Burton and North Dairy is cut out of the Oaklands Elementary/Lansdowne/Vic High catchment. I would like my neighbours children to be able to attend the same school as my children. It would make more sense for a natural boundary to be moved to a main road like North Dairy.	11/28/2018 2:28 PM
384	Coordinate w local government to provide more appropriate pedestrian assets, particularly on major traffic routes. Children should have safe walking routes to school at all ages.	11/28/2018 2:25 PM
385	Keep the catchment boundaries tight.	11/28/2018 2:23 PM
386	There are too many cars dropping off/picking up students directly in front of area schools! We're very concerned about safety, pollution, irritation to area residents and the lack of exercise that comes with this practice.	11/28/2018 2:20 PM

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387	I would love to avoid moving my autistic child out of the school she knows, and I'd like to be able to keep siblings together.	11/28/2018 2:19 PM
388	Spreading out predicted enrollment.	11/28/2018 2:18 PM
389	Special programs of choice, Ability to stay with friends	11/28/2018 2:18 PM
390	I guess it's part of walking distance, but living in close proximity to the school as this connects the child and the school to the community	11/28/2018 2:15 PM
391	Sibling in the same school.	11/28/2018 2:13 PM
392	Community based schools. We live in Oak Bay and want our kids to go to school in Oak Bay.	11/28/2018 2:12 PM
393	Sibling priority	11/28/2018 2:10 PM
394	The considerations outlined above echo my thoughts as well. The only other consideration would be the school a sibling currently attends. If the catchment boundaries were to change, it would be really important to me that I would not be required to move my eldest child to a different school where she is already established in the community and that my younger child would be allowed to attend the same school as their sibling, even if this means they may be out of catchment. Our house is currently on the edge of a school catchment boundary so grandfathering in the boundaries that are in place for children currently in a school is important.	11/28/2018 2:08 PM
395	Minimizing the stress of having to change schools and loose the support group my child has been with since starting school.	11/28/2018 2:03 PM
396	No, these capture the priorities	11/28/2018 2:02 PM
397	I think the district really needs to crack down on catchment boundaries. Not doing so fosters an environment where parents with more resources (time, money) can make sure their kids attend a specific school. This means that kids with developmental and behavioral challenges and up concentrated in particular classes or schools. This year my son is in a class with 12 children with special needs. This is outrageous. It stresses the teachers and EA's and ensures that nobody is learning. French immersion is one of the major contributors to this.	11/28/2018 2:01 PM
398	keeping familys at the same school	11/28/2018 1:58 PM
399	Number one most important consideration would be being keeping siblings st rhe same school!!	11/28/2018 1:57 PM
400	no	11/28/2018 1:54 PM
401	YES! Siblings! Our daughter currently attends our catchment French Immersion school, Sir James Douglas. But our regular catchment school is James Bay. Her younger brother will be starting school in either 2019 or 2020, and I worry that if the catchment boundaries are redrawn, Sir James Douglas might no longer be our catchment French Immersion school, or that access to Programs of Choice will no longer be a priority, and he will be forced to attend a different school. I don't think it's fair for the School District to separate siblings in this way if it's not the family's choice.	11/28/2018 1:54 PM
402	This survey fails to even suggest a solution for parents with kids in school who have other kids yet to enter and the impact of having to potentially attend two different schools. I think you need to think long and hard about this. Parents with kids in a school should have the option of remaining at that school for their up-and-coming children. The fact that families can just move everyone to their newly assigned school is absolutely thoughtless. I'm tired of the trustees being so flippant about the impact this can have on families.	11/28/2018 1:51 PM
100	Yes, older siblings in the same school.	11/28/2018 1:51 PM
403		11/28/2018 1:50 PM
	Good music/strings programs and good sports programs for girls.	11/20/2010 1:001 10
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410	Making sure my children will go to school with their older siblings is the most important thing for me. This is where I have a community of support (before-and-after school care, emergency pick-up, etc.) so that I am able to work and our family can function.	11/28/2018 1:45 PM
411	keep siblings together	11/28/2018 1:41 PM
112	No	11/28/2018 1:39 PM
413	Proximity to work is much more important than proximity to home, and should be taken into account when assigning catchments.	11/28/2018 1:37 PM
114	Neighbourhoods and communities being in same catchment	11/28/2018 1:31 PM
415	i also feel it is very important for my children to live close to their school mates to foster community and connection	11/28/2018 1:27 PM
116	Don't screw it up. It is fine the way it is.	11/28/2018 1:25 PM
117	Current and future demand to avoid crowding at one school and vacancies at another. Boundaries ahould be flexible.	11/28/2018 1:25 PM
118	Keeping school sizes well below 500	11/28/2018 1:25 PM
419	Some schools are not officially recognized as having Programs of Choice, but are well known for either being a "sports school" or a "theatre/art/music school." It would be nice to have some greater flexibility in choice to better match our kids with a school that is the right fit for them.	11/28/2018 1:25 PM
420	Yes - critical that children can continue in the school in which they are enrolled. Boundary changes that force a school change - say mid-way through elementary years - would be a bad idea.	11/28/2018 1:24 PM
421	Safe routes to schools; minimal commute times for children who are already very busy	11/28/2018 1:24 PM
422	Reducing vehicle traffic and therefore pollution by having kids attend school close the their place of residence.	11/28/2018 1:23 PM
423	The choices up to students and parents of where they want the student to attend should be the most important thing to consider	11/28/2018 1:22 PM
424	Keeping families together would be at the very top of my list. I'm very surprised that this was not included in your survey, and feel that it was omitted purposefully. I understand that there was a notion at recent school board or committee meetings that people who chose to have larger families may have a difficult time, but they chose this and therefore should deal with the difficulties that come with it. In my culture (I am Aboriginal) large families are common, and I was raised in an even larger family (and my father an even larger family). These opinions are discriminatory and I feel that the school board should be making efforts to support families, not judge and penalize us.	11/28/2018 1:21 PM
425	Sibling priorities for areas in catchment prior to boundary re-delineation.	11/28/2018 1:12 PM
426	So children can have and make friends in their own neighbourhood. Allowing so many immersion students at Willows elementray compromises that.	11/28/2018 1:11 PM
127	having choice	11/28/2018 1:09 PM
28	If children start in a family of schools it would be nice to have them be allowed to continue through.	11/28/2018 1:01 PM
129	The "Esquimalt" side of View Royal and the "West Shore" side of View Royal should not be in the same catchment area. The "west shore" side should be Eagle View or Strawberry Vale/Colquitz/Spectrum NOT View Royal/Shoreline/Esquimalt	11/28/2018 12:53 PM
430	The reputation of the school is important, quality of programs, teaching staff etc	11/28/2018 12:52 PM
31	To be on the community. Socially, this is very important to me.	11/28/2018 12:51 PM
132	Siblings going to same school.	11/28/2018 12:49 PM
133	Being able to continue to access schools of choice	11/28/2018 12:47 PM
134	Demographics, Reputation	11/28/2018 12:45 PM
435	The ability of students to follow their peers to the school of their choice.	11/28/2018 12:41 PM

436	- Honouring relationships/friendships built in elementary school, allowing a child to follow their school stream as was my understanding when we chose to allow her to stay at her school once we moved allowing my preschooler to attend the school which is within the safest/closest commute location, which does not happen to be our current catchment school, but our old catchment elementary school which has changed since we bought our home in this neighbourhood.	11/28/2018 12:41 PM
437	I think the most important thing we need to do is keep siblings together through all levels of school. Grandfather in kids currently in the system to continue to their current pathway school and allowing siblings to follow.	11/28/2018 12:36 PM
438	My catchment school is Monterey, it rakes my child 30 mins to get to school by public transit. I am on the border of the catchment area. I can hear the Central bell ring from my houseit would be a 5 min walk to and from Central and they adamantly refused my son a place at the school "because he was out of catchement" it's also upseyting because Central has more programs that my son is actually interested in.	11/28/2018 12:35 PM
139	Keeping siblings in the same catchment stream	11/28/2018 12:25 PM
440	We have had two children attend Oak Bay High and for one of them we were very disappointed. We found it to be a very clicky school and for a sensitive student it can be very harsh. I have heard from many parents that their child had the same experience. It seems to have been that way for generations as well. We did not find the administration to be very helpful either. I would be very hesitant to recommend Oak Bay High to any student who is not super confident and thick skinned. That being said, a healthy school environment is critically important, in fact the most important. With the prevalence of stress, anxiety and other mental health concerns amongst students, having a healthy safe and supportive school environment is the most important attribute for a school, in my opinion.	11/28/2018 12:24 PM
141	All students who live in the OBCA should be admitted to OBSS. That's why many families live in OB. If there is room, other students from outside the OBCA can be admitted. It's that simple.	11/28/2018 12:21 PM
42	extreme weather events history in the area to forsee the risks on the way from home to school and return.	11/28/2018 12:20 PM
43	We want to send our children to the school their older siblings attend/ attended	11/28/2018 12:18 PM
44	French immersion schools are limited and would require a much greater travel distance for us. This is why we chose to not send our son to french immersion, even though we wanted to do this.	11/28/2018 12:16 PM
45	I would like to see the school consider siblings that have a greater gap of 3 or 4 years to be grandfathered into the same school that their sibling attended. My oldest is in grade 9 at Oak Bay High School. We want our youngest to go to Monterey and Oak Bay High School however, my youngest will not attend middle school until 2020 and my oldest has already moved onto High School.	11/28/2018 12:16 PM
46	If you live in the catchment, then you should be prioritized over those out of catchment, that is, if you move into catchment in June, then you should be able to go to your catchment school, instead of being told it's full already.	11/28/2018 12:11 PM
47	No	11/28/2018 12:01 PM
48	Flexibility to meet individual student needs.	11/28/2018 11:55 AM
149	As the Board moves forward this initiative, an extremely important consideration from my family's perspective would be grandfathering in children who are already enrolled so that they are not forced to attend another school or pathway of schools midway through their education. Due to the decision of the previous Board regarding enrolment priorities, my two youngest children may be forced to attend different schools when they transition to middle school and high school. I'm very concerned about the impact this will have on my youngest child in particular. I completely understand the logic behind the changes to enrolment priorities overall, but strongly disagree with the decision not to grandfather in children who are currently enrolled, particularly younger children. I would strongly encourage the new Board to revisit this decision.	11/28/2018 11:55 AM
150	YES - KEEPING SIBLINGS IN SAME CATCHMENT BOUNDARY DEFINED SCHOOL - ie. don't change them!!!!!	11/28/2018 11:54 AM
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	Consistency for a child when they move from one catchment to another. They should be able to stay in their original catchment if they wish. Some criteria might be distance from original school verses distance from new catchment school, not greater than 5Km. difference from their home. Sometimes the distance to a new school is greater than the distance to their original school from their new home when crossing catchment boundaries.	11/28/2018 11:50 AM
453	Keeping children with their siblings	11/28/2018 11:49 AM
454	my kids will be in different schools next year, 1 in grade 6(at Central) the other in kindergarten(Margaret Jenkins) It would be nice to have be able to have my youngest at Sir James Douglas since they are closer to each other (we are right at the other side of the catchment(st.charles street)	11/28/2018 11:43 AM
455	Students should be able to go to their local school, and get into their program of choice in our case, French Immersion. We spent over a year choosing our neighbourhood based on local school and programs, only to find that our son could NOT GET INTO French Immersion b/c it was full of students from outside the catchment. He was put on a waiting list and thankfully was let in later. A sign of how many students are coming from afar is the traffic jam of cars dropping off and picking up students.	11/28/2018 11:42 AM
456	SD 61 should phase out "programs of choice" and focus on making education rich and attractive in every school. From my perspective, "programs of choice" were designed and implemented in an era of falling enrollment, and were intended to attract students out-of-catchment. As enrollment rises, and as funding is put back into schools, there is no need for such competition any longer. We need to ensure all schools offer a similar level of quality of programming.	11/28/2018 11:42 AM
457	Schools need to still be allowed to make discretionary choices to allow non-catchment children to attend their school of choice for a variety of reasons, and not reduce decision making latitude by a strict criteria. Fear that my children can't go the school we wish them to affects my answer to Q.14.	11/28/2018 11:42 AM
458	No.	11/28/2018 11:40 AM
459	We need to maximize space available at schools and look at SAFE walking routes to school. ie: even though one school may be closer than another there may be a busy road to cross rather than a safe path to school.	11/28/2018 11:40 AM
460	I feel that it's important to parents and children to have s choice where the spend the majority of their time and what they learn. Also there are different choices you can make and different opportunities in every school. None are the same.	11/28/2018 11:40 AM
461	Quality of the school / teachers	11/28/2018 11:34 AM
162	no	11/28/2018 11:33 AM
163	Class size	11/28/2018 11:19 AM
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476	very good curriculums, homework for kids, learning how to adapt for the High school	11/28/2018 9:41 AM
477	I would like to be able to keep my daughter at the elementary school I work at as a single parent of a child with special needs.	11/28/2018 9:29 AM
478	Adequately funding and staffing Learning Assistance programs so all schools serve the needs of all students and parents wont feel as much push to try to get their children into certain schools over others	11/28/2018 9:00 AM
479	If boundaries change, it's important that future siblings be allowed to enroll at the school their siblings are at.	11/28/2018 8:56 AM
480	Flexibility for students to go to a school not in their catchment (especially middle and high).	11/28/2018 8:29 AM
481	No	11/28/2018 7:57 AM
482	How a child will succeed at a certain school. For example, my son has ASD and would've thrived at Reynolds, but Spectrum is our catchment. The overall success and wellbeing of students with needs should be considered over catchment areas!!!!!!!!!!!	11/28/2018 6:39 AM
483	There should be no boundaries for parents or students who want a specialty program or have a reason for choosing a particular school.	11/28/2018 5:40 AM
484	Safe walking path to school. For example through Cedar Hill golf course vs on Quadra.	11/28/2018 5:40 AM
485	n/a	11/28/2018 12:34 AM
486	Nothing	11/27/2018 10:49 PM
487	Going to the neighbourhood school and having the chance to good quality education in the community	11/27/2018 10:29 PM
488	Ensure those attending each school actually live in catchment. Follow up and enforce. Prioritze kids who live in catchment to attend the school they live by. Then look at transfers, programming requests and what not.	11/27/2018 10:28 PM
489	Enough spot for french inmersión and no split classes	11/27/2018 10:22 PM
490	Safest transit to school, minimizing busy traffic areas and risk for accidents.	11/27/2018 10:03 PM
491	extracurricular activity boundary catchments- keep kids that play well together in schools together so they can learn together	11/27/2018 9:58 PM
492	Don't split streets in the middle for catchment- South Valley Dr, for example. Kids want to go to school with their friends and neighbours.	11/27/2018 9:41 PM
493	Catchments aught to ease in high school, allowing students more choice to pursue different paths & passions. Not all high schools offer the same programs	11/27/2018 9:24 PM
494	Yes, work location. Personally planned my office location around the route we take to and from work as well as convince for after school care and morning drop off.	11/27/2018 9:21 PM
495	Importance of attending a school in my immediate neighbourhood (or as close as possible)	11/27/2018 9:06 PM
496	accesible to school bus route is number 1 !	11/27/2018 9:05 PM
497	French immersion is most important to us. Wish is was at all schools.	11/27/2018 9:01 PM
498	Rebalancing the size of schools that are near to each other to more equitable population numbers.	11/27/2018 9:01 PM
499	Keeping my kids in their current catchment area. I do not want them moving schools because change of catchment	11/27/2018 8:29 PM
500	Geographic proximity	11/27/2018 8:21 PM
501	I wish to see catchment boundaries continued to be enforced for student enrollment. I also wish to see a reduction in the offering of French immersion spaces. I wish to see all students attending their closest community school.	11/27/2018 8:11 PM
502	Instead of doing half-hearted FI in many dual-track schools, why not dedicate a smaller number of	11/27/2018 7:34 PM

503	I'm worried about the segregation of middle/high income neighborhoods which may marginalize lower income kids. I understand high concentrations of lower income families can lead to greater demands on schools. Better to have a mix of economic backgrounds. I am also very concerned about the reliance on portables or these new buildings being put on school property. Kids need playgrounds with space to play. Open old schools so that play space can be preserved.	11/27/2018 6:45 PM
504	Less disparity between schools	11/27/2018 6:39 PM
505	not at this time. my daughter is 2, and my step daughter is 14 (goes to Edward Milne)	11/27/2018 6:20 PM
506	All student should be able to attend their catchment schools even if this means that school staff and plan for extra spaces that potentially can be filled throughout a school year. Nobody should ever be told that they cannot attend the catchment school.	11/27/2018 6:16 PM
507	opening old closed schools. schools are too full especially for elementary students. i am worried my child will feel lost and overwhelmed in a school with 600+ students. please open old schools like richmond or uplands. i have friends with kids who go to large elementary schools where students only get gym once per week because the building is too full. this is not okay. they have lost playground space to portables. it is so sad.	11/27/2018 6:05 PM
508	Attend the school in the neighbourhood where they live and play. Contribute to their neighborhood community.	11/27/2018 5:50 PM
509	Social needs, siblings, family history and desire to continue traditions	11/27/2018 5:42 PM
510	Siblings attending Current catchment area when we bought the house	11/27/2018 5:25 PM
511	How can you possibly ask us to remove our kids from their schools when they transition to middle and high schools? We moved out to Langford to be able to afford a home. You won't even fail a student, but you'll make them change districts?! Your #14 question is arbitrary because we can't afford a million dollar house in Victoria to sustain our kids' catchment school.	11/27/2018 5:19 PM
512	Density of families in area.	11/27/2018 4:34 PM
513	communication inside the school, relations between student and teacher, teachers and parents, approach to learning, sense of community, support and care for everyone	11/27/2018 4:13 PM
514	I love the idea of all children being able to walk to their catchment school, less cars going to school will help alleviate traffic problems and help children get exercise and time outside, keeping children in their catchment neighbourhood school is of huge importance for a sustainability issues. We would always choose to stay in our neighbourhood school, no matter where we lived, community is very important to our family.	11/27/2018 4:10 PM
515	no	11/27/2018 4:03 PM
516	Where there friends attend but mainly it is about their siblings attending. Bar none it is the public transportation and sports programs at OakBay for our kids	11/27/2018 2:28 PM
517	We specifically bought a condo to be in the Oak Bay High School catchment area for our son's high school education. If this catchment area is shrunk, it would be hugely disruptive to us, as we love our home and do not want to be forced to move. It is also problematic, as we are priced out of almost all of the houses in the Oak Bay High School catchment area.	11/27/2018 1:34 PM
518	Siblings not be split up	11/27/2018 1:34 PM
519	Sibling at same school the most important	11/27/2018 1:10 PM
520	Academic level	11/27/2018 12:28 PM
521	Equity, including avoiding segregated programs that reinforce social class and ethnicity divides.	11/27/2018 11:57 AM
522	Keeping friends & especially siblings together as they progress from elementary to middle (if one goes for a program the other should get in to)	11/27/2018 11:42 AM
523	Quality of education. Catchment high school is too far away. Esquimalt high is too far (which is in our catchment) but I can see Spectrum from our backyard	11/27/2018 11:07 AM
524	No.	11/27/2018 10:15 AM
	I like the traditional school because it focused on academics, and culture and sports ,these were	11/27/2018 9:50 AM
525	reasons why we drive our kids daily.	

527 Our street St Charles has been split between catchments. The west side is Victoria. The east is oak bay. We would like to see the whole street as part of the oak bay catchment. Where streets are included they should reside in one catchment and not be divided. This has negatively impacted enrollment choice, our children's peer group and their path into high school

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528	No	11/27/2018 8:34 AM
529	Good Childcare location	11/27/2018 7:50 AM
530	more traditional programs . uniform schools	11/27/2018 7:28 AM
531	Proximity of school to our house	11/27/2018 7:23 AM
532	Kids that have grown up with other kids and then are moved to a different school based on catchment. There should be some individual cases looked at.	11/27/2018 7:17 AM
533	Adequate licensed and regulated before/after school care to meet the capacity	11/27/2018 1:33 AM
534	Ample parking for parents so as not to irate homeowners near school. This is a big issue at Tillicum	11/27/2018 12:29 AM
535	Yes the quality of the school and whether the offer music programs	11/26/2018 11:58 PM
536	I pay taxes in Oak Bay and strongly want my children to attend schools that align as Oak Bay schools. Willows Monterey and Oak Bay. Lansdowne is located in Saanich and I am against paying taxes in Oak Bay and having a Saanich school be my catchment school. So wrong.	11/26/2018 11:45 PM
537	Older sister attends this school.	11/26/2018 11:25 PM
538	If boundaries are being updated anyways, consider including "whole blocks" in one catchment. Right now, the boundaries run up the middle of the streets which is honestly weird - it means the family you look across the street at, greet on evening walks, wave at in the morning, play impromptu shinny with, and share block parties with can be a different catchment. Any given "hundred- block" of one street should be same catchment - boundaries shouldn't be split down the middle of the road with odd house numbers going to one school, even house numbers going to another. Both my kids grew up with close friends directly across the street - that they could have walked with! - that didn't end up at their school because of that weird catchment rule. Also - the current catchment boundaries have kids "meeting" in middle school then getting siphoned off to different high schools based on their french immersion status and/or elementary school of origin. This is also weird. Middle school kids should move to high school together.	11/26/2018 11:08 PM
539	Remembering that every decision that is made is with the children's best interest. 'What is best for the child(ren)'. Pulling a child away from his/her peer group to only have him/her isolated at a new school is not really in his/her best interest. That simply is just a numbers game without any thought to the child's well being socially, emotionally, and therefore intellectually.	11/26/2018 10:43 PM
540	No	11/26/2018 10:08 PM
541	Choosing a school that feels like the right fit for our family.	11/26/2018 10:03 PM
542	Neighborhood identification with a school community.	11/26/2018 9:57 PM
543	the above mentioned question did not allow me to indicate that ALL of these are fundamental considerations, as such disregard the numbers assigned	11/26/2018 9:34 PM
544	Geographical distance, taking into account transportation/walking corridors. My son is too young to take a bus with two transfers to get to his next middle school. Unreasonable.	11/26/2018 9:24 PM
545	For the short term transition phase anyway, keeping siblings together should be a priority. In the future, if the rules are clearly laid out and parents choose to risk not being able to get multiple siblings into the same school that's their own choice, but to separate siblings now when parents expected a guaranteed enrollment would be an unfair burden.	11/26/2018 8:31 PM
546	Having French Immersion within the main neighbourhoods	11/26/2018 8:17 PM
547	The Pat Bay Highway should have been the boundary line, NOT Mann Avenue. Expecting my child to go to Lochside was ludicrous, expecting my childcto now go to Claremont is equally ludicrous. Northridge, Glandford and Spectrum are ALL closer than Lochside and Claremont and the music program atRoyal Oak Middle School is pathetic. And why is music education not a choice under Program of Choice?!? Music is extremely important.	11/26/2018 8:16 PM
548	Ensuring boundaries do not contribute to a lack of socioeconomic and other forms of diversity in our public school system. Equal distribution of resources across the system.	11/26/2018 7:54 PM

549	Yes, if a house is within 2 school catchments then the parents should have the choice to choose what which school would be more convenient for the family.	11/26/2018 7:45 PM
550	socioeconomic diversity within the catchment area.	11/26/2018 7:21 PM
551	We are just as close to Rogers as Tillicum but cannot go there.	11/26/2018 6:51 PM
552	Kids in the 2 elementary schools should have higher consideration (priority) to register in a school is their choice (not catchment) so they can stay with friends/familiar families/have carpool opportunities.	11/26/2018 6:46 PM
553	Very important that school is part of my neigjborhood	11/26/2018 5:55 PM
554	Yes. Vic High should be demolished and a larger school built, with the \$40 million in savings used to build yet another seismically safe school. If the community wants to save the old building, it should pony up the difference. As if.	11/26/2018 5:06 PM
555	Attending school with neighbours	11/26/2018 5:04 PM
556	Being able to follow His cohort to middle school and high school.	11/26/2018 4:54 PM
557	Having both kids in the same school	11/26/2018 4:34 PM
558	My child has special needs - and being able to attend the same middle and high school as his group of friends is critical for ongoing social support and structure.	11/26/2018 3:55 PM
559	7 elementary school closures in SD61 over 150 school closures in BC	11/26/2018 3:07 PM
560	Housing options in Victoria are limited, parents do not always have a choice to move to a catchment area.	11/26/2018 2:55 PM
561	I think there should be a hard boundary and a soft boundary. If there is space, preference should be given to children within the soft boundary. This way, you limit the number of students affected by living on the wrong side of the street.	11/26/2018 2:50 PM
562	No only proximity to school, but safe access. Some of the schools are very scary to access	11/26/2018 2:44 PM
563	personal choice	11/26/2018 2:32 PM
564	Aboriginal Education programming	11/26/2018 2:28 PM
565	Makeing sure you can attend the same school as your community with some flexibility with boundaries. If yiu catchemnet is only delinaited by 1 block but all your friends on the street are on the next block over and go one one school you should be able to attend school woth your neighbourhood friends.	11/26/2018 2:18 PM
566	School culture	11/26/2018 2:12 PM
567	Siblings to go to the same school	11/26/2018 1:45 PM
568	Education, school reputation	11/26/2018 1:30 PM
569	Yes!! Children being able to continue in their current stream at the transition to middle school if residence is only slightly outside of current catchment area/not prohibitive in terms of proximity to school.	11/26/2018 1:18 PM
570	School fit for the child. For example my sons are both more fitting for a fine arts school such as Oaklands.	11/26/2018 1:01 PM
571	factors playing in teaching and learning quality: overall school size, space, resources, programs	11/26/2018 12:56 PM
572	No	11/26/2018 12:54 PM
573	Not take children out of their school families as it happened to one of my children so they lose all their friends, the previous school family was Willows Elementary > Ecole Lansdowne > Oak Bay High, now this is no longer the case and children were badly affected by this arbitrary and sudden decision. The new "catchment area first" initiative was very badly implemented.	11/26/2018 12:51 PM
574	Catchment should reflect the school that is CLOSEST to your house!!! Seems obvious, but our catchment high school is TWICE the distance as the school that is closer???? Why? Why wouldn't our kids just go to the school that is CLOSEST. They walk and bike!	11/26/2018 12:43 PM
575	It is important for our children to maintain the relationships that they currently have; that stability is vital to maintaining a positive attitude, and enthusiasm regarding their school career.	11/26/2018 12:28 PM

576	siblings to be able to attend the same school	11/26/2018 12:26 PM
577	I talked about honoring diversity. I went to a school as a child, where I was the only First Nations student; it made me feel uncomfortable. Therefore, I don't want that for my children, I want to teach my children diversity. The inner city schools have a huge range of diversity whereas some other schools don't.	11/26/2018 11:57 AM
578	Minimizing families having to go to 2 separate schools. If there are siblings that were once in one catchment that end up in an another after the boundary changes, there is no guarantee that they would get to go to them same school.	11/26/2018 11:53 AM
579	Yes The quality of the school I am actively trying to move because I am stuck with a child us a school which is horrible	11/26/2018 11:52 AM
580	keeping local communities within a single catchment	11/26/2018 9:52 AM
581	availability of french immersion.	11/26/2018 9:32 AM
582	Keeping continuity from elementary to middle to high school. For example, some English students at willows are outside the boundary for Monterey - how is this possible?	11/26/2018 9:23 AM
583	Our current catchment boundary is the other side of our street.	11/26/2018 8:52 AM
584	we want the next school for our child that we are currently supposed to have and are very upset this group might once again be affected by sudden changes to expected progression as was already done; do not change catchments - solve your problems (like dealing with foreign student numbers!) in other ways	11/26/2018 6:05 AM
585	No	11/25/2018 11:27 PM
586	a pathway that is laid out to students on your website means nothing when catchment rules are enforced (2018/19 school year) and catchment boundaries reviewed now	11/25/2018 7:50 PM
587	siblings want to attend and graduate at the same school.	11/25/2018 7:28 PM
588	AS KIDS GET OLDER, THEY MAKE THEIR WAY TO SCHOOL ALONE. MINIMIZING WALKING IS MOST IMPORTANTISN'T LOWER CARBON EMISSIONS ALSO A GOAL?	11/25/2018 6:08 PM
589	Proximity to the school. Traffic from Langford. Commute. Having to drive past another school to get to your catchment school makes no sense. Driving/transportation routes should be considered more thoroughly when dividing the areas.	11/25/2018 3:30 PM
590	People shouldn't be forced to send their children to a catchment school if it is a poor school or not a good fit. Catchment boundaries should be strongly influenced by whether there is a safe way for children to walk or bike to school. The district should also see where students actually live, and consider adjusting boundaries accordingly.	11/25/2018 3:11 PM
591	Being able to continue to the school in your family of schools.	11/25/2018 2:28 PM
592	School bus availability so my child doesn't walk to school.	11/25/2018 1:47 PM
593	Siblings	11/25/2018 1:17 PM
594	We researched the quality of schools in Greater Victoria and the one in our catchment happened to be satisfactory. If it weren't, however, we would have done everything in our power to make sure our child attended a better school. We realize this is a complicated issue for the Greater Victoria School District, as in theory all of its schools offer education of the same quality level. But that does not seem to be the case in practice, so use this piece of information as you wish.	11/25/2018 11:54 AM
595	I'd like to see more choices of language for special program rather than just French.	11/25/2018 11:04 AM
596	District programs of choice can be moved around if needed - the current configuration should not constrain options re. boundaries	11/25/2018 8:26 AM
597	Please allowing kids who are not in their catchment school to follow their pathway school for middle and high school. Important for them to keep their peer groups at these crucial transition times.	11/25/2018 7:11 AM
598	Availability of crossing guards at busy intersections.	11/24/2018 9:04 PM
599	Having the program Reading provided at the school in your catchment. If it is not provided, being able to go to the nearest school that does provide it.	11/24/2018 8:48 PM
600	Amenities around the school ie. after school activities	11/24/2018 8:32 PM

601	Would like a Spanish Inmersion program, also would like the school to be safe and earthquake proofed with small class sizes.	11/24/2018 5:57 PM
602	Existing infrastructure (previously closed schools) and proximity to school for active transportation	11/24/2018 5:21 PM
603	Although we attend our local catchment school, middle school is the next step for us next year. Our catchment middle school is TWO bus rides away! I live closer (5min. away, ONE short bus ride) from a SD63 middle school. I will be attempting to send my child to the SD63 school TWO bus rides for a new grade 6 is not a good choice for us.	11/24/2018 4:15 PM
604	Same school as siblings,	11/24/2018 2:30 PM
605	Continuation of their existing "track" regardless of new boundary if the child is already outside of their catchment.	11/24/2018 9:58 AM
606	Locals first, out of catchment second, internationals last	11/24/2018 9:48 AM
607	No	11/24/2018 9:37 AM
608	a chosen school should always be the best fit school for the individual student.	11/24/2018 9:15 AM
609	Before/after school offerings	11/24/2018 9:03 AM
610	IF THERE ARE NO SCHOOL BUSES FOR STUDENTS THAT ARE FURTHER THAN WALKING DISTANCE TO THE SCHOOL, AND PARENTS NEED TO DRIVE THEIR CHILDREN TO SCHOOL, THE SCHOOLS SHOULD BE CLOSEST. EACH SCHOOL SHOULD HAVE A SCHOOL BUS FOR THOSE WHO ARE 1.5 MILES FURTHER THAN SCHOOL. EACH PARENT DRIVING THEIR CHILDREN TO SCHOOL IS VERY BAD FOR CONGESTION IN SCHOOLS AND ON THE ROAD.	11/24/2018 8:12 AM
611	Catchment schools should not be further away from a family's residence than another school. Catchment school should be the closest in proximity.	11/24/2018 8:09 AM
612	I think parent work proximity is of key importance, it reduces travel time, car pollution etc. and lets you be close for emergencies or illness. It is also important to consider elementary school of choice peers - they move onto key schools such as Central and Landsdowne , then Vic High - it is important they stay with their friend groups	11/23/2018 10:03 PM
613	To continue to give kids who are in Elementary Schools of choice (south Park, Cloverdale) the freedom to pick their Middle School. The programs offered at these 2 schools are unique and offer a positive school experience to many kids who would not find the same degree of success at their catchment school. I feel you are setting some kids up for failure by only offering catchment dependant Middle Schools. Kids from South Park need the option to choose based on their strengths, weaknesses & peer groups.	11/23/2018 7:03 PM
614	No	11/23/2018 6:48 PM
615	Mixing areas of socioeconomic difference. That is, to mix advantages with disadvantaged where possible.	11/23/2018 5:23 PM
616	Families in current attachments by place of residence be allowed to remain and that siblings be given first choice to remain with their older siblings in their catchment(if reside in school), otherwise attendance should be reviewed each year to reduce moving aroundnot moving child around because of newness of school and perceived better quality because of facility and affecting those who reside in area.	11/23/2018 4:49 PM
617	No. Continued access tp Programs of Choice is essential.	11/23/2018 4:37 PM
618	Just to keep in mind that distance to\from school has a direct impact on family logistics, and sometimes evens adds costs to lower income families.	11/23/2018 4:33 PM
619	That my child stay with the peer group throughout her education	11/23/2018 4:11 PM
620	That school be on the way to work (ie downtown) to make drop off and pick up easier - currently we would have to drive across town and in the opposite direction from downtown	11/23/2018 3:39 PM
621	NOt having to cycle on or across major roads is my most important criteria. staying with their current peer group also important.	11/23/2018 3:24 PM
622	Promotion from Elementary, Middle, to Secondary. Important is to provide a path common to all students.	11/23/2018 3:03 PM
623	Concentration of students that need additional support.	11/23/2018 3:00 PM

624	Proximity of home to school- we are closer to 3 other elementary schools than our catchment school.	11/23/2018 2:23 PM
625	It would make my and my child's life SO much easier if he were allowed to go to the school where I work as an EA. Currently, I work at a high school, but we live in the catchment area for a different high school. By the time my son is ready for high school, he and I both want him to be allowed to go to the same high school I work at. If I apply for the "lottery" for him to go to a different catchment school, but I do not win, I would go through the trouble of moving into a rental in the catchment area of the school I work in, and pay more rent. The value of having my son and I go to and work at the same school, respectively, is more important to me than paying more rent, despite whether I can afford it. Even though this is 3 school years away, I feel a lot of anxiety about the fact that we may have to move in order for my son to go the the same school where I have a regular job at. Please, please make it a rule that if at least one parent that lives at least part-time with their child(ren) works regularly at a school that different in location from the catchment school where the family lives, that that child is allowed to go the parent's school of employment.	11/23/2018 1:27 PM
626	Safe street for kids. We're between Lansdowne and Cedar Hill (Kinglsey), but would be much easier/safer to ride to Lansdowne instead of up shelbourne street. Current Middle school catchment is Cedar Hill.	11/23/2018 11:53 AM
627	The overcrowding and size of some of the elementary schools.	11/23/2018 10:02 AM
628	Sibling groups - I.e. one child is in French immersion which is not offered at our catchment school. We are considering English for the second child but they may not be at the same school due to catchment. This is mostly issue for after school care and knowing which school we are going to be in a timely manner.	11/23/2018 9:32 AM
629	Yes, most important for the continuity of school community and family connection is being able to attend the same schools as their siblings did.	11/23/2018 9:31 AM
630	If parents have children currently in their catchment schools they should stay in that catchment until they finish school. Our live is arranged to accommodate the present catchment. Maybe the school board should have rethought closing schools a few years ago.	11/23/2018 5:15 AM
631	multicultural, number of students in class, teachers qualifications	11/22/2018 11:23 PM
632	This is of no interest as kids will always be in private school	11/22/2018 10:47 PM
633	People (families/children) living in the general neighborhood should always get first priority	11/22/2018 9:37 PM
634	I really don't like going outside my municipality for my catchment school. The route there is terrible and not at all walkable. I would like my children to remain in my municipality and my community to attend school. It's appaling that we are in Esquimalt and our catchment school is in Saanich.	11/22/2018 8:56 PM
635	Attending the same school as siblings	11/22/2018 7:44 PM
36	Keeping siblings together.especislly where one had disability	11/22/2018 7:36 PM
637	Siblings being able to go to the same school	11/22/2018 7:35 PM
38	Keeping Siblings together in the same school, even if its an out of catchment school	11/22/2018 6:47 PM
39	Parent and Stident Choice. Let us choose which school is best suited for our family.	11/22/2018 6:36 PM
640	When making boundaries consider the population size of all schools. Decrease portables and overcrowded schools. Consider keeping all school populations small to allow students to access common spaces (gym time, outdoor spaces, library time) in their schools.	11/22/2018 6:34 PM
641	Accommodate all children within catchment over cross boundary applicants	11/22/2018 6:01 PM
642	Distance of cschool away from lvictora downtown where i work.	11/22/2018 5:41 PM
643	Siblings staying together	11/22/2018 5:40 PM
644	Crossing the trans Canada highway should be avoided. the highway should be the boundary	11/22/2018 4:33 PM

645	When the children are in elementary school, I think it's important that they live close enough to walk to the neighborhood school. Once in middle and secondary, I think it's less important to be within walking distance, and more important for students to be able to choose the school they attend. If we had known that our home was on the catchment boundary line, we would have moved somewhere else, within the boundary. I think it's important for the children to be able to maintain social ties with their friends when they experience the stressful transition to middle and secondary school. If our children attend the catchment school, they will be cut off from those ties. I also want my children to attend a more academic middle and secondary school than the one in the catchment in which we live. We have considered moving into the catchment if we have to, to ensure that our children are at the school that we prefer.	11/22/2018 4:16 PM
646	In the transition process, it is important to ensure that students stay in their family of schools. Separating students from their peer group during middle school or highschool transition can be traumatic, at a challenging time. This is much more important to student well-being than ensuring short walks to school.	11/22/2018 3:57 PM
647	A high regard should be given to siblings enrollment. Myself and my husband work full time and on different schedules, we would never be able to bring to young kids to different schools in the morning on time.	11/22/2018 3:36 PM
648	It will be important to consider population density so that schools don't become over crowded if it becomes too difficult to transfer to schools out of catchment.	11/22/2018 3:31 PM
649	No	11/22/2018 2:13 PM
650	Enrollment policies affect how catchment boundaries impact families. Enrollement policies should continue to make provision for families whose children accept offers from the disctrict to attend out of catchment schools when catchment schools/programs are full. Enroll policies should also be reviewed to address the needs of families who rent their homes and may need to change catchment areas to secure affordable housing.	11/22/2018 2:04 PM
651	Social connections for my kids are the main reasons we haven't changed schools	11/22/2018 1:58 PM
652	Keeping neighbourhood communities in the same school catchment is very important for families and community.	11/22/2018 1:41 PM
653	- keeping siblings together: younger son should go to same high school as older son, even if a boundary change would interfere with this	11/22/2018 1:33 PM
654	Safe routes to school - having to cross major intersections or highways when child is 11 or younger and walking to school is a concern	11/22/2018 12:55 PM
655	Having late immersion in ALL participating French immersion school should be a priority since we are suppose to be a bilingual country.	11/22/2018 12:51 PM
656	Children should go to school in their neighborhood.	11/22/2018 12:42 PM
657	Keeping families together	11/22/2018 12:10 PM
658	I feel that if a child has started their education at a specific school and developed friendships at that school that they are owed the right to continue their education at that school until such time as they complete their education and move to a new school. The social aspect of education is equally if not, in some cases, more important than any other aspect of a child's development.	11/22/2018 12:09 PM
659	Siblings currently enrolled in schools	11/22/2018 12:03 PM
660	Children originally enrolled out of catchment should be allowed to proceed with their friends to the next out-of-catchment school. Frankly, the list of considerations you provide above sounds like a bunch of frivolous non-sense, in comparison.	11/22/2018 11:57 AM
661	Common sense. School board should get out and physically walk the boundaries to see what makes sense	11/22/2018 11:49 AM
662	What I would actually rank as number one as a consideration is making sure that schools are equal in terms of what is offered at them. Most of the kids in our neighbourhood do not go to the catchment english school because the school is run down, there is no PAC, there is an intensive focus on certain cultures (rather than feeling welcoming to all), there is no structured music program, minimal extra curricular activity, no nature-based education etc. It is hard to want to send our children to a catchment school that offers so much less, when two other public schools two km farther down the road offer so much extra. Same tax dollars, same school district, same municipality for both of these schools but totally different school environment.	11/22/2018 11:44 AM

663	reduce number of parents from other catchments enrolling kids in schools near their work and increasing traffic	11/22/2018 11:31 AM
664	Families catchment school should be the closest school to them.	11/22/2018 11:31 AM
665	Schools that are more equipped for children with high functioning autism.	11/22/2018 11:25 AM
666	Yes	11/22/2018 11:21 AM
667	No	11/22/2018 11:13 AM
668	I think most important for Elementary and Middle School is that the children can go to school close to where one parent works. I also think that specific programs of the school are important. Where families live should not determine the quality of education that the children receive.	11/22/2018 10:38 AM
669	no	11/22/2018 10:15 AM
670	Options for students who struggle in one school environment but may thrive in another. My son was struggling in our catchment school so we looked into switching him to one we felt he would thrive in due to the environment the school creates within it's walls. He was accepted in and he has been thriving there. My daughter is supposed to start kindergarten there next year as she attends pre-school next door and her friends all have filtered into that school as well.	11/22/2018 9:58 AM
671	My daughter is attending a school (Frank Hobbs) that does not fall in our catchment because her father and I do not live together but we both work at UVic (nearby) and so it makes sense logistically.	11/22/2018 9:39 AM
672	Id like my child to be able to attend french immersion in middle school in our community of oak bay versusbhaving to attend central or lansdowne school . Keeping her in our community is important for building strong community and relationships.	11/22/2018 9:38 AM
673	quality of school, staff and teachers approach to kids and families	11/22/2018 9:33 AM
674	That children are not penalized by being separated from all their friends and forced to go to a new school during transition period from elementary to middle school, or middle to high school. I strongly advocate that kids stay with cohorts throughout their pathway streams as its a vital component of their well being and education.	11/22/2018 9:30 AM
675	No	11/22/2018 8:58 AM
676	Public schools should be of equal quality regardless of catchment. We have two superior schools very close by that are simply better options. Therefore we drive instead of walk.	11/22/2018 8:45 AM
677	Many	11/22/2018 8:43 AM
678	Balanced mix of social-economical demographics, balanced diversity	11/22/2018 8:26 AM
679	Class size	11/22/2018 7:59 AM
680	Going to school child expected and planned on and group of friends going	11/22/2018 7:05 AM
681	Sibling attending school as well	11/22/2018 6:43 AM
682	If current catchment boundaries are changed, there is a potential to separate families in our community who work together to get children to and from school and arranging car pooling.	11/22/2018 6:32 AM
683	Ensuring siblings can attend the same schools.	11/22/2018 4:41 AM
684	Neighbourhood coherence- particularly when they get to middle school and high school, catchments should have a strong relationship to the neighbourhoods and communities where families are engaged, through community associations, urban villages, sports catchments, etc.	11/21/2018 11:07 PM
685	I think you need to look at how close houses are to schools currently we are in the craigflower catchment but it's 1km away and we are about 100m away from marigold and spectrum how does that make sense you should have the school as the centre and draw a circle around it so that houses from all sides are in that school catchment. Seems ridiculous that we have to drive or catch two buses to school instead of walking 100m. Also my child is going to be in kindergarten in the fall of 2019, I don't think it would be right for her to go to a school for kindergarten then her catchment get changed the next year, so it would be nice to give parents who's kids are starting	11/21/2018 10:57 PM
	their first year in 2019 to be in the school of their new catchment instead of waiting until 2020 We are considering moving that's how close we are to a school that's not in our catchment, just so we can be in that catchment	

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	The most important consideration, in my mind, is grandfathering elementary school spots for the younger siblings of children who are currently enrolled at the catchment school, but who may be displaced through the redrawing of catchment lines.	11/21/2018 10:17 PM
688	No, the proximity to our home (as well as quality of the school) are the most important considerations for me when choosing a school for my children.	11/21/2018 10:04 PM
689	Diversity is important in makeup of school.	11/21/2018 9:54 PM
690	In our case, we are on the even side of Middowne Road (2300) and as such are in the Campus View/Arbuts/Mount Doug Catchment. All we ask is that you allow homes on both sides of Middowne to attend Willows/Monterrey/Oak Bay. There are only a few houses that are affected, and this is a very easy fix that would help us tremendously.	11/21/2018 9:50 PM
691	Peer group	11/21/2018 9:37 PM
692	"Neighborhoods" are not necessarily defined by main roads, municipal boundaries or even by geography. Some consideration should be put into where folks define their neighborhood and as such their neighborhood school.	11/21/2018 9:06 PM
693	Keeping siblings together.	11/21/2018 8:49 PM
694	We moved to Uplands (Oak Bay) area so our children can attend Willow's elementary. There are a number of parents who will seek legal action if the boundaries do not allow siblings to be a priority. Many parents in Uplands have second children (siblings) starting school 2020. We pay higher taxes and the road route to walk to another school is a very busy main road where right now the kids take a trail and safe path. This allows siblings to be together and our child has already built a community and relationship in her current school.	11/21/2018 8:48 PM
395	Keeping siblings together is the most important factor as I look to these changes. The idea of children going to different schools creates added stress and anxiety. For our two kids to attend together creates multiple levels of ease and strength both for parents as students.	11/21/2018 8:22 PM
696	Keeping siblings together at the same school.	11/21/2018 8:19 PM
697	Before and after school care availability at the school.	11/21/2018 8:08 PM
698	Close to parents employment	11/21/2018 7:59 PM
99	The size of the school population is important. Having portables or "learning studios" is not desirable so I would rather travel a longer distance if it means the school community is protected from overflow resulting in classes outside the main school building.	11/21/2018 7:34 PM
700	no	11/21/2018 7:01 PM
'01	It's important to have boundaries that ensure diversity in each school, in terms of socio-economic factors and race.	11/21/2018 6:48 PM
702	Limiting class sizes and access to extra ciricular activities such as band or dance or other specialized progrsms	11/21/2018 5:17 PM
703	children should be able to go to schools that are in walking distance from their home.	11/21/2018 4:57 PM
704	Once a child has been accepted into a non catchment school, enrollment for subsequent years should be highly considered.	11/21/2018 4:51 PM
705	No	11/21/2018 4:50 PM
706	Closest to our home	11/21/2018 4:48 PM
707	 preserving and supporting the mental health of children - moving to a new catchment with no friends for middle school is of great concern in terms of dismantling their existing friendships at a critical period in their development 	11/21/2018 4:45 PM
		44/04/0040 4:00 DM
708	No. We chose the schools based internal environment, teaching staff and most of all my kids play baseball/softball so Gordon Head and Lambrick Park were the obvious choices.	11/21/2018 4:39 PM
708 709		11/21/2018 4:39 PM

711	Kids' catchment school should be the one closest to them.	11/21/2018 4:21 PM
'12	No	11/21/2018 3:50 PM
713	It is always important to grandfather people that are currently in the system. Please do not do what you did in 2017/2018 when the school board did not grandfather in families that were currently enrolled in SD61. Allowing students to not follow their "family of schools" is a HUGE mistake.	11/21/2018 3:48 PM
714	Demographic diversity	11/21/2018 3:45 PM
715	Traffic flow is important. Current boundaries using the transcanada highway are unrealistic when there is an easy way to traverse the highway. For example the underpass from Colwood heading towards Eagleview is much easier than trying to drive to View Royal.	11/21/2018 3:39 PM
716	More important is that my child feels like this is the best place for her needs.	11/21/2018 2:45 PM
717	Designated students should be under special consideration to keep the best interest of the student in mind.	11/21/2018 2:35 PM
718	Children with special learning needs such as ADHD or Autism I feel would benifit from a schools that have the most support in place for them.	11/21/2018 2:23 PM
719	Unrecognized/unofficial programs of choice. There are areas which every school clearly focuses on or specializes in that are not captured by the official "District Programs of Choice" topics listed in this survey. For example, a school may be widely recognized as having a high level of dedication to its basketball or dance programme. A student that shows promise in one of those areas is wasting her/his potential if forced to go only to a catchment high school which only offers minimal development in that area.	11/21/2018 1:50 PM
720	Public transit could be a consideration for middle or high school children, but NOT for elementary. I ranked public transit as 4 because my children are currently in elementary school and transit is not an option.	11/21/2018 1:16 PM
721	Pick up and drop off ease and availability at the school. A lot of parents still need to drive their children to school. It would be my #2 choice if you included it. Both Doncaster and Cedar Hill are terrible for this.	11/21/2018 1:08 PM
722	Flow/staying with the same school, friends and relationships	11/21/2018 12:58 PM
723	more crosswalks required on corridors	11/21/2018 12:57 PM
724	Ability to follow sibling in family of schools	11/21/2018 12:47 PM
725	Priority 1: Keeping my eldest at the same school and ensuring that her younger siblings also attend the same school as her	11/21/2018 12:32 PM
726	Social connections possibly tie with my first choice	11/21/2018 12:31 PM
727	My kids go to Lakehill and I think they should be able to pick between cedar hill or royal oak after there done at Lakehill . Cedar hill has way to many kids and it's very dangerous crossing McKenzie to catch the bus for them .	11/21/2018 12:29 PM
728	After school care	11/21/2018 11:49 AM
729	No	11/21/2018 11:45 AM
730	Siblings should remain together	11/21/2018 11:31 AM
731	After school activities, my children are competitive swimmers	11/21/2018 11:16 AM
732	Attending school(s) within the municipality we reside in.	11/21/2018 11:07 AM
733	Staying in the community the children are used to so not to disrupt the sense of community one is trying to build with the kids	11/21/2018 11:07 AM
734	Support for learning challenges- we are fortunate to have these in our catchment but would be looking out of catchment if not.	11/21/2018 11:05 AM
735	Children should walk to school if at all possible. It is the most environmentally friendly option, because we do not burn fossil fuels to transport them.	11/21/2018 10:58 AM
736	My children attending the same school and being allowed to continue in the school they know (already attend), with their cohort. Maintaining sibling priority, allowing my children to attend school together, if catchment lines are re-drawn.	11/21/2018 10:52 AM

737	prioritize people that live close - good for environment; good for student health; good to reduce traffic issues at school;	11/21/2018 10:51 AM
738	Peer Support/Friend Groups to aid in settling in to new school. Eg. when starting High School.	11/21/2018 10:37 AM
739	Children remaining with friends/peers & proximity to after-school family provided care.	11/21/2018 10:35 AM
740	No	11/21/2018 10:26 AM
741	I think it's awful that there are no school busses in the district. Traffic congestion at schools is atrocious and it is unrealistic to expect that most families can walk or use alternative transportation such as biking to avoid this.	11/21/2018 10:09 AM
742	I think that enrolment should be looked at on a case by case basis. If a child has gone to one family of schools, they should be allowed to complete their education in that family of schools, regardless of catchment.	11/21/2018 9:53 AM
743	Staying with an expected cohort of friends and classmates at periods which a change in catchment would destroy	11/21/2018 9:50 AM
744	There must be different catchment boundaries for French immersion schools since there are not the same number of French immersion schools. Currently the closest French immersion school may be out of catchment (that is the case for my family). Oak Bay high is much closer to my home than Reynolds which is the catchment school. This is nonsensical.	11/21/2018 9:46 AM
745	Helping children choose according to their attributes and interests, to encourage sports, arts, and French language acquisition - all researched elements of resiliency	11/21/2018 9:34 AM
746	Yes, reversing the changes to the sibling enrollment priority. Hopefully the new Supe will reverse the draconian changes the last supe made.	11/21/2018 9:29 AM
747	Full time and experienced teachers for each class.	11/21/2018 9:23 AM
748	Yes. At our current school, the cutoff for the catchment is right across the street from the school, so people who literally live across the street from the school are not in the catchment.	11/21/2018 9:21 AM
749	Social Economics	11/21/2018 9:20 AM
750	My child has been going to school with the same friends since grade 6 and would not her to have to start at another school she is in grade 10 and it important for her learning to continue and finish high school at the school she currently attends	11/21/2018 9:20 AM
751	Before and after school care	11/21/2018 9:15 AM
752	i want our family's children to go to school in oak bay where we live and pay taxes. re-open Uplands Elementary and relocate the international student program. or permit the children in north oak bay to go Willows school and relocate out of catchment students to attend schools in their own area.	11/21/2018 9:15 AM
753	Staying with friends in their cohort	11/21/2018 9:12 AM
54	none	11/21/2018 8:33 AM
755	Sad that we had to line up at 4am to secure a spot for a school that is only a few blocks away from us. Meanwhile, we are aware of many parents/families cheating the system (i.e. using other family members address) to get their kids in the school. More vetting is required and guaranteed space is a must for those who live in a school's catchment.	11/21/2018 8:32 AM
756	No	11/21/2018 8:23 AM
757	The children on one side of our street (Belmont Ave) are in a different catchment from the children on the other side of the street. This means that the numerous children on our block are split between two schools, preventing them from walking to school together, preventing parents from easily picking up each other's children on request, splitting friends up for the day, etc., etc. We believe the catchment border should be moved to include an entire street, not split across the block.	11/21/2018 8:09 AM
758	Priorities differ based on level of schooling. For elementary school walkability is #1. For middle/high school access to programs of choice and public transit is much higher on the list.	11/21/2018 8:06 AM
759	In todays world we need to encourage our students to make choices that they want and not hold them back because of where they live.	11/21/2018 8:05 AM

760	Ideally an additional school closer to our neighbourhood would be built. If not, improving traffic to get to the school.	11/21/2018 7:53 AM
761	Grandfathering the system so that if the boundaries change, children who's older siblings go there, do not have to go to another school. It doesn't make sense to have kids going to different schools for that reason alone.	11/21/2018 7:33 AM
762	Keeping kids within their community as much as possible. It makes it more accessible for travel, siblings are together and kids can be with the kids that live close by.	11/21/2018 6:57 AM
763	Catchment boundaries should include the neighborhood boundaries as well. Two children living in Vic west, for instance, should belong to the same catchment	11/21/2018 6:48 AM
764	We want to attend the school within our neighbourhood and city. Our catchment school is further and in a different city than the one that is in our neighbourhood and that is closest to our home.	11/21/2018 6:44 AM
765	I believed children should ba able to continue within a catchment after moving out of the borders set out.	11/21/2018 6:27 AM
766	Maintaining continuity for students.	11/21/2018 6:27 AM
767	Yes, quality of teachers, quality of school itself, being around like-minded kids and families	11/21/2018 6:10 AM
768	Social connections and friendships developed; for instance my child has been in the same stream from K-8 and now the new policy to attend our catchment school will make a painful and challenging personal transition for him adding significant stress, anxiety, and vulnerability to his life	11/21/2018 12:05 AM
769	Parking for parents to pick up children and safey for kids leaving the school onto busy roads. My youngest goes to george jay and there are not enough parking spots or drop off room for cars and it makes me nervous to let my child walk home going dwn cook st because no one slows dwn on that rd.	11/20/2018 10:56 PM
770	Once in a school, to follow the catchment stream with friends. Friends are VERY important to a child	11/20/2018 10:45 PM
771	Access to the before/after school care of the catchment school need to be included in the boundary decision making. I know some families live very close (within 10min walk) to Willows school before/after school care, but their catchment is Oaklands elementary and parents are experiencing inconvenience	11/20/2018 10:28 PM
772	Thankful for the kind, cheerful friendly people on Admirals and Craigflower, that one man and one lady who hold the stop sign	11/20/2018 10:25 PM
773	In the past, access to before and after school care. Current, safe crossings, and bike lanes.	11/20/2018 10:08 PM
774	while biking to school my child was hit by a car from a parent dropping their child off in my neighborhood - oak bay - they lived in Sidney and were rushing to work - too many cars while kids are biking in neighborhoods - confine catchments to neighbors to keep all kids safe and stop the flow of unncessary traffic everywhere	11/20/2018 10:00 PM
775	safe walking and biking routes to school i.e.: crossing guards on busy intersections.	11/20/2018 9:54 PM
776	No	11/20/2018 9:51 PM
777	Sense of connection to community by living/working in that community and learning to navigate it by travelling to school by a means other than motor transport. Connection to landmarks, nature, independently navigating to school and confidence gained by navigating way through community to school as get older. Time with your own thoughts while walking/cycling. Considerations for environment too. Able to do extra curricular activities -practices and not rely, as get older, on transport to get home.	11/20/2018 9:45 PM
778	Out of School care capacity	11/20/2018 9:44 PM
779	Keeping siblings together by prioritizing siblings in programs of choice (ie. French immersion)	11/20/2018 9:39 PM
780	The homes within the new boundaries. Make sure there's a mix of lower-income and middle class in each school to keep things equal.	11/20/2018 9:35 PM
	Diversity of student based on living conditions and income	11/20/2018 9:20 PM
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783	Students should not have to travel across town to another school if they have a local school within walking distance.	11/20/2018 9:12 PM
784	It is necessary for families like ours to be grandfathered in - temporarily living out of catchment but will be back in catchment. Our oldest goes to EMJS and our youngest is due for registration in January. It is important and necessary for our family to be able to stay together for a multitude of reasons.	11/20/2018 9:05 PM
785	I am a teacher in the district and I feel it is essential to our family's well being that my child attend the school where I teach. It will create a seamless daily routine and save our family hundreds of dollars a month in out of school care costs. This is by far the most important criteria to us in this process!	11/20/2018 9:00 PM
786	Transportation should be provided. It is ridiculous that we have to drive our kids to elementary school	11/20/2018 8:52 PM
787	No	11/20/2018 8:50 PM
788	Siblings at same school	11/20/2018 8:47 PM
789	The quality of education and options for more academically oriented programs	11/20/2018 8:44 PM
790	No.	11/20/2018 8:44 PM
791	Staying with friends when changing schools.	11/20/2018 8:44 PM
792	HOW LONG families have lived in their current catchment, perhaps some sort of grandfather clause should the boundaries change.	11/20/2018 8:41 PM
793	No	11/20/2018 8:40 PM
794	Local community and parents involved with the local school	11/20/2018 8:27 PM
795	Geographical proximity to school - we live closer to Oak Bay High, yet our catchment school is actually Mt. Doug.	11/20/2018 8:06 PM
796	Keeping kids in neighbourhoods in the same schools. Having cat hammers spilt up by a block spilts up community(McKenzie/Northridge/Rogers) needs to be changed	11/20/2018 8:05 PM
797	If your child is already enrolled in a school and has built a community there I believe this should be considered.	11/20/2018 8:04 PM
798	I believe that once students are established in an elementary school they should be permitted to follow to the pathway school even if out of catchment. I believe this best supports the social and emotional development of children at difficult points of transition.	11/20/2018 7:55 PM
799	Support for children with sensory issues	11/20/2018 7:51 PM
800	Both my children were or are at South Park and most of the South Park kids go to central middle school. Both of them are (or will be) in French immersion. We are roughly equidistant to 3 middle schools, so central is our preferred middle school.	11/20/2018 7:39 PM
801	Students in lower socioeconomic areas need to have equal access to high quality instruction. More diverse school populations (rather than those represented by neighbourhoods) will improve equity, inclusion and learning success.	11/20/2018 7:37 PM
802	Yes, more people to work whith especial needs kids.	11/20/2018 7:35 PM
803	As parents of a child on the autism spectrum, the special education programs are VASTLY different at every school across the district. Having similar levels of support at all the schools across the district seems like it should be the norm, but based on experience, it is definitely not.	11/20/2018 7:31 PM
804	Density of population Diversity of population	11/20/2018 7:30 PM
805	No	11/20/2018 7:28 PM
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806	Older sibling that already enrolled	11/20/2018 7:05 PM
	Older sibling that already enrolled Overall distance from the school. The current map shows elementary schools roughly in the middle of their catchment. Middle school not so much. Looking specifically at Lansdowne, Cedar Hill, Glanford, Colquiz. You could live 2 or 3 block from a school and be in another school's catchment quite a distance away. That is not ideal for kids or families.	11/20/2018 7:05 PM 11/20/2018 6:49 PM

809	NA	11/20/2018 6:46 PM
810	sensible transit options is the biggest. Your point 13 assumes when parents purchase a house they have the foresight and clairvoyance to know the school board policy for high school transfers will be. When I bought my house most kids went to Oak Bay in my Clover Point enclave because of continuing the life style of sport the had began in the affluence sport culture of our neighborhood. Now routed to VIc High which I totally would be excited to send my kid there if the School board had somehow bolstered the offerings of Vic High. #14 is a question that will be not relevant unless you compare the age of the children in the house -IF your children are almost through the school system it's likely not important.	11/20/2018 6:41 PM
811	Choice of school, where sibling attends	11/20/2018 6:34 PM
812	Proximity to home	11/20/2018 6:30 PM
813	Yes, I was very upset that the school district did not consider the impact and stress of implementing catchment boundaries. I feel it would have been better to implement catchment rules for when students are transitioning from elementary to middle school. My younger son was extremely distraught over the idea that he would not be going to high school with his friends. The middle school years are hard enough on their self esteem without severing them from their friendship groups. If catchment had been applied at elementary school, he would have gone to a different middle school and had the opportunity to cultivate friendships there.	11/20/2018 6:22 PM
814	Equally important: population density, census data (income, age of families)	11/20/2018 6:08 PM
815	I think it is a mistake to lump in access to French Immersion with access to true 'programs of choice' like sports academies, challenge, and flex, and as a result question 11 is not going to give very meaningful answers. The latter (true)programs of choice are high school level programs that kids can travel very far to on their own, and are sought out by a relatively small portion of students. French Immersion, and particularly early French immersion, is the regular curriculum, taught in French, in a bilingual country. It needs to be as easily accessed as possible for all families, not just those with cars and the means to drive across town.	11/20/2018 5:34 PM
816	Population density	11/20/2018 5:22 PM
817	We have a school, that is a 5min walk for student and 15 drive across highway and way up mackenzie.	11/20/2018 5:16 PM
818	have a child in the school already.	11/20/2018 5:13 PM
819	No	11/20/2018 4:48 PM
820	this same group of kids (grade 6) were uncertain of their middle school due to district changes and had to submit transfersis this same group going to be affected by boundary changes?	11/20/2018 4:46 PM
321	Continuity with peers	11/20/2018 4:40 PM
322	no	11/20/2018 4:40 PM
323	Make all schools French Immersion or get rid of this program completely	11/20/2018 4:22 PM
824	Safety -	11/20/2018 4:12 PM
825	There are schools with good programs i.e. Oak Bay/sports and Visual Arts/Vic High and it would be nice to be able to have an 'exchange'. For example, if a visual arts student in Oak Bay would like to go to Vic High, and there is a sports student in Victoria that would like to go to Oak Bay, they can exchange spaces.	11/20/2018 4:11 PM
826	We really like Cloverdale, both have gone to Preschool there, and as our son is currently enrolled there, we could like our daughter to go there also to be with her brother.	11/20/2018 4:07 PM
827	We have moved to different catchment areas over the years due to many factors but most importantly financial ones. During this time our children would have been torn away from friendships and community anchors. This should be the first overall consideration in my opinion.	11/20/2018 4:03 PM
828	The transition from elementary to middle schoolit's nice if they kids can transition to a school with their friends. Because we are out of catchement now, next year, our boys will not be able to transition to the middle school that almost all the friends they've made since kindergarten will be going to. This is very distressing for them. They've spoken to me about it a number of times.	11/20/2018 3:58 PM

829	With the recent enrolment priorities changes many families have had to uproot children to new schools this year to ensure siblings stayed together. When changing catchment boundaries it will be important to ensure that children won't be forced to a different school than their current cohort a second time. Consideration to these other recent changes is crucial for families.	11/20/2018 3:41 PM
830	For elementary for me it is proximity to school, for middle and high school priority starts to increase for the different programs offered	11/20/2018 3:36 PM
831	I think the only consideration should be that all schools are in the center of their given catchment area.	11/20/2018 3:36 PM
332	Quality of school, teachers, educational experience	11/20/2018 3:30 PM
333	we are in North Oak Bay (Henderson and Kendall). Lansdowne (French immersion) is closer to us than Arbutus, our current catchment school. we would like this to be reviewed.	11/20/2018 3:30 PM
334	no	11/20/2018 3:28 PM
335	Encouraging families to send their kids to the neighbourhood school so that social networks can be established.	11/20/2018 3:07 PM
336	Yes - mental disabilities; our kids have ADHD/OCD and the youngest has a group of friends that have all grown up together - if we moved I feel that his ability to transition to a different school would be challenging.	11/20/2018 3:07 PM
337	Proximity to school and pathway as they shouldn't be removed from peer groups	11/20/2018 2:46 PM
338	Some schools "fit" our kids better than other schools. With a special needs a typical and a gifted child, I have to look at what will benefit all three of my children and not just what is convenient	11/20/2018 2:42 PM
339	for elementary school, children not crossing major roadways	11/20/2018 2:41 PM
840	Some schools are better communities than others. I think it needs to be seriously considered if a student has started at an elementary school, they should be allowed to continue to attend until they move on to middle or high school.	11/20/2018 2:38 PM
841	Parents have the choice as to what school their child attends based on programs, needs of the child and parents.	11/20/2018 2:38 PM
842	Ensuring students who want to attend special programs (ie French) are able to do so.	11/20/2018 2:35 PM
343	No.	11/20/2018 2:34 PM
844	All addresses should be within two catchment areas; thus providing options for students and families.	11/20/2018 2:32 PM
345	Keeping my child away from the bullies that the school has no desire in disciplining	11/20/2018 2:30 PM
846	Please take into consideration siblings who may be separated by new catchments and give allowances. It is not easy for parents to get children to different schools/	11/20/2018 2:17 PM
847	Consistency with neighbours, i.e. we have a property on Union Road (not our residence yet), half of the street goes to one catchment, the other side of the road goes to another much further away catchment.	11/20/2018 2:09 PM
348	Freedom to put the kids in any school would be good.	11/20/2018 2:09 PM
349	More choice, to allow for continuing in French Immersion in schools in adjacent catchments.	11/20/2018 2:06 PM
850	Make sure kids who live across the street from each other are in the same catchment. Having buses/easy access to program of choice high schools. My eldest is gifted and I don't want him taking transit to Esquimalt.	11/20/2018 2:04 PM
851	keeping siblings in same schools	11/20/2018 1:59 PM
852	having the right to choose suitable demographic for children that require stable or change of environment to become successful in school; socially and academically	11/20/2018 1:51 PM
853	I think it is very important for kids to stay in the same stream as each other - i.e. all kids from the same elementary school go to the same middle school and all kids from the same middle school go to the same high school.	11/20/2018 1:50 PM
854	Quality of education and facilities along with community and friends that have been shaped through the cross boundaries Once a student starts along a pathway said payhway should remain open until graduation from grade 12 until boundaries are geographic only it is unacceptable to move students into inferior programs cost of realistate should not dictate public school outcomes in any Canadian public school system number 14 is not an option with current cost of living a college prof can not afford to live in Fernwood or Fairfield with two children and expect them to have any access to sports, travel, etc	11/20/2018 1:47 PM
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855	Making sure all areas/catchments have equal access to updated and earthquake safe schools.	11/20/2018 1:47 PM
856	Would be great to see more school bus options for those who are even walking distance to the school ~ Victoria seasons can be dark, wet and cold and having school buses delivering our children would be most desirable.	11/20/2018 1:47 PM
857	Teacher quality	11/20/2018 1:45 PM
358	Social networks. Retroactively moving a child from her or his school is a very brutal measure that should be avoided as much as possible	11/20/2018 1:43 PM
359	Going to the same school as siblings.	11/20/2018 1:43 PM
360	I believe most of these schools offer very different options and should be chosen for their unique offerings and not where you live	11/20/2018 1:40 PM
861	I don't really care about any of the above.	11/20/2018 1:35 PM
862	Ensure catchment school is closest school. In our case Arbutus is close to usbut my child goes to Gordon Head Middle School since it is catchment.	11/20/2018 1:34 PM
363	I believe keeping siblings together, regardless of catchment is important. Further, I believe that maintaining children's friendships and other relationships is key to promote healthy inter-personal and communication skills. Access to after-school care is also vital to ensuring children develop a well-rounded emotional skillset.	11/20/2018 1:34 PM
364	We purchased a very expensive home in an area that would ensure our children could always be in seismically- upgraded/sound buildings in elementary, middle school and high school and have access French Immersion. It would be very upsetting if the boundaries get changed on us and their pathways get altered to include buildings that are not seismically-upgraded. This would cause us to have to sell our home and move to keep our children in schools that are safer.	11/20/2018 1:28 PM
365	That my daughter has a school she feels comfortable attending rather than one forced to attend for catchment school	11/20/2018 1:24 PM
866	Siblings	11/20/2018 1:12 PM
67	Quality of the teaching	11/20/2018 1:10 PM
68	Siblings need to be in the SAME SCHOOL	11/20/2018 1:08 PM
369	social relationships of children (this fits more into who should get in than what their catchment should be). I think catchment should ultimately be based on location, and aiming to maximise kids being able to walk to their neighbourhood schools.	11/20/2018 1:08 PM
70	SAfety - ie ensuring crossing guards are on duty on busy roads near schools	11/20/2018 12:54 PM
71	Attending the same school as siblings did/are.	11/20/2018 12:52 PM
72	Our oldest child attended macaulay and boys and girls club, then our second. The rules then changed but we were able to get the last one in	11/20/2018 12:51 PM
873	I think an entire neighborhood should be in one catchment, so neighbourhood kids can go to the same school, walk together, car pooling can be shared, etc. We live in the neighbourhood NE of Hillside Mall with Shelbourne, Lansdowne and Richmond bordering the neighbourhood. Part of the neighbourhood goes to Doncaster, and the other part to Oaklands. Also, middle schools and high schools should proximity should also be taken into consideration. We live literally one block away from Lansdowne Middle School, but according to our catchment, our son will attend Cedar Hill Middle School.	11/20/2018 12:51 PM

874	YES. Boundaries for Middle School and High School Need to be the same so friends and peer groups can stay together. ISSUE: Lansdowne High School Boundary includes students from Victoria and Oak Bay. These kids spend 3 years together forming very important peer groups and relationships. These kids are then split between Oak Bay High School and Reynolds High School based on a BOUNDARY Location criteria that is different than the Middle School BOUNDARY Location criteria. Basically kids that live in Oak Bay go to Oak Bay High and kids that live in Victoria go to Reynolds High. It is very difficult for kids that have already formed very strong relationships to transition to a High School without their peer group. ie: 20 kids from Victoria and Oak Bay go to Lansdowne Middle School and become friends. 19 kids move to Oak Bay High because they live there. 1 Kid moves to Reynolds High because he/she does not live in Oak Bay and spends High School without a peer group. MY RECOMMENDATION: The school district should move all students together on the same track from Middle School to High School. The boundaries should not change between Middle and High school. So YES, the boundaries need to change, especially for Oak Bay High and Reynolds High. A) Oak Bay High School BOUNDARY needs to increase to a larger area that INCLUDES all the students that went to Lansdowne Middle School. B) Lansdowne Middle School and Oak Bay High School BOUNDARY needs to be the same.	11/20/2018 12:51 PM
875	As parents we and our children should be able to pick which school(s) they attend and NOT governed by a "panel" of individuals who have not been a student of recent years! There is something to be said about the "old days" of catchments and schools! With all the "new" housing that is going up, the school districts should have never closed some of the schools and they should plan better when building "new" schools! Pretty disappointing to see brand new schools, already to capacity they day open, with extra portables in the first 6-8 months. Specialized programs are very important in today's society and families should be able to choose whether they want to go (no different than Universities and Colleges)	11/20/2018 12:39 PM
876	Advanced courses (in math, English, French) should be offered at every high school and perhaps middle school also. Home study in selected subjects (esp. math) should be easier and better supported in conjunction with school classes. Our eldest son began home studies in math with The Link in grade 5 but funding was cut for programs below grade 9, so he had to find another way (fortunately, getting help from Oak & Orca, doing this for the first time). He then continued at The Link last year and is now 2 grades ahead in math while in grade 9. Home learning for math has been far more effective than school study, helping him develop good study habits and a love for math (a subject generally hated by other school students). Moreover, the new math curriculum in schools is ridiculous and a disaster. It is very important as a necessary social change to build more and safer bike lanes, not just for accessing schools. Measures are also needed to restrict driving of gas-powered vehicles via car-free days or limitations based on license plates (as done in some cities), forcing people to use other means of transportation. To clarify the answer on the next page, if there's a problem of less space for catchment students because of programs of choice, I approve re-evaluating the placement of programs can't easily be offered at different or multiple schools (e.g., CSE), so of course I strongly disapprove of limiting access to programs of choice to students within that school's catchment (if it's being considered).	11/20/2018 12:39 PM
877	French immersion must be walking distance - or safe bicycle route (not on busy roads)	11/20/2018 12:29 PM
878	YES! I have two children (one in SJD and one in Central) who neither are in our catchment, and my oldest, with new catchment guidelines, would NO LONGER be with any peer group, one he has bonded with since kindergarten when he was in SJD. We strongly believe as parents, that it would negatively impact his studies, sense of confidence and ability to succeed, if he was suddenly not with his peer group (we are hoping he can go to Vic High with his Peer group in Sept 2019, and not the proposed Reynolds which is in our catchment). We support changes needed to make it work for each school re: student capacity however while these changes are happening, my son will NOT benefit in any way if he is made to go to Reynolds. my daughter has a peer group that she will go with - to Landsdowne Middle School and for that we feel very fortunate.	11/20/2018 12:28 PM
879	Following the school "pathway" of familiar cohort	11/20/2018 12:25 PM
880	Consider using radius distance to determine the catchment boundaries, rather than just main roads and natural landmarks. A child may be within walking distance of a school (or even within	11/20/2018 12:18 PM
	the line of sight), but is determined not in a school catchment because you use a road as the boundary.	
881	the line of sight), but is determined not in a school catchment because you use a road as the	11/20/2018 12:15 PM

883	If a child was planning on attending a middle school or high school in the future, I hope any new boundary changes would not alter that.	11/20/2018 12:10 PM
884	catchment boundaries that cross socio-economic boundaries	11/20/2018 12:00 PM
885	I would like more flexibility for families that want to keep their children together with their friends and support groups and choose to attend a school outside of their district. I think special concessions should be made for the schools of choice as most children who attend are out of catchment and this makes moving to middle school very difficult.	11/20/2018 11:58 AM
886	Siblings being able to be placed in the same school and programs together especially if living within catchment	11/20/2018 11:46 AM
887	Elementary students living in Oak Bay ought to have a school which is located IN Oak Bay and not have to travel to Fairfield. This was possible when Monterey was a proper school located centrally in Oak Bay.	11/20/2018 11:46 AM
888	Where siblings currently attend BEFORE catchment review	11/20/2018 11:45 AM
889	-Prioritize French Immersion kids as much as English for concerns such as walking, biking and busing to school. A lot of kids are in French Immersion, they should not be considered second class citizens because they are in a "program of choice." -it is too far for French Immersion kids from Harling point in South Oak bay to walk or bike to Landsdowne middle school and there is no bus service from Harling point to Landsdowne middle school.	11/20/2018 11:45 AM
890	No	11/20/2018 11:36 AM
891	Children within catchment should always be able to attend their local school. So tired of lack of space issues based on transfers in and foreign students. People move to communities often based on local school. This should always be a priority.	11/20/2018 11:36 AM
892	Remaining in their family of schools for elementary, middle, and secondary	11/20/2018 11:34 AM
393	Ability to go to school with peers form non-school athletic programs, they have many close friends from non school sports programs	11/20/2018 11:34 AM
894	quality of education, fair treatment of school workers, parent participation, bully-free school environment	11/20/2018 11:30 AM
895	Grandfathering/Allowing children already approved in non-catchment schools prior to the rule changes in 2017, to continue in the feeder school so that the friendships/connections made in their elementary schools/middle schools aren't lost and that they need to begin again at transfer to the next school.	11/20/2018 11:29 AM
396	The closest school you live to, you go to. That's why you choose where you live	11/20/2018 11:26 AM
397	No	11/20/2018 11:24 AM
898	Consideration given to what municipality you live/pay taxes in. Eg: We live in Oak Bay, but the catchment we are in currently is Saanich.	11/20/2018 11:17 AM
399	Family of schools Commute/traffic patterns	11/20/2018 11:16 AM
900	No	11/20/2018 11:13 AM
901	Yes. Lifestyle and outside school activities, my child is in a vocational school for ballet and is training to become a professional ballerina. We live beside Beacon Hill park away from downtown and on the Fairfield side. Ballet Victoria has culturally enriched our child that extends to programs and teachers that understand this if there was a liaison at Oak Bay High School where she could continue with ballet while completing her French diploma that would be fantastic. As I see there is so much for boys with Rugby, hockey and baseball programs, but very few options for girls. I used to play hockey in Ontario and wished it was integrated into high school but being a girl it was not, we travelled a lot and even played for Scarborough selects while living in Oshawa, by age 15 I was being scouted to possibly be on the Womens Olympic Hockey team. Canada has so much potential in our youth and ballet should be offered in High School for girls as much as rugby is for boys.	11/20/2018 11:08 AM
902	Would love margret Jenkins French middle school be closer to the catchment to where the general population of the catchment lives.	11/20/2018 10:53 AM
903	I am on the edge of the district an I hope my daughter will not have to change schools due to a change- grandfather current students please.	11/20/2018 10:50 AM

904	Keep students with current peer group	11/20/2018 10:49 AM
905	No	11/20/2018 10:49 AM
906	No	11/20/2018 10:45 AM
907	Fairness to local students ie not having nearby students displaced by drive-ins	11/20/2018 10:42 AM
908	Keeping sibling groups together.	11/20/2018 10:38 AM
909	Support. My son has medical conditions and his support group is friends, some days he needs them more then others.	11/20/2018 10:38 AM
910	I'm specifically answering with respect to possible changes in french middle school for the south Oak bay district from central to landsdowne. Presently kids from our neighbourhood all bike to school together and this move would make this impossible. It is important for their sense of self and evolving independence.	11/20/2018 10:38 AM
911	Students should go to school with children from their neighborhood.	11/20/2018 10:37 AM
912	Children's friends / Out of School care program (for elementary)	11/20/2018 10:34 AM
913	Yes. If you change boundaries you would have to compensate people for loss of property value. People live where they live because of the catchment boundaries	11/20/2018 10:30 AM
914	My daughter has significant anxiety. We moved out of catchment in order to afford a house, and understood that she could stay with her 'stream'. We would not have bought a house out of catchment if we'd known the rules would become rigid re: registering with your catchment school only. Her having to change schools -away from her peer group that she has been with since kindergarten- when she begins middle school is not at all a child centered policy. My husband and I strongly believe that children already registered with a district school should be 'grandfathered in' and allowed to stay with their stream	11/20/2018 10:28 AM
915	Being enrolled at a school that provides the highest level of academics / arts / sports was critical for our family and for the well being and self confidence of our kids.	11/20/2018 10:28 AM
916	Traffic patterns e.g. traffic to catchment Shoreline French Immersion from many parts of Esquimalt is dangerous busy roads that are very busy at the same time school dismisses due to heavily used roads as military leaves work.	11/20/2018 10:23 AM
917	Since some programs are no longer available in specific high schools putting restrictions on impacts where youth can take courses. Either put them back in all schools or make high schools as open boundaries as they are today. Middle Schools and Elementary schools should be in the boundaries.	11/20/2018 10:23 AM
918	Children should be able to continue in same school even if they move	11/20/2018 10:23 AM
919	When Fairburn Elementary was sold off the catchment bourndries were not divided in a manner that took into account proximity to the nearest alternative for my residence (Campus View) and instead must have looked at population and placed our residence in the Hillcrest catchment	11/20/2018 10:20 AM
920	Ensuring kids in neighbourhoods go to their neighbourhood schools. The amount of cross boundary transfer should be reduced.	11/20/2018 10:12 AM
921	I currently reside on Caselton Place (not identified by the school locator) and am officially in the Prospect Lake catchment area. My house is much closer to Broadmead and Cordova Bay, both of which are easier to get to than Prospect Lakeseems a little silly	11/20/2018 10:09 AM
922	School consistent with childs social group	11/20/2018 10:08 AM
923	If the district had a bus system I believe it would alleviate many parent concerns about catchments.	11/20/2018 10:08 AM
924	I would like the option of using parents work address rather than home address. I would like to have my kids closer to me during the day so I could get to them faster if they need me.	11/20/2018 10:07 AM

925	1. For elementary only: sibling priority (as catchments keep changing, and families may be forced to move several times when renting accommodation when kids are young) allow new children to enter elementary at a school where an older sibling is already. (This is a high priority for elementary, not so important for middle and high school). It is extremely stressful or impossible for an elementary parent who has to bring kids to school and participate a lot in school activities to manage kids at multiple elementary schools. 2. Keeping kids with their friends as they transition from elementary to middle and from middle to h.s., therefore aligning the middle and high school boundaries with elementary school boundaries. 3. Give families more time to anticipate changes. Ideally, grandfather the changes in this time - it may make sense to change enrolment priorities and catchment boundaries not just now but again every 3-4 years, which is fine if it only affects new families. If you revert to keeping the pathway concept for families in the system then you minimize trauma for existing kids when things change. Give families years to build relationships with another school community if they are going to be forced to switch instead of springing it on	11/20/2018 10:03 AM
926	Proximity to classmates within the neighborhood	11/20/2018 10:01 AM
927	Out of school care. We moved out of district (Langford/View Royal border) due to high housing costs, but I can't transfer my youngest son without losing child care before and after work because the wait lists are so long. I am a single parent. Transportation. My eldest son would have to catch 3 city buses to get to either school (catchment or current) due to the awkwardness of the locations/bus routes (no buses go down the island highway except at specific times for the navy base) even though our house and either school is only 5km away. It is unsafe for him to bike in the winter due to windy roads with no bike lanes and street lights and the highway. He can't get on the school bus for new his district (for which there is a waiting list anyway) without enrolling in the school - but I can't enroll him because I can't get him there before and after school bus to his current school because he lives out of catchment by 200 meters. I asked and he isn't allowed to walk to the closest school bus stop for Shoreline since he is an out of district student.	11/20/2018 10:00 AM
928	Mitigating class sizes	11/20/2018 9:59 AM
929	I think disruptive change in the stream of catchment schools while young children are in the middle of school separating them from their friends is terrible. If you changed the catchment boundary my son may be separated from all of his friends that he's been with since kindergarten and he'd be devastated.	11/20/2018 9:59 AM
930	As my son attended Cloverdale which was not a catchment school, children came from all over. They were all separated in middle school and this was very traumatic for my child who had been with these friends since kindergarten.	11/20/2018 9:58 AM
931	Logic is probably the most important consideration - i.e., my child should go to the school that is closest to home.	11/20/2018 9:58 AM
932	Keeping children in the same family together in the same school. And, important for those of us in military housing. Belmont Park kids all go to the same school; but Work Point kids go to Macaulay Elementary, while the Naden military housing kids have to go to Craigflower. It would be beneficial for Esquimalt military kids to be able to attend a school where there are other military kids just like them.	11/20/2018 9:55 AM
933	Avoiding traversing high traffic/high speed roads.	11/20/2018 9:54 AM
934	Focusing enrolment on the immediate surrounding community - supporting the notion of a community or neighbourhood school.	11/20/2018 9:53 AM
935	Safe routes to school! We need to work with our municipal government and CRD to improve sidewalks/cross walks/bike lanes along our safe routes to schools and work to create catchment boundaries such that our children have safe routes to school. It is not just our schools in Victoria that have become busy and overcrowded, our streets are the same now with too many cars, not enough bike lane, and people rushing too fast to get to work and not watching out for children. Safe routes to school needs to be top priority. Our city is only going to become more congested, this is not going to be an easily resolved problem and we need to design our catchment boundaries such that we minimize the risks to our children.	11/20/2018 9:52 AM
936	Having our children attend the same school(s)	11/20/2018 9:51 AM
937	our twins ability to remain in their neighbourhood school, in their french immersion program, and not be impacted by out of catchment students. There needs to be ample classroom space for all people in their catchments.	11/20/2018 9:50 AM

938	convenience for parents who are also teachers (I think teachers should have some say, if they want their kids to go to their school or not).	11/20/2018 9:48 AM
939	Attempting to keep children in the same track of schools together throughout their school years. It's not desirable to have them split up to go to a new middle school, then have half the middle school go to one highschool and half another	11/20/2018 9:47 AM
940	Increasing the schools of choice. My child attends Macaulay because it is convenient but I would have considered South Park if it didn't present such an issue to afterschool care and dropoff/pickup	11/20/2018 9:41 AM
941	No	11/20/2018 9:40 AM
942	Students able to enrol near parents work.	11/20/2018 9:38 AM
943	Because over half the elementary school population is in French immersion in Fairfield and oak bay, it would be logical to keep students geographically close to their catchment school for middle and high school. The same proximity rules that are applying to English students should also apply to French immersion students.	11/20/2018 9:38 AM
944	Child Care is the most important the other is for high school this should always be a school of choice as they all have different programs not just sports. They have dance, music, language, community etc why is the district so hung up on sports as a program there are other just as important things.	11/20/2018 9:35 AM
945	no	11/20/2018 9:34 AM
946	We bought a home in part due to the catchment area. If boundaries change then we will be very disappointed. We are the last block of our catchment.	11/20/2018 9:34 AM
947	Quality of the school facilities and teachers. Extra curricular choices. Avoiding issues like huge school transitions that are not good for children and youth.	11/20/2018 9:34 AM
948	Yes, siblings. My oldest child is responsible for picking up my youngest child. So their school proximity is a major factor.	11/20/2018 9:27 AM
949	Ideally neighborhood schools so children can get to know the kids in their areas.	11/20/2018 9:25 AM
950	proximity to my house over a major road cutting me off from the closest school!!!	11/20/2018 9:25 AM
951	I think each family and child has different situations that need to be taken into consideration when applying for a school from out of catchment. There should be a place for these reasons to be heard on an application.	11/20/2018 9:25 AM
952	Proximity is important for all grades and consideration within the catchments, would minimize traffic congestion as well.	11/20/2018 9:21 AM
953	No	11/20/2018 9:09 AM
954	Many schools are overcrowded and we picked a smaller school but it was hard to get into. It should be more balanced.	11/20/2018 9:08 AM
955	Keeping siblings together	11/20/2018 9:07 AM
956	Siblings MUST be able to attend the same school if they want to. They should NOT be separated because of changing catchments.	11/20/2018 9:06 AM
957	Main challenege is the out of school care options are limited and need to be addressed when considering the change of boundries. Eagle View Elementary has no options.	11/20/2018 9:02 AM
958	parents having some level of choice of schools is important to our family	11/20/2018 9:00 AM
959	Keeping middle schools the size they are now.	11/20/2018 8:48 AM
960	Children should be going to their neighbourhood community schools, this fosters a community pride and enables friendships to be built and trust.	11/20/2018 8:26 AM
961	Safe routes and low commute times at top of our list	11/20/2018 8:20 AM
962	Avoiding dangerous parts of town with violent crime and street corner heroin/crack dealers.	11/20/2018 8:20 AM
963	People choose to live in a location near schools, etc. They should be prioritized to attend those schools. Permitting 'out of catchment' increases vehicle usage, negatively impacts community, etc and is often done for status-type reasons and not legitimate education or community concerns.	11/20/2018 8:14 AM

964	If a family member's house is in a different catchment the child/parent should be allowed to select which catchment school works best to provide a place to go to after school.	11/20/2018 8:13 AM
965	My top 3 rankings regard accessibility - which is conceptually for me the #1 priority. For kids that bike, that option may not be available during the winter (which it was not for my child), so he relied on public transit. Public transit needs to be considered in terms of direct routes v. transfers as the latter can be onerous in terms of waiting times and safety for younger children.	11/20/2018 8:13 AM
966	No	11/20/2018 8:10 AM
967	Keeping with current group of friends that they are enrolled with.	11/20/2018 8:06 AM
968	The exposure to, and crossing of unsafe roads with poorly controlled car traffic travelling at unsafe speeds (above 30km/hr) and providing poor, safe crossing options.	11/20/2018 7:45 AM
969	No	11/20/2018 7:39 AM
970	I find that we have ignored two very important issues: the socio-economic segregation in our district (several parents have "warned" us that if our child is not in French immersion ("like a private school"), she will go to "bad" english catchment programs with First Nations or working class parents); and ignoring interest in language education. I find it disappointing that we don't have robust language programs, ideally beginning in K or Grade 1, in a variety of world languages representing who we are as a nation and a desire to facilitate understanding with others in the world. In particular, I would like to see programs in Japanese (an important part of my daughter's culture and family, with a strong history in BC) and Spanish (also an important part of my heritage, as well as being spoken by almost 1 million Canadians, 50 million of our neighbours, and so many in Latin America).	11/20/2018 7:32 AM
971	quality of educators, quality of accessing education, quality of school boards, quality of admins.	11/20/2018 7:28 AM
72	Keeping students currently attending school in their school and pathway schools	11/20/2018 7:21 AM
73	Number of families (children)	11/20/2018 7:21 AM
74	No	11/20/2018 7:14 AM
975	Staying with their friends/consistency.	11/20/2018 7:11 AM
976	Academic history of the species ification school and quality of teachers.	11/20/2018 7:02 AM
977	friends they are grow up with	11/20/2018 6:59 AM
978	Brother or sister already attending	11/20/2018 6:57 AM
979	Highways should act as boundaries or taken into consideration. Proximity to school in catchment lines and the ability for a child to access their French catchment school. The marigold/ shoreline / esquimalt French route is completely unrealistic for those on the other side of the #1 highway. No accessible bc transit 3 buses to get to the school .	11/20/2018 6:54 AM
980	I didn't know where to pu this info. My son is in catchment for French, but that's different from his English catchment school. I didn't know if that made him in or out of catchment.	11/20/2018 6:54 AM
981	Priority to people closer to the school, and making safe routes to the schools a priority for walking and biking.	11/20/2018 6:48 AM
982	Siblings attending	11/20/2018 6:42 AM
83	No	11/20/2018 6:42 AM
984	None	11/20/2018 6:42 AM
85	That children's individual needs are considered	11/20/2018 6:10 AM
86	students should be able to choose which highschool they go to regardless of catchment	11/20/2018 3:23 AM
987	smaller class sizes	11/20/2018 1:22 AM
988	Quality of teachers. Extra curricular activities. Social networks.	11/19/2018 11:52 PM
989	Safe routes to school are paramount. If a change in catchment required crossing multiple main roads for elementary aged students, in order to access the school which is geographically closer, that wouldn't be considered the safest route to a school.	11/19/2018 11:46 PM
990	Student body diversity and inclusion initiatives	11/19/2018 11:46 PM

991	School bus transportation would be extremely helpful.	11/19/2018 11:42 PM
992	No	11/19/2018 11:38 PM
993	View Royal has the worst traffic congestion in BC outside of the lower mainland. The Goose and Rail Trail systems have equal access to both Eagle View and View Royal Elementary as well as Shoreline and Colquitz. Spectrum is located off of the Goose while Esquimalt has our youth taking either public transportation or parents joining the 100,000+ vehicles per day driving through our community. Empower students by overlapping boundaries. Give students a choice. We have applied for and have been accepted out of catchment for both of our children a total of five times to allow them to use our local trail system. As other friends have done if our catchment was denied we would sell our house and move in-catchment.	11/19/2018 11:28 PM
994	Seismic safety of the school	11/19/2018 11:27 PM
995	Special needs supports and programs.	11/19/2018 11:19 PM
996	Quality of school	11/19/2018 11:18 PM
997	Not splitting the kids from their friend groups when changes happen. Ie the Change from family schools to catchment, split up a lot of long time friends when the moved up to middle school	11/19/2018 11:17 PM
998	Municipal boundaries	11/19/2018 11:14 PM
999	Ability to stay in same school once registered and started attending in the event of moving, and being in a new catchment zone	11/19/2018 11:07 PM
1000	access to schools and out of school care settings with space. Eg attends osc that does not do pick up from the catchment school but need osc placement for continuity of care where sibling is and have a osc spot, but cant get one at catchment school. access to schools In proximity to workplace	11/19/2018 10:54 PM
1001	I believe that is it very important that all students have equal access to programs of choice. There is currently far more FRIM in certain areas and this creates inequity. Families with limited resources should not be excluded from participating in FRIM/Challenge/Flex etc. I also believe that catchments should be adhered to. Once again, there are "have" and "have not" schools and this is supported and perpetuated by the over allowance of transfers.	11/19/2018 10:50 PM
1002	No	11/19/2018 10:48 PM
1003	Quality / number of French teachers	11/19/2018 10:47 PM
1004	Keeping siblings together	11/19/2018 10:40 PM
1005	Siblings	11/19/2018 10:39 PM
1006	Currently my child has to walk 40 min to school every day. The public transit takes over an hour and there are no school buses. He goes to high school in his catchment. This makes no sense to me. I think there should be a school bus available.	11/19/2018 10:33 PM
1007	The population itself within the boundaries, so as to better evenly distribute students across multiple schools vs siginificant highs and lows	11/19/2018 10:29 PM
1008	A child's performance history in sports or vocational studies.	11/19/2018 10:27 PM
1009	We need to have French immersion programs available in a lot more schools in order to decrease the need to drive all over the city. Also I feel that the current boundaries dont reflect the need for walkable communities, for ex. We live at 675 Coleos Place and the middle School next door (colquitz) is NOT our catchment.	11/19/2018 10:26 PM
1010	Strong PAC involvement and fundraising, school of choice options, uniforms, limited ESL hurtles and distractions and an emphasis on good character and community involvement and assimilation.	11/19/2018 10:24 PM
1011	Proximity of middle school to elementary school	11/19/2018 10:20 PM
1012	Direct public bus route to middle school. Our current middle school catchment will require my kids to change busses and cross a major thoroughfare. Not optimal	11/19/2018 10:19 PM
1013	Following siblings	11/19/2018 10:19 PM
1014	Where my children want to go to school - based on where they will feel most comfortable, what	11/19/2018 10:14 PM

1015	Friendships and community my children have created at their school when we made an informed decision to register under the old catchment rules (where my children would continue the pathway to middle and high school)	11/19/2018 10:13 PM
1016	Pathways to keep Peer groups together even if people have moved And are Now out of catchment	11/19/2018 10:10 PM
017	Yes we enroll our children in seismically upgraded schools	11/19/2018 10:01 PM
018	Keeping peers from elementary school together as they move into middle school.	11/19/2018 10:01 PM
1019	Honouring previous pathway model. We transferred our oldest to Eagle View for Kindergarten under the understanding that she would follow the Colquitz, Spectrum pathway. Also, Eagle View is closer to our house than our catchment school.	11/19/2018 10:00 PM
1020	Perhaps not more important but social connections are important for young teens and for some kids, social continuity is very important. The current boundaries for some schools, such as Lansdowne, do not facilitate the continuity of these social relationships (where many schools come together only to be sent to multiple different high schools) which can be very stressful for some children.	11/19/2018 9:58 PM
021	Elementary and Middle feed into High school within 3km	11/19/2018 9:54 PM
022	N/A	11/19/2018 9:52 PM
023	Majority of children will move from elementary to the same middle school.	11/19/2018 9:51 PM
1024	Yes communities and friends are built through the school so important to be close.	11/19/2018 9:41 PM
025	Reopening closed schools to lessen commute times for families	11/19/2018 9:38 PM
026	Siblings in same school	11/19/2018 9:38 PM
1027	No	11/19/2018 9:36 PM
028	Near to/ convenient to other family members in case they need to pick up or our kids need to travel to their house rather than home on occasion.	11/19/2018 9:35 PM
1029	I feel that people should be able to get to school with minimal driving. Our Schools should be in our neighbourhoods.	11/19/2018 9:34 PM
030	School ranking	11/19/2018 9:32 PM
1031	The most important consideration for me is that my three children are able to go to the same elementary school and stay in the French Immersion program.	11/19/2018 9:31 PM
1032	Younger siblings being able to attend the same school as their older siblings if our catchment changes, without older siblings having to switch schools!!!	11/19/2018 9:27 PM
033	Easiest commute	11/19/2018 9:25 PM
1034	Minimizing walking distance and also considering safest/shortest commute eg. minimizing the amount of busy roads that need to be crossed	11/19/2018 9:22 PM
1035	I feel like French Immersion is not in the same category as other programs of choice. I believe French immersion availability ranks higher than other choices and should ideally be within walking/biking distances.	11/19/2018 9:21 PM
1036	George Jay Elementary seems to handle the flow of traffic pretty good , some of the neighbors close to the school not so friendly.	11/19/2018 9:19 PM
037	If hosting International students, limiting the amount of buses students need to take. Spectrum is one bus and Esquimalt is two buses from our house.	11/19/2018 9:17 PM
038	Equal access to number of spaces in French Immersion per population of students in catchment.	11/19/2018 9:13 PM
039	Consideration for those kids living in two different houses.	11/19/2018 9:12 PM
1040	- the nature of the walk to school, especially at elementary level: is a safe walk that is largely 'community' based, versus a walk that requires crossing major transport arteries important that boundaries of feeder elementary schools should be entirely within, and match, boundary of middle school (and for middle schools to high school) - such that all children within one elementary school progress to the same middle school (unless they move), with the exception of programs of choice.	11/19/2018 9:03 PM

1041	The type of walk for example walking from our current house to Willows elementary is on relatively safe quiet roads. This is very important especially at elementary level. If for example catchment boundaries were changed to require kids to cross major arteries and busybrkads that would be a huge increase in risk of injury accident and potential fatality by the school district. If the catchment boundaries were changed and impacted our current address and for example a child had to go to a different nearby school it would absolutely prevent the child from walking to school even if the distance were similar the topography and walking along such a fast busy road would prevent this	11/19/2018 9:03 PM
1042	If boundaries change, all kids in same level of school (el, mid, high) can either stay put together or move together to new school, guaranteed (this pertains to a sibling just entering one of the school levels - and not having to worry about being split between taking kids to 2 different schools.	11/19/2018 9:01 PM
1043	A key criteria of the house we bought 5 years ago was the catchment area it was in. We now have a 3 year old and 1 year old. It would be terrible if our catchment schools changed.	11/19/2018 9:00 PM
1044	no	11/19/2018 8:56 PM
1045	Most important to me is before/ after school care as well as suitable out of school care for pro-d days.	11/19/2018 8:54 PM
1046	It would be nice to see an effort to create a more diverse socioeconomic mix (especially between Victoria and Oak Bay boundaries)	11/19/2018 8:53 PM
1047	school fit for students. I only am interested in students being able to attend programs of choice. I do not like the catchment system	11/19/2018 8:52 PM
1048	Community children should have a spot to attend the schools in their neighbourhood- no queuing at midnight to get a spot!	11/19/2018 8:50 PM
049	Choice. I'd like to choose the school I'd like my child to attend based on what the school offers and it's fit for my child.	11/19/2018 8:48 PM
1050	We live in Oak Bay yet the school boundary puts our children outside of that catchment. It doesn't make sense.	11/19/2018 8:43 PM
1051	Community/resources/after school care	11/19/2018 8:39 PM
1052	N/A	11/19/2018 8:39 PM
1053	My children are in French Immersion so not within Englsih school catchment area, but within French Immersion catchment schools. Cycling and public transportation important for safe routes to school	11/19/2018 8:38 PM
1054	Siblings already enrolled in school	11/19/2018 8:37 PM
1055	Proximity To parents workplace	11/19/2018 8:36 PM
1056	Being at school with the children from your neighbourhood	11/19/2018 8:35 PM
1057	Keeping kids and families in the schools they are already attending.	11/19/2018 8:35 PM
1058	Is the distribution of EAs appropriate for the number of special needs students at each school? Are before and after school care programs being supported to accommodate the increase or change in boundaries as well?	11/19/2018 8:29 PM
1059	Six mile road should be a boundary for sd61 and sd62 catchment. View Royal is clogged with traffic and having some of the traffic flow towards colwood vs south would help with congestion.	11/19/2018 8:23 PM
1060	Choice for middle and senior years	11/19/2018 8:20 PM
1061	It matters more to me that the school in every catchment is of similar (if not equal) quality.	11/19/2018 8:20 PM
1062	I think it is important that no one school has too much overcrowding. If we could minimize this when redrawing the catchment boundaries, I think that would be great. Fewer portables is better.	11/19/2018 8:20 PM
1063	No.	11/19/2018 8:17 PM

1065	I think that too many schools that are close together (eg Willows, SJD, M. Jenkins) have French Immersion. If you're going to offer F.I., then spread it out more evenly through the district. Have you considered making one school all F.I. rather than dual track? The English tracks of each of those schools (especially SJD) are suffering due to FI being offered. Please look at re-opening closed schools such as Richmond and Uplands.	11/19/2018 8:10 PM
1066	Municipality should be a consideration in Oak Bay. Doesn't make sense to have kids who live in Oak Bay split between Willows and Margaret Jenkins, esp. when school taxes are paid to Oak Bay yet those who live in South Oak Bay are required to go to Margaret Jenkins in Victoria.	11/19/2018 8:09 PM
1067	keeping friends together	11/19/2018 8:08 PM
1068	Yes - family of schools, especially in the transition from elementary to middle school. Schools create community: Kids form bonds with friends, and parents form bonds with other parents.	11/19/2018 8:01 PM
1069	Our catchment school is McKenzie Elementary and our eldest child is in grade 3 there. We live on the last street in this catchment. If boundaries are changed and we are no longer in McKenzie's catchment, I'm worried that my youngest (who is currently 3), will not be accepted as an out of catchment transfer if McKenzie does not have room when she enters K.	11/19/2018 8:00 PM
1070	Please do not split up siblings - regardless of catchment changes sibling priority should be grandfathered in.	11/19/2018 7:57 PM
1071	N/A	11/19/2018 7:56 PM
1072	French Immersion within walking distance.	11/19/2018 7:56 PM
1073	Allowing a sibling to continue going to school in the same school an older sibling went to.	11/19/2018 7:53 PM
1074	Minimize how far a child should travel to school.	11/19/2018 7:53 PM
1075	keeping my kids together at the same school SIBLING BEING MOST IMPORTANT	11/19/2018 7:50 PM
1076	I pick the school that fits my child right and offers what they need. Distance and other things do not factor in.	11/19/2018 7:50 PM
1077	The school that is the closest to me should be my daughters catchment. It is not.	11/19/2018 7:49 PM
1078	I work in a school that has had a very large influx of students too. There has to be a limit as to how many students can enroll and how much a school staff can manage.	11/19/2018 7:42 PM
1079	Not that I can think of	11/19/2018 7:39 PM
1080	I don't think it is a fair choice to expect me to rank these features. I want my kids to have access to programs of choice that are accessible to them on their own (biking or walking) at their catchment school.	11/19/2018 7:39 PM
1081	My child's mental health.	11/19/2018 7:38 PM
1082	For middle school, the ability for children to safely transition from being taken to school by their parents to taking themselves to school via a safe walking or cycling route. This means catchment boundaries must take transportation safety into consideration.	11/19/2018 7:37 PM
1083	I don't want our catchment school to change since it's less than a block away from our home.	11/19/2018 7:37 PM
1084	Children staying in the school they currently attend and be in the same school as their siblings.	11/19/2018 7:34 PM
1085	Facilities - Do the schools have the space and facilities to accommodate increased enrolment	11/19/2018 7:32 PM
1086	My son goes to lansdowne cause most of his friends goes there that are supportive to his needs if he went to Rockheight he would not be welcome by his peers who lives in our complex	11/19/2018 7:31 PM
1087	No	11/19/2018 7:30 PM
1088	My kids getting to stay with their friends in middle school and high school	11/19/2018 7:28 PM
1089	Eagle view is closer to our house near Thetis Lake	11/19/2018 7:27 PM
1090	No	11/19/2018 7:25 PM
1091	Social emotional	11/19/2018 7:22 PM
1092	It is safer and closer for us to travel to this school than our catchment school. It's a 5 minute drive or 20 minute bike ride to this school instead of a 25+ minute drive and riding wouldn't be an option if we went to our catchment school	11/19/2018 7:22 PM

1093	good teachers, personal choice	11/19/2018 7:22 PM
1094	Parents work place when both parents work at the same place. Close to parents work create more quality family time, more parents engagement with the school, and students after-school engagement with school.	11/19/2018 7:21 PM
1095	Our daughter has a moderate to profound intellectual disability. It is important to us to be able to send her to the school where the programming and approach best fit her needs.	11/19/2018 7:18 PM
1096	Safety for children	11/19/2018 7:16 PM
1097	Culture of the school. Whether they have a GSA, how inclusive the school is, the level of inclusive supports are available.	11/19/2018 7:15 PM
1098	school age population distributions	11/19/2018 7:15 PM
1099	Distances from the house	11/19/2018 7:15 PM
1100	I think natural neighbourhood boundaries are important so that the kids go to school with people that live near them.	11/19/2018 7:14 PM
1101	I think time it takes to walk to school should be considered	11/19/2018 7:14 PM
1102	Staying with friends they've attended elementary/middle school with	11/19/2018 7:09 PM
1103	The Oak Bay district should encapsulate Oak Bay only so we all have a fair chance to go to willows	11/19/2018 7:06 PM
1104	The school needs to be seismically upgraded. It is terrifying that as a society we are not prioritizing protecting our children.	11/19/2018 7:06 PM
1105	no	11/19/2018 7:04 PM
1106	Proper designated drop off and pick up areas	11/19/2018 7:04 PM
1107	Considering opening closed schools to plan for the future vs using more portables	11/19/2018 7:00 PM
1108	Safety of road crossings.	11/19/2018 6:53 PM
1109	No	11/19/2018 6:48 PM
1110	Avoid perverse allocations, like the school across the street not being your catchment school, or strange and long distances for homes near catchment boundaries.	11/19/2018 6:48 PM
1111	Music program	11/19/2018 6:46 PM
1112	No. Just close to our home so that my child can walk or ride his bike to or from school.	11/19/2018 6:42 PM
1113	Some schools are too overwhelmed. We noticed this with many in Oak Bay like Oak Bay High and Lansdowne. Having those numbers impact the learning environment for students and teachers. I don't think adding portables as being the solution.	11/19/2018 6:42 PM
1114	#1 safe routes to school - no preference in order to any of above	11/19/2018 6:39 PM
1115	Common sense. If you live 5 min from one school it doesn't make sense for the catchment to place you in a different school 15 min away	11/19/2018 6:36 PM
1116	Let any kid go to any school they want - whatever works best for my family. As a long time tax payer in the community I should have my child any school I want. Enough of foreign students getting into a school before my kids. Your system is an insane mess. Let the kids go wherever they want and foreign students fill in the gaps	11/19/2018 6:36 PM
1117	N/A	11/19/2018 6:35 PM
1118	School needs to be a good fit for the child. Some school have better resources for kids with special needs.	11/19/2018 6:33 PM
1119	I believe that sibling considerations should also be considered	11/19/2018 6:29 PM
1120	Size of each school population; mix of economic backgrounds in each school	11/19/2018 6:27 PM
1121	Not overcrowding schools. More access to shared spaces in smaller schools (gym, library, music rooms) etc. One 30 minute PE block a week in elementary school is not acceptable!	11/19/2018 6:26 PM
1122	Student safety in getting to and from school. Relationships with classmates that have been formed. Relationships with siblings attending the school.	11/19/2018 6:24 PM

1123	I live directly behind Mount Douglas School, and my kids wouldn't have to set foot on a sidewalk to walk there, but our catchment Secondary school is Lambrick Park School. Also I think the "family of schools" needs to be broken up, because some school catchment boundaries are ridiculous (e.g. Campus View) and this seems to be driven by some need to keep all the kids from one elementary school going to the next middle school, and from middle school to secondary school, and there is no reason for this that benefits the kids. If it were important then our of catchment kids would be allowed to remain in the same family of schools until graduation. Also - I tried to move into the same catchment as my children's school, but there are no suitable and affordable places to live there.	11/19/2018 6:23 PM
1124	No	11/19/2018 6:22 PM
1125	Having both children go through the same schools for a shared sense of community	11/19/2018 6:22 PM
1126	Being able to attend school with peers.	11/19/2018 6:21 PM
1127	We are much closer to a school other than our catchment school, and neighbours across the street go to that school (campus view). I would hope to be able to enroll my child in the closest school, within walking distance. High school catchment is even more illogical as we can see mount Doug from the front of our house but the catchment school is a 5-7 minute drive away	11/19/2018 6:17 PM
1128	Grandfathering siblings with changes	11/19/2018 6:12 PM
1129	Students who are residents of Victoria should be given priority over any international students, even if they are applying for a transfer to an out of catchment school. For example, if there is space, a student from View Royal should have priority to attend Oak Bay High before an international student.	11/19/2018 6:12 PM
1130	Having enough support for special needs	11/19/2018 6:09 PM
1131	Not more important but development and maintenance of peer group is important.	11/19/2018 6:09 PM
1132	What a biased poorly written survey - who wrote these questions ? What are the writers bias and agenda ? 4 key questions about distance and a single option about the importance of the program !! This is supposed to be about education not the convenience of "close-by child care" its obvious from this early stage your group has already written their comclusions and this is nothing more than a "check step" to say how you have consulted the public - pathetic.	11/19/2018 6:09 PM
1133	Boundary streets should have the option to choose the school that is suited to their community. All schools in Victoria are not currently equal, until such time parents should be allowed to choose the magnet school of their choice.	11/19/2018 6:08 PM
1134	You need to review the Northridge/Glanford schools catchments. Those living in the 600 block of Judah street have Glanford right at the end of the block, but are forced to go across town to Cedar Hill. This is not convenient for families and makes no sense. All of Judah St (both sides of Glanford Ave) should be in the Northridge/Glanford catchment. Not only is Cedar Hill difficult and far to get to, but Rogers school is not exactly convenient to get to for those that have no choice but to drive.	11/19/2018 6:05 PM
1135	Values of the individual school. Proximity to parents work or on route. Applies to elementary schools only as kids are too young to travel on own. For middle and high I feel it should be based on programming	11/19/2018 6:04 PM
1136	It seems that over the years the maximum number of students per school keeps increasing. This can be problematic to the point of preventing students from attending simply because of the size of the school. Schools feel safer and are a stronger community when they aren't huge. Middle and High Schools are already too big and shouldn't be growing. Building should be re-opened	11/19/2018 6:01 PM
1137	Proximity to my home address	11/19/2018 5:52 PM
138	School Ranking - Drop out rates - Arts and Music programs	11/19/2018 5:50 PM
139	Ability for in-catchment children to even be placed in their catchment school	11/19/2018 5:49 PM
140	Close to other parent/extended family/out of school care	11/19/2018 5:49 PM
1141	Availability of before and after school care, skill of school with special needs, keeping child with familiar kids.	11/19/2018 5:49 PM
1142	Safe walking routes with sidewalks and crosswalks	11/19/2018 5:48 PM
1143	Having siblings attend same schools; not changing catchment school if older child already attended a particular school, (would want younger child to attend same school regardless of catchment changes)	11/19/2018 5:46 PM

1144	I'd like the district to review how out of catchment students will change in the coming years (due to the change last year).	11/19/2018 5:44 PM
1145	Safe walk route with side walks	11/19/2018 5:39 PM
1146	To consider boundaries of schools where the schools are overcrowded. For example, Willows is unable to hold whole-school assemblies.	11/19/2018 5:38 PM
1147	Being able to stay in same high school till graduation.	11/19/2018 5:38 PM
1148	Siblings need to be considered, football program and academic courses.	11/19/2018 5:37 PM
1149	Our catchment elementary school (LakeHill) is further away than a non-Catchment English school (Braefoot), and more dangerous to walk to	11/19/2018 5:36 PM
1150	maintaining catchment pathway (Elementary -> Middle -> High) that we were told we were part of when we bought our house.	11/19/2018 5:35 PM
1151	Providing a school bus for transportation if is needed and being aware of the before and after school needs with distance to a parents home or job. Example: my children will be in view royal September 2019 and I'm finding out now there's no other services that serve the before and after school need. Craigflower is closer to us but we've arranged our daycare needs for the youngest to be in close proximity to the elementary school and if the catchment gets changed it will be difficult to get them both to their respective areas on time and myself and spouse to our jobs.	11/19/2018 5:34 PM
1152	The ability for my children to remain with their peer group that they have been with since kindergarten.	11/19/2018 5:33 PM
1153	If the middle school teachers recommend that the student should under all circumstances continue in a linear program, then this should be of highest importance.	11/19/2018 5:32 PM
1154	That children not be separated from their k-12 cohort. Kids should remain with their friends.	11/19/2018 5:25 PM
1155	Minimal changes for families already in the system, as we've already made housing decisions based on the current map.	11/19/2018 5:24 PM
1156	None other than to emphasize the importance of minimizing walking distance. Too many children are driven to school and to support a healthy lifestyle, walking is so important.	11/19/2018 5:20 PM
1157	Siblings in same school	11/19/2018 5:18 PM
1158	Keep sinking groups together	11/19/2018 5:16 PM
1159	Enforcement of school speed zones and stop signs	11/19/2018 5:13 PM
1160	My son was bullied terribly at elementary school. I think this needs to be a consideration regardless of catchment if a transition is required	11/19/2018 5:13 PM
1161	I live 10 minute walk from the school so my son walks to school everyday. One of the deciding factors in buying our home was the proximity to the elementary school. We would be supremely disappointed if the rules forced us to move elsewhere. It is absolutely important that kids who live in the catchment be able to attend their catchment school. Catchment rules should be flexible to allow siblings to attend the same school.	11/19/2018 5:10 PM
1162	Maintaining community continuity between the folks at school and the folks we live around in our neighbourhood.	11/19/2018 5:08 PM
1163	Population projections/desnification.	11/19/2018 5:08 PM
1164	No	11/19/2018 5:07 PM
1165	I want my children attending school close to home (walking distance) over needing to take public transit.	11/19/2018 5:03 PM
1166	Reputation of the individual school administration and quality of teaching staff.	11/19/2018 5:01 PM
1167	Sidewalks	11/19/2018 5:01 PM
1168	I beleive the school should be in the centre of the catchment. A child should not live a couple of blocks from one school and yet need to drive to their catchment school several km away.	11/19/2018 5:00 PM
1169	no.	11/19/2018 4:59 PM

1170	I feel that allowing children who are already in the system to move with their peer group should be of utmost importance as being one or two streets over should not affect children on the edge of the current boundaries. Also, when decided where to live the current boundaries are a major factor for many families and changing the boundary on children already in the system is pulling the rug out from under them.	11/19/2018 4:59 PM
1171	Parents ability to select a school based on the preference of one school community over another	11/19/2018 4:56 PM
1172	school has been seismically upgraded	11/19/2018 4:55 PM
1173	Ability to continue enrollment if family moves out of catchment, if child desires. Not sure of the current rules around this.	11/19/2018 4:48 PM
1174	Sibling attendance based on current catchement.	11/19/2018 4:47 PM
1175	Quadra is full and has portables, the other three schools that our neighbours, who are a block away will be going to, are either just at capacity or actually have a wing of the school closed. I firmly believe that elementary schools should be small, neighbourhood oriented, schools. If our catchment school stays the same (Quadra) I will be applying to Braefoot, Lakehill and Rogers all of which have better commutes for our family and are smaller schools where our neighbours' children will be attending.	11/19/2018 4:47 PM
1176	Academic support, support teachers	11/19/2018 4:45 PM
1177	Students should be able to attend the school that is the best fit for their learning styles/personality traits and interests rather than a catchment boundary	11/19/2018 4:43 PM
1178	That children have a choice of where to go, despite the boundaries, and can continue to go where their siblings already attend, even if they are out of catchment.	11/19/2018 4:40 PM
1179	No	11/19/2018 4:40 PM
1180	locating schools away from traffic, or working with the city to extend, monitor, and mark prohibitive speed limits. Finding a way to supply crossing guards, especially in low-income catchments like George Jay Elementary. Finding a way to encourage parents and families to walk, bus. Paid parking at school areas?	11/19/2018 4:40 PM
1181	Students who live in catchment area should have first priority at a school.	11/19/2018 4:37 PM
1182	Students living in the same neighbourhood as their school should get priority placement into that school over the students that live further away.	11/19/2018 4:37 PM
1183	Having siblings in the same school	11/19/2018 4:33 PM
1184	Choices - More choice and flexibility in choosing schools based on work location, childcare, etc.	11/19/2018 4:32 PM
1185	Safe options for biking and walking to school instead of driving are very important to me.	11/19/2018 4:32 PM
1186	In the Eastern Highlands, we are happy with the current catchment boundaries as the children go to the schools that are closest to them.	11/19/2018 4:31 PM
1187	Yes I am stressing that I have seen cars driving at least 40-50Km sometimes 60km through the Colquitz Middle School 30km ZONE!! My fear is not only a student getting hit by a vehicle but a parent or guardian who is there to pick up a child, we need some type a speed trap or someone coming out a little bit earlier to slow down traffic because I have witnessed people who are passing by the school that are "Not Picking" up children. Speeding through. This is dangerous! I would also like to say maybe some crossing guard down bye inter-urban road and flashing lights because people are driving way too fast in that area too and I know the children are in middle school and they're old enough to take care of themselves but they can't take care of themselves if they get hit by somebody that is not paying attention and speeding through a school zone area! Remember middle schoolers they always have their earphones in and they're not paying attention because they're too busy texting! I just wanna put it out there to make families/school safe in that area thanks for listening.	11/19/2018 4:31 PM
1188	All kids who are currently in the system should be able to continue in the path they are in so that they can stay with their familiar classmates.	11/19/2018 4:30 PM
1189	Safe route to school (wider shoulder to allow the option to ride/walk)	11/19/2018 4:26 PM
1189 1190	Safe route to school (wider shoulder to allow the option to ride/walk) Is very important to me that my child attends our neighbourhood school and that they attend school with their siblings	11/19/2018 4:26 PM 11/19/2018 4:25 PM

1192	making sure catchment middle schools are actually the closest available option	11/19/2018 4:23 PM
1193	I need to stress the importance of proximity of home to school and if boundaries do change, I would not want to see current students forced to leave their current school.	11/19/2018 4:19 PM
194	No	11/19/2018 4:19 PM
1195	Placement with siblings.	11/19/2018 4:17 PM
196	Keeping siblings together	11/19/2018 4:16 PM
1197	Access to a school bus. There are none in Esquimalt	11/19/2018 4:12 PM
1198	Being able to move through catchments with peers	11/19/2018 4:09 PM
1199	Easier for parents to drop kids. Liking of school	11/19/2018 4:09 PM
1200	Location. Ex. My middle school catchment is Monteray but I live right down the street from Lansdowne.	11/19/2018 4:09 PM
1201	Middle schools distances are too far apart. Would like the option of going to Saanich (Royal Oak) as the commute for our children is far more straight forward and safe than Glanford or Cedar Hill.	11/19/2018 4:08 PM
1202	That my children remain with the friends and families they have been with since kindergarten.	11/19/2018 4:05 PM
1203	The number of suburban houses within a zone; number of rentals available in the area.	11/19/2018 4:05 PM
1204	We need to look at reopening elementary schools that have been closed. Campus view elementary is well over capacity yet the school district has yet to reopen Richmond Elementary school which support reduction of students at campus view, Oaklands, and Willows.	11/19/2018 4:02 PM
1205	Keeping siblings together	11/19/2018 3:55 PM
1206	Good staff, good neighborhood	11/19/2018 3:54 PM
1207	Kids stAy in the schools they are in and get yo continue along their stream as planned even if boundaries change	11/19/2018 3:53 PM
1208	Creating catchments that create neighbourhoods for elementary schools should be of highest priority. Safe active transport routes need to be created if they don't exist to maintain these neighbourhoods and promote health in our communities.	11/19/2018 3:53 PM
1209	Keep school populations low to create a greater sense of community.	11/19/2018 3:53 PM
1210	Community and reputation of school.	11/19/2018 3:53 PM
1211	Make sure there are enough teachers if teachers are going on maternity leavenot appropriate to have 8 different substitute teachers in less than a month for a grade 4 class with 18 students like come on really	11/19/2018 3:52 PM
1212	Not really. I think that proximity to the school is the most important aspect to consider. I live in a catchment area for Oak Bay High and would be really upset if my area is no longer in that catchment simply because it is not part of the Oak Bay municipality.	11/19/2018 3:52 PM
1213	Our catchment boundary seems silly - we have Landsdowne School listed, but Cedar Hill would be SOOO much closer and more convenient Sometimes they just don't make sense	11/19/2018 3:51 PM
1214	Considering commute in this city and flow of traffic.	11/19/2018 3:51 PM
1215	the consideration of us - the parents have the choice to choose the schools we want to register our kids to attend. Schools that we feel that our kids will benefit from. We made the choice to do the driving as we can't move from out different catchment. I will do any driving/ distances just that they will attend the school they and us as parents prefer.	11/19/2018 3:51 PM
1216	We live a street away from willows on the other side of cadboro bay by pure vanilla - our schools currently are willows, landsdowne for french/montery for middle and oak bay high. We purchased our home based on this pathway - do not want it changed.	11/19/2018 3:46 PM
1217	No	11/19/2018 3:45 PM
	If established boundaries about a cibling about the grandparented into the same asheet. For	11/19/2018 3:42 PM
1218	If catchment boundaries change, siblings should be grandparented into the same school. For elementary students in particular.	11/19/2010 3.42 FW

1220	high socioeconomic ratio of student body. Poor students bring poor work habits and lower overall average school scores. bring more oakbay/uplands residents to poor schools.	11/19/2018 3:41 PM
1221	Keep them as close to current catchments so it affects fewer families moving forward. Allow grandfathering for future siblings who will all of a sudden be considered "out of catchment". Open up some of the closed schools so that it's easier for families to transfer if desired.	11/19/2018 3:40 PM
1222	Making School size more similar throughout the district. Making choice program available for all students, regardless of location.	11/19/2018 3:38 PM
1223	Attending the closest school in our neighbourhood	11/19/2018 3:38 PM
1224	Safetycrossing as few big intersections/busy streets as possible.	11/19/2018 3:38 PM
1225	Yes - as we are highlands we use school buses to Eagleview/Colquitz/Spectrum. These schools are closest and easiest for bus routes, and Eagleview was originally built to help accommodate highlands kids as Marigold was quite full, so I'd be disappointed if our boundaries changed here as the bus ride/driving distance is far enough and changed would make it worse. We also bought where we live to be in boundary for these schools, so it would be upsetting if my kids were moved after we made such an effort to be in district.	11/19/2018 3:38 PM
1226	I think we need to be careful not to create schools that represent only a few economic situations. Make our schools diverse, economically and culturally.	11/19/2018 3:36 PM
227	No	11/19/2018 3:36 PM
228	seismically safe	11/19/2018 3:36 PM
229	Ensuring children in the same family are in the same school.	11/19/2018 3:33 PM
230	Keeping siblings in the same school pathways throughout k-12	11/19/2018 3:32 PM
1231	Keeping communities and neighbourhoods together (i.e. all Oaklands or Fernwood students together). Flow should be from elementary to middle, but then all middle students should go to same high school to maintain that middle school community (i.e. instead of English and French pathway students being separated, or students reverting to the catchment that comes from their elementary school)	11/19/2018 3:32 PM
232	Sport catchments should be reviewed and where possible, be aligned. Children are more likely to enroll in sports (and thus stay physically active) if they can do so with their school friends. Soccer clubs, for example, have strict catchment rules, and these do not currently coincide with school catchments.	11/19/2018 3:28 PM
233	I chose where I live because I wanted my son to be in a safe place and while there are no guarantees for this, I bought a small cottage (900 square feet home) so that I would not have to have a car to take my son to school.	11/19/2018 3:28 PM
234	No	11/19/2018 3:26 PM
235	Equal distribution of students per school to reduce over crowding	11/19/2018 3:21 PM
236	Allowing siblings to go to former catchment school to be together.	11/19/2018 3:20 PM
237	Not enough schools in Esquimalt. Our catchment school (Macauly is 4 kms away). Both options for middle school are not acceptable choices - don't want my child attending those schools for various reasons.	11/19/2018 3:20 PM
1238	We purchased our home partly based on wanting our children to attend the particular elementary school which is very close by. We were surprised when our eldest child was ready to enter school to learn that the catchment school to which we were assigned was a different school and so we put in a school transfer. In reviewing the catchment distribution we can see that the houses on the other side of our street are in the school that we assumed would be our catchment. Is there a way that flexibility could be afforded to homes on the catchment boundaries, particularly when there is a school significantly closer that the catchment school?	11/19/2018 3:20 PM
239	School buses for children	11/19/2018 3:18 PM
239	School buses for children How about more school buses. The bus to Spectrum from Eagle View was cancelled.	11/19/2018 3:18 PM 11/19/2018 3:16 PM

1242	Our child is on the autism spectrum.We were able to send him to a school of choice (South Park) which happened to be in our catchment area. We were then able to send him to Arbutus Middle School, outside our catchment district, which we chose for the support it could provide him, and the late French Immersion. As it happened he has been able to follow his cohort (half his class at Arbutus is in Challenge at Mount Doug), but he would not have been able to do this under the new rules except as a Challenge student, as we are not in the catchment for Mount Doug. Being able to place him out of the catchment district has made all the difference in supporting his needs. In my view parents of special needs kids should be able to send their child(ren) to the schools that can best support their needs.	11/19/2018 3:15 PM
1243	Being close to a parents work	11/19/2018 3:13 PM
1244	High school French catchment Need to consider closest location vs feeder	11/19/2018 3:10 PM
1245	Consider the schools that have been closed and reopening them rather than having overflowing schools where portables need to be built.	11/19/2018 3:08 PM
1246	Funding for extra-curricular programming.	11/19/2018 3:07 PM
1247	decreasing the amount of travel over busy streets to school, and if needing to use these working with the City to ensure safe pedestrian controlled crossing areas on major walking/biking routes. Controlling speeds on all streets around the schools	11/19/2018 3:07 PM
1248	Absolutely Peer Group and history of where child has gone to school rather than just address !!!!!	11/19/2018 3:07 PM
1249	The school boundary runs down the middle of our street, so our neighbours across the street have a different catchment school than us. Our catchment school is actually further walking distance than the school of our neighbours across the street.	11/19/2018 3:06 PM
1250	Although this is not a concern for our neighborhood, but I do not feel children in elementary school should be crossing major roads to access their school. I.E., Mackenzie	11/19/2018 3:06 PM
1251	School pathway, students that are already in school family should move up within the family. For example, out of catchment students that are already in Arbutus Middle School should go to Mt Doug. At this age, it could be very difficult for the students social lives if they are forced to move away from everyone their know.	11/19/2018 3:06 PM

1252	I want to ensure my second child goes to the same school as the one that is already enrolled at a school.	11/19/2018 3:05 PM
1253	The housing market in Victoria does not always allow for families to buy houses in the school catchment area where they want their children to attend. Having the ability to transfer our children out of our catchment to attend another school of our choice was very much appreciated and something we took advantage of for both elementary and middle school.	11/19/2018 3:05 PM
1254	Sensible progression. For example, Quadra -> Lansdown -> Reynolds. Cedar Hill middle school would make far more sense in terms geography and student peers	11/19/2018 3:05 PM
1255	Safety as far as it's a shady neighborhood	11/19/2018 3:03 PM
1256	neighbourhood based	11/19/2018 3:00 PM

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1. distance to travel from home to school 2. before and after school child care

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1258	Seismic upgrades. School bus service, not transit.	11/19/2018 2:59 PM
1259	transition from elementary to middle, middle school bus route for independent travel	11/19/2018 2:58 PM
1260	siblings in the same school	11/19/2018 2:58 PM
1261	Our twins are in grade 4 FI in a non-catchment school. It is VERY important to us that they are able to transition to the same middle school as all of their classmates, and not be bumped back to our catchment school, and completely removed from their social group. One of our twins is gender creative and preserving their existing social structure is of utmost importance as they transition into puberty.	11/19/2018 2:58 PM
1262	not at this time	11/19/2018 2:58 PM
1263	Ensuring diversity of student population	11/19/2018 2:56 PM
1004	All schools should offer the same opportunities.	11/19/2018 2:55 PM
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1266	Not that I can currently think of.	11/19/2018 2:53 PM
1267	Expected growth rate within the area.	11/19/2018 2:52 PM
1268	prior family of schools	11/19/2018 2:52 PM
1269	Those who purchase homes in certain areas of Victoria so their children can attend "better" schools should be given a priority over renters and out of catchment transfers. Allow easy transfers to the Programs of Choice.	11/19/2018 2:52 PM
1270	I think that it important to have French Catchment and a regular catchment so that parents that do not live right next to an immersion school still have the option to send their children there.	11/19/2018 2:51 PM
1271	Sibling going to the same school	11/19/2018 2:51 PM
1272	If they are already enrolled in a school, they should not be moved.	11/19/2018 2:51 PM
1273	Quality of education.	11/19/2018 2:51 PM
1274	Considering that parents work in the downtown so schools should not be the opposite direction from parent's homes.	11/19/2018 2:50 PM
1275	Reputation of the school with regard to academic achievement and extra-curricular programs.	11/19/2018 2:49 PM
1276	Middle School Access for specialized program French Immersion is within catchment.	11/19/2018 2:49 PM
1277	Traffic. I'm tired of parents speeding though my neighbourhood to get to school. I'm tired of all the cars lined up outside campus view.	11/19/2018 2:47 PM
1278	no	11/19/2018 2:46 PM
1279	Avoid having children being driven to school. In Grade 4 at Willows my child had 30% of children outside her catchment. They came from as far away as Langford and Elk Lake area. Traffic and parking issues are ridiculous and the school size is also too much given other schools could use to have their enrolment increase rather than seeing one school (Willows) get ridiculously big. This impacts funding, support and opportunities in schools when they get very big or much smaller.	11/19/2018 2:46 PM
1280	Yes. Siblings should have priority. For example-French this year was a lottery. When time comes to enrol her sibling, by default, unless he 'wins' the lottery, he will be going to a different school. This is impractical from a parents point of view-double commutes, double meetings etc	11/19/2018 2:45 PM
1281	If siblings are currently enrolled, future siblings should have high priority of enrolling	11/19/2018 2:45 PM
1282	For "Main Road," grade separated roadways should NOT be used as a boundary since there are safe, grade separated crossing (e.g. under the Colwood overpasses, across Helmcken). Crossing Old Island Highway is more dangerous for us than following the Galloping goose from Atkins Rd to Eagle View Elementary. The only required at-grade road crossing is crossing-guard controlled at Burnside and Watkiss.	11/19/2018 2:45 PM
1283	People who live on the boundaries closer to schools in other districts	11/19/2018 2:44 PM
1284	Catchment borders (when possible) should be the same for elementary/ middle & secondary schools so that students move along together.	11/19/2018 2:41 PM
1285	A child's ability to independently access their school by walking or transit is key to catchment boundaries. Current catchments have my children walking much farther then necessary with other schools closer to home then their catchment schools	11/19/2018 2:41 PM
1286	Catchment should not be the first priority for children with disabilities, or other issues that the school near them is not willing or able to accommodate.	11/19/2018 2:38 PM
1287	Proximity is everything for us - it promotes safety, independence and community.	11/19/2018 2:38 PM
1288	No	11/19/2018 2:37 PM
1289	It is my understanding that my daughter will be guaranteed a place at her catchment secondary school only if she is in English, not if she continues in French Immersion. I feel that French immersion students following their catchment paths should also be given guaranteed placement at their catchment French immersion secondary school.	11/19/2018 2:36 PM
1290	We bought a house to be in a specific catchment and I will be very upset if it is effected by the new boundary	11/19/2018 2:33 PM

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	If a child already attends a school outside their catchment they should be able to go to their feeder school so they are not separated from friends/peers when moving on to middle/high school	11/19/2018 2:31 PM
1293	NO	11/19/2018 2:31 PM
294	Access to fine arts and nature studies.	11/19/2018 2:29 PM
1295	Keeping currently enrolled students in the existing schools / not disrupting placements that currently work well for families	11/19/2018 2:27 PM
1296	Student and staff population who has known sensitivity to socio-economic-cultural-ableist biases	11/19/2018 2:27 PM
297	Safe corridors for children travelling to school	11/19/2018 2:23 PM
298	Staying within their existing catchment school path (for middle & high school). This is why we bought our house!	11/19/2018 2:21 PM
299	Once accepted at a school following the family of schools for example at Cloverdale transitioning to Cedar HIII for Middle even if catchment school is different.	11/19/2018 2:20 PM
300	No	11/19/2018 2:19 PM
301	children of separated parents may have TWO catchments	11/19/2018 2:17 PM
302	Want my child to attend the school her sisters go to	11/19/2018 2:17 PM
1303	Any changes should not impact currently enrolled kids as this would cause unnecessary stress on the children	11/19/2018 2:17 PM
1304	Yes - parents should have choice about where to enroll based on their detailed understanding of their children.	11/19/2018 2:13 PM
1305	Need to bring back low incidence or other special education programs. Inclusion is not optimal for all children and we need to have more options.	11/19/2018 2:12 PM
1306	Sports and Fine Arts programs. It seems as though the high schools are becoming known for either a specific sport and/or athletically inclined kids will go to the schools with better coaching and level of play. Likewise schools like Oak Bay that have an amazing theatre and choir program are a huge draw for kids interested in fine arts because of the teachers and the facilities.	11/19/2018 2:11 PM
1307	Connection to community	11/19/2018 2:09 PM
1308	It is nice that they no the neighbourhood children there is a feeling of safety of your children walking to school in groups or at least having several houses they now are safe houses if they had any problems on the way it gives the sense of community We bought our house in the area we wanted our children to go to school.	11/19/2018 2:09 PM
1309	Our current catchement school is double the distance from our home than the school I choose to send them tohow is that logical?	11/19/2018 2:06 PM
1310	No but I will say that we have noticed some strange boundaries based on catchment where kids across the street from a middle school are asked to go to a different middle school due to catchment boundaries and middle/high school catchments being hard to reach by walking or bus	11/19/2018 2:05 PM
	(especially for French immersion) due to strange catchment boundaries. Neighbourhood approach seems more logical.	
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1317	Some way for families who have children already attending a school, to be able to continue there and have the remaining household children attend. I have four children. Two are in elementary school. I would like to keep them there and not have to do drop off at two different schools if a rezone occurs and my younger two are forced to attend another school.	11/19/2018 1:49 PM
1318	It's important to me that my children attend a school in their own community where they play, they go to the public library, and where their friends all live.	11/19/2018 1:45 PM
1319	sports club catchments - they want to play sports with kids they go to school with.	11/19/2018 1:45 PM
1320	Keeping siblings together. Using SD61 buildings that are already seismically upgraded. Re opening closed schools.	11/19/2018 1:44 PM
1321	I would love for the district to address the issues with Craigflower and Shoreline. It's difficult for us because with 2 kids who have designations we feel as though they won't get the help and support they need. There are documented incidences of my children be bullied while walking home, having rocks thrown at them, being chased, being threatened with theft. I know I can't protect my kids from everything.	11/19/2018 1:43 PM
322	Close to grandmothers house as parents work	11/19/2018 1:42 PM
323	Keeping kids from the same neighbourhoods together, this may fall under "using natural landmarks and main roads." le. The kids from across the major highway aren't in the same neighbourhood.	11/19/2018 1:42 PM
324	closest school to home should be first choice	11/19/2018 1:41 PM
325	Keeping siblings together. Giving children of staff priority for enrolling in the school in which a parent works (for ease of transportation).	11/19/2018 1:39 PM
326	I think that you should look at the current student flow to out of catchment. With 90% of our grade fives moving from Rogers to Glanford, it is very important to families to have the social circles continue to middle school.	11/19/2018 1:39 PM
327	I think it's important to have consideration on where that child's parent works. We are expected to get off work and drive through rush hour traffic to pick up our children by a specific (sometimes unrealistic) time. If I workout downtown and my child's catch entire area is Langford and I'm expected to pick him up by 530 that's just unreasonable. I need my child to be able to attend a school where dropping him off and picking him up on our commute to and from work is going to work for our family.	11/19/2018 1:39 PM
328	We need More traditional schools, especially middle and high schools as we now have only one traditional school in Victoria which is elementary, it will be great for kids to grow up in the same system.	11/19/2018 1:36 PM
329	Catchment boundaries should consider population growth as more development is occurring in areas not previously occupied by families.	11/19/2018 1:35 PM
330	Allowing my child to continue in the current catchment, despite not living in catchment. Due to the fact that he has developed friendships in this catchment. It would not be easy for him to go to a new school, knowing no-one.	11/19/2018 1:35 PM
331	no	11/19/2018 1:35 PM
332	Children that are in the system now should have the ability to stay with their peers that they've spent all their school life developing friendships with. School is hard enough, having them change schools simply because they aren't in the right Catchment doesn't seem fair. I agree that kids new to the system now, should be able to attend their catchment but, consideration for the kids in the system now should not be given the bump if they are wanting to continue on the right pathway.	11/19/2018 1:35 PM
1333	Instead of changing boundaries, why not open schools that have been closed in order to accomodate the growing student populations? All current school buildings are bursting at the seams and I don't see how shuffling boundaries will change that.	11/19/2018 1:33 PM
334	Poor reputation of Shoreline middle school	11/19/2018 1:31 PM
1335	When moving to middle school, we'd like him to be able to take the bus or walk. Right now he could walk to one middle school (not catchment). Take 1 bus to another (not catchment) or take 2 buses that would take about 45-1hr to travel and that is our catchment. That us totally unrealistic especially since it involves a transfer at UVic too. We're on this tiny bump on Mt Tolmie that does not go to Arbutus/Mt Doug with the other kids in the neighbourhood which would be ideal for transportation.	11/19/2018 1:31 PM

1336	Parking / drop off facilities	11/19/2018 1:30 PM
1337	I wish I knew what these meant in relation to the existing boundaries not sure I can tell you without knowing how that works. Safety of walking is always top-of-mind, as well.	11/19/2018 1:30 PM
1338	Non first nations residents of the Craigflower school catchment should be given a second choice of school. This school should be recognized as a cultural school, and residents of this area should have the option to choose a different school. This should extend to Shorline and Esquimalt High as well. We should have the option to choose Colquitz and Spectrum as alternatives.	11/19/2018 1:28 PM
1339	Siblings following where their older siblings attended school	11/19/2018 1:27 PM
1340	if you are close to the catchment having the choice between the two schools	11/19/2018 1:27 PM
1341	Your children should go to school at the school where you pay your property taxes.	11/19/2018 1:27 PM
1342	I would like children in the system now to be able to continue on the pathway they are in. Otherwise my out of catchment son will lose all his school friends in Grade 6.	11/19/2018 1:25 PM
1343	Location of friends and family and other members of my childs social system.	11/19/2018 1:23 PM
1344	Not just accessible bike lanes, but safer access. Not having to cross major intersections for elementary or middle school children.	11/19/2018 1:23 PM
1345	Being in a community school	11/19/2018 1:22 PM
1346	Keep children in the pathway schools, once child is enrolled. Do not force kids to move to a catchment school and away from friends, when transitioning from elementary to middle and then to senior high	11/19/2018 1:20 PM
1347	I wish programs of choice were more readily available to kids. The programs my son needs to be in are not available anywhere close to our area.	11/19/2018 1:19 PM
1348	Keeping siblings together	11/19/2018 1:18 PM
1349	more space for choice programs school. I put my daughter on the waitlist for cloverdale 3 years early and she still didn't get in	11/19/2018 1:17 PM
1350	With the cost of housing in Victoria people cannot live in the catchment where their children started school or where they have friends which helps with social interactions. It is important that the district keeps that in mind.	11/19/2018 1:16 PM
1351	cedar hill is easier to get to then landsdowne from where we live with bus . also foster kids are an exception to getting in schools out of district need school buses that go out of their district for special needs	11/19/2018 1:16 PM
1352	If Cloverdale was a catchment school it would be our catchment as we live very nearby.	11/19/2018 1:15 PM
1353	As a mother who walks with her child to school (we only have one vehicle) it is important to me that my child goes to a school nearby. I hope the catchement area does not change for us and this effects our family greatly.	11/19/2018 1:14 PM
1354	Keeping existing outside of catchment area students in their current school, allowing siblings to register in same school even if outside catchment.	11/19/2018 1:10 PM
1355	which elementary they attended is important - that's why my son chose his 'out of catchement' french program	11/19/2018 1:08 PM
1356	Moving into middle school it would be nice if children (especially ially out of catchment) could attend the school their classmates will be attending.	11/19/2018 1:08 PM
1357	I want my children to be at the same middle school.	11/19/2018 1:05 PM
1358	Safe routes to school is becoming a huge issue in the area from Wilkinson Rd to the 5 way intersection. Its far too busy with vehicles running red lights and not enough sideway space for small children to ride safely.	11/19/2018 12:57 PM
1359	As renters, our family can't be fussy about catchment. We have to take what's available in an incredibly tight market. That said, I don't want my kids to have to leave their school community and friends because our family moved. Your current policies discriminate against families who aren't homeowners.	11/19/2018 12:56 PM
1360	Safe routes. Not all trails are lit, not all roads have appropriate sidewalks.	11/19/2018 12:55 PM

1361	I think there needs to be consideration for children out of district as well and ensuring that their is space if required.	11/19/2018 12:54 PM
1362	My younger child would like to attend middle school at the same school as my older child, but she won't be there any more, so being able to follow a sibling who is more than two years ahead into middle school. This is the school she is becoming familiar with, but my older child will be in high school by the time my younger reaches middle school. With boundary changes, we might end up in a different catchment. She would like to be grandfathered into the old catchment.	11/19/2018 12:53 PM
1363	A staffed classroom.	11/19/2018 12:52 PM
1364	We are currently out of catchment however the in catchment middle school will be farther away then the out of catchment middle school (French Immersion)	11/19/2018 12:51 PM
365	Balancing out the enrollment numbers so some schools are not overflowing while some are half- empty.	11/19/2018 12:51 PM
366	administration at the schools (i.e., teachers and staff)	11/19/2018 12:49 PM
367	Keeping my family at the same high school (Reynolds)	11/19/2018 12:49 PM
368	Safe biking and walking routes away from traffic to ensure are vital for the safety of children. e.g. trails through Cedar Hill Golf Course, wide open side walks, parks, etc.	11/19/2018 12:47 PM
369	I feel that it is important to consider the catchment school where older siblings have been placed, particularly for programs such as French Immersion, and consider how this may impact the ability of younger siblings to attend the same school. I am concerned about this for my younger daughter, especially now the enrolment priorities have changed. In the future, I want my daughter to have the opportunity to attend the same school as my son currently does.	11/19/2018 12:47 PM
370	the ability to have a range of kids/youth so that some schools (i.e. Oak Bay High) don't get all the best sports. That is one example. All high schools deserve to give current kids opportunities to play or go into fine arts or compete or enjoy a school with diverse programming.	11/19/2018 12:45 PM
371	Reducing traffic congestion heading towards downtown. Example- we go to eagle view instead of view royal, reducing congestion heading towards downtown	11/19/2018 12:45 PM
372	I feel if I live out of district and I work within SD 61, my children should be able to attend the school. Also When my son started 4 years ago once in elementary school he could follow his pathway of schools. Now with the new enrolment policy at every transition of school (elementary —> middle etc) there is a possibility he won't get in. If that had been the case back then then I may have chosen differently. I also feel that some cases should be heard at the district level and a case be made for instances like my family.	11/19/2018 12:44 PM
373	NA	11/19/2018 12:42 PM
374	It is important to look at neighborhoods and developing community around schools to allow those who are closest to those schools to attend without having to travel to a school outside the natural "community'	11/19/2018 12:42 PM
1375	We are right on the border of the current elementary catchment for French Immersion and I worry that with the new enrollment priorities, if the catchment boundary changes, my children will be at different elementary schools. Is there a way to grandfather the system in for the few families right on the catchment borders so siblings aren't separated. E.g. My daughter would not get into Doncaster as a non-catchment sibling should the boundary change next year, even though she currently IS a catchment sibling. My hope is that if the catchment boundaries can still be considered in-catchment siblings once the changes kick-in.	11/19/2018 12:42 PM
1376	Ability to stay w peer groups (eg keeping similar middle school boundaries as currently exist so kids can stay together)	11/19/2018 12:37 PM
377	Nice to have mainly kids in our neighbourhood attending our school.	11/19/2018 12:37 PM
1378	I feel that we need to be very careful in redrawing current boundaries. Some families may have committed to housing in a particular area knowing that it is in a particular school's catchment. To change those boundaries drastically would be unfair, especially given that siblings no longer have priority to attend the same school as other members of their family if they are out of catchment. I think that family connections and history with a school are more important than a few geographical blocks.	11/19/2018 12:27 PM

1379	Instanses a where students have a very solid peer group and attend sports programs in town and parents work in town. Students who's pare ts had to move while student was already enrolled in Victoria School District and are now being told they cannot stay with their important peer group and attend school when pare ts go to work.	11/19/2018 12:21 PM
1380	Minimize crossing major roadways	11/19/2018 12:18 PM
381	Safety, keeping families together, keeping friend groups together.	11/19/2018 12:17 PM
382	Yes! I feel that it is very important that younger siblings are grandfathered into their current catchment school regardless on if their catchment changes.	11/19/2018 12:12 PM
383	If there are certain catchments that are overpopulated and adjacent catchments that are not filled to capacity, it would make sense to change the boundaries to even out numbers.	11/19/2018 12:10 PM
384	Availability of after school care, which varies considerably depending on the school, and acknowledge that where a family can afford to live may not be representative of where they work, where family support may be located, and significant impacts on families who have to separate siblings because of changes to the enrollment priorities.	11/19/2018 12:08 PM
385	My children were in the pathway system. We live equal distance between Oaklands and Willows, but felt that biking to Oaklands was too dangerous so we chose Willows English. We were catchment for French, but didn't want to go that route. Now our youngest won't be able to follow his friends to middle school, which will be very difficult for him.	11/19/2018 12:05 PM
386	Proximity to accessible quality afterschool care and sibling preschool or daycare.	11/19/2018 12:02 PM
1387	Children with social and behavioural needs should not be forced to go to catchment school if the catchment school will potentially (because of school's student profiles with similar behavioural issues) contribute to student's challenges negatively. This leaves parents who are not able to move to the desired catchment school districts choiceless. It was hard for us to get our child in the middle school we thought would help his behaviour. We hoped he would continue to the high school of the same family of schools. Now, it looks we start all over again as his middle school is not in our catchment, and we do not think our catchment high school will be a positive experience for his learning and development.	11/19/2018 12:00 PM
388	Encouraging active transport to schools. minimizing travel by foot and bike through busy traffic and intersections especially for elementary and middle school students. Use existing trails as much as possible and improve bike lanes and crossings.	11/19/2018 11:57 AM
389	Teachers should be allowed to bring their children to their own school, regardless of catchment	11/19/2018 11:56 AM
390	I think that foreign students should be placed only after kids that live in the catchment area or are in the greater Victoria area are placed first.	11/19/2018 11:54 AM
391	Question 11- it would not let me choose my own answers, it set it's own answers.	11/19/2018 11:51 AM
392	Keeping siblings within same catchment. It's a logistical nightmare for parents if this can't happen.	11/19/2018 11:48 AM
393	Being able to follow siblings in the same school path	11/19/2018 11:45 AM
394	Going to closest school in terms of distance also helps minimize driving during poor weather which positively impacts our climate	11/19/2018 11:44 AM
395	Why should kids be forced to go to a school that doesnt offer the programs that would better support their education and personal development. Example I have three avid ball players, so I am going to send them to lambrick not reynolds which has a soccer program and a horribly lacking trades department. I have one child who loves computers but yet hes stuck in reynoldshow does catchment work the kids?answer it doesnt! Also to consider is commute. I have 4 kids in 4 schools Try and make that work in the mornings, one at lambrick, one at Lakhill, and one at cederhill all require rides in the mornings because the roads are not safe enough to ride bikes. The fourth is stuck at reynolds and walks! Catchments are good in theory but only if all schools have the exact same shops, labs, music, theater, dance and academic accessible programs. If you live in saanich you should be able to go anywhere in saanich borders.	11/19/2018 11:42 AM
1396	Support equity of students enrolled to balance school enrollment across schools; also hope that exchange students are not prioritized above placing local students.	11/19/2018 11:40 AM
397	If the school board decides to change enrollment priorities they really should have made sure that	11/19/2018 11:38 AM

1398	No	11/19/2018 11:35 AM
399	MORE FRENCH IMMERSION PROGRAMS	11/19/2018 11:24 AM
1400	My kid should be able to take 1 bus to school. If he continues in his catchment for high school, he'll have to transfer busses, which makes no sense, as there is actually a high school within walking distance (it's just not his catchment).	11/19/2018 11:22 AM
1401	I feel about more changes like catchment areas	11/19/2018 11:16 AM
1402	I currently live in a townhouse complex and the complex has 2 addresses and half the complex goes to 1 set of elementary/middle while the other half goes to a set of elementary/middle schools across the highway a whole lot farther from the complex	11/19/2018 11:12 AM
1403	I liked when a school of choice option was the way we did this I have 2 kids who have graduated.	11/19/2018 11:11 AM
1404	We bought a house on Fort street thinking our catchment school is 5 blocks away, however our catchement is George Jay which is a 25 minute walk from our home.	11/19/2018 11:11 AM
1405	Good area and neighbourhood. Lesser students. Not crowded. Accessible to transportation & familiar routes.	11/19/2018 11:11 AM
1406	My son will be taking the transition to middle school when the new catchment boundary lines come into place. If he were to have his middle school catchment shifted (as we are right on the boundary)after going through Elementary with his friends and then not be able to attend middle school with them, this would cause a huge amount of anxiety and stress. This is the most important consideration for my sons well being.	11/19/2018 11:10 AM
1407	At this time, two of our children have gone through the same out of catchment elementary school. We would like our third child to go to the same school to take advantage of friends, routines and supports we have built around that school community.	11/19/2018 11:09 AM
1408	Keeping siblings together, minimizing travel across dangerous/busy roads	11/19/2018 11:08 AM
1409	School Infrastructure (new or older facilities- library/sports/computer resources) . Teacher records- for attendance (consistency).	11/19/2018 11:06 AM
1410	Have more schools that have special education programs	11/19/2018 11:04 AM
1411	Whatever decision you make, current home owners should be allowed to continue to use current catchment. We specifically purchased our home based on catchment boundaries - for high school in particular. Homes represent a significant expense and many of us made this purchase based on catchment.	11/19/2018 11:03 AM
1412	Keeping siblings in the schools. This is the most important priority above all else.	11/19/2018 10:59 AM
1413	to my mind, certain schools do things better than other (arts at Reynolds or theater at Vic High or technology at Oak Bay) and kids and parents know this and should have the opportunity to place their child in the right environment. All schools can't be all things to everyone. Some specialization may be appropriate and necessary to accommodate all kids. Geographic boundaries are useless in this respect	11/19/2018 10:59 AM
1414	When your children are in the English side of a French Immersion school, the English program suffers. An all English school should be available for parents to choose even if it is not in their catchment.	11/19/2018 10:57 AM
1415	Should stay with family of schools they start with in K	11/19/2018 10:56 AM
1416	Catchment school (lakehill) doesn't offer French immersion. So we go to Doncaster. Since my son is enrolled here, I hope my daughter will still be in catchment there when she start K in 2020	11/19/2018 10:55 AM
1417	no	11/19/2018 10:53 AM
1418	Allowing children to finish their education at their pathway school, regardless of whether they have moved out of district or catchment due to divorced parents	11/19/2018 10:52 AM
1419	The boundaries should make sense by geography first. Higher demand at particular schools needs to be attended to with the construction of additional space.	11/19/2018 10:52 AM
1420	Maintaining current boundaries to ensure younger children attend same school as older siblings as time goes on.	11/19/2018 10:47 AM
1421	Funding for enough teachers and supportive programs	11/19/2018 10:47 AM

1422	A big things is the ability for a student to get to a middle or high school on their own vs the distance. For example, we are closer to glanford by 0.3 km, however there is no direct way to get to the school. Colquitz has a direct way via public transit.	11/19/2018 10:47 AM
1423	For Elementary, distance is most important to me as I need to accompany them until they are old enough to travel themselves. For Secondary, program becomes more important as long as they can take transit.	11/19/2018 10:46 AM
1424	I feel children should stay in their family of schools as they have made friends in their current school and should be able to switch to middle and high school with their friends. Changing to middle and high school is already a stressful time for some children and knowing their friends will be with them can help with a smooth and successful transition.	11/19/2018 10:46 AM
1425	Will have established peer group	11/19/2018 10:44 AM
1426	Minimizing the number of major roads to cross on the way to school (walking, cycling)	11/19/2018 10:44 AM
1427	Affordability to send to catchment school. We pay 180.00/month in transit fees (45 minute walk each way!)	11/19/2018 10:43 AM
1428	Is it extremely important to allow children who are already enrolled in their catchment school to allow them to continue on in their stream of schools no matter what changes are made to the catchments in the future. Easy to have a list of children who are grandfathered into the school stream. Making changes now can deeply affect kids who may be booted out due to district changes. Many of us have purchased or rented our homes due to boundaries and it is extremely unfair to make changes after the fact. Kids currently enrolled should be grandfathered in. If the district truly cares about the kids, this is an easy solution. Future students can make different decisions, but once a students has made friends and is comfortable they should not be forced to change schools due to district decisions.	11/19/2018 10:42 AM
1429	as a parent I would like more choice over where my children go to school. It is frustrating to be forced to go to our catchment school when it is an inner city school and other schools are a much better choice. We are lucky we got accepted into Cloverdale, but there should be more options for parents.	11/19/2018 10:32 AM
1430	If the parent is a teacher and it would be safer and more convenient for the child to attend their school of work, that could be factored in.	11/19/2018 10:30 AM
1431	It's important to consider the disruption caused to a child's education if they have to be pulled from their current pathway due to catchment boundaries.	11/19/2018 10:29 AM
1432	I feel the make up of the school community is very important - to have diversity and balanced communities and not create communities of higher and lower privelage.	11/19/2018 10:29 AM
1433	My children should be able to attend there own neighborhood school. It's not fair that they need to go to craigflower when we live in esquimalt. So therefore my children dont get to go to school with their friends.	11/19/2018 10:27 AM
1434	special circumstances	11/19/2018 10:25 AM
1435	Traffic in Victoria around school start & end times is very thick because parents need to drive for pickup/drop offs, especially in elementary. Decreasing the size of catchments would allow more parents to walk their kids to school, and help with Victoria's traffic congestion.	11/19/2018 10:25 AM
436	As a single parent, it is imperative that my children go to school beside my work, not my home.	11/19/2018 10:22 AM
437	The closest school to our house	11/19/2018 10:22 AM
1438	My my children to be able to stay with their friends as they move through middle and high schools. We moved to literally 6 metres outside of out the catchment area where they currently attend school, and both kids are anxious about potentially having to go to a school where they don't know anyone.	11/19/2018 10:19 AM
1439	District programs of choice unfairly skew enrolment. They should be eliminated in favour of equitable programs offered at all schools.	11/19/2018 10:18 AM
1440	Proximity to school is key so we don't have to drive every day.	11/19/2018 10:15 AM
441	Keeping both kids in the same school	11/19/2018 10:15 AM
1442	Proximity to schools & number of school aged children within boundaries. Given current housing prices in Victoria catchment schools aren't necessarily the schools parents want their children to attend, catchment area should dictate. This will redistribute population of students.	11/19/2018 10:15 AM

1443	Just one: I think it is very important that the catchment schools be arranged so that when a child moves from one level of school to another, for example from elementary school to middle school, they move with their friends and classmates to the next school level, and that they not have to change schools because for example they are in one catchment for elementary school but another for middle school. I believe this is VERY important.	11/19/2018 10:15 AM
1444	Location of the other students in the school. Ie - 630 Baxter Ave is where we live. Catchments us Glanford as the boundary, which is crazy as there is no way to get across the highway without going all the way down Glanford and down Mckenzie to turn up to Rogers. For all sports the boundary line is the highway. Our daughter ends up playing sports and being within walking distant for play dates to all of the Northridge students. Whereas Rogers students are across the highway and not easily accessible. Moving forward, we are a block away from Glanford Middle School, and as of now will have to fight for a placement in that school with all of our kids friends. The boundary line should REALLY REALLY be changed to use the highway instead of Glanford. For commuting, friendships, consistency to all the sports leagues.	11/19/2018 10:13 AM
1445	Safe walking routes for children	11/19/2018 10:11 AM
446	Having a sibling already enrolled in the school	11/19/2018 10:11 AM
1447	Available supports for individuals with disabilities - son with Down syndrome will be attending in 2020	11/19/2018 10:09 AM
1448	Neighboring	11/19/2018 10:09 AM
1449	Safe access to catchment schools and reasonable travelling distances to said schools! We have had to pull out of a program of choice because of safety concerns about getting them to the FI catchment school	11/19/2018 10:09 AM
1450	Keeping families together at one school to minimize family commitments/concerts/parent involvement at multiple schools	11/19/2018 10:08 AM
451	natural school pathways and sibling consistency with pathways	11/19/2018 10:07 AM
452	School Quality	11/19/2018 10:05 AM
453	Socio economic	11/19/2018 10:04 AM
454	for elementary school we need more before and after care spots	11/19/2018 10:02 AM
455	Having First Nations programs, as my son is First Nations I think it's important to support his culture away from home in what ever way is possible.	11/19/2018 10:02 AM
456	population distribution	11/19/2018 9:57 AM
1457	Yes. Strawberry Vale should revert back to feed Glanford and not feed to Colquitz by location alone. We have heard from many parents that they either leave SD61 completely and/or send to another school middle school to avoid Colquitz. We can walk, ride bikes or drive to ROMS or Glanford so much faster than to Colquitz so it is an easy decision to leave SD61 for ROMS. As this is in our backyard, it is topical for us. I am sure there are many more stories such as these due to where boundaries were drawn. I've been made aware the View Royal children often leave for other schools as well because they don't want to attend Shoreline. Might be time to look at the schools so many are seemingly avoiding.	11/19/2018 9:56 AM
1458	NA	11/19/2018 9:54 AM
1459	I've always wanted/believed that my children should be able to simply walk/ride to school. It keeps them in the same community and walks that we already often do. With respect to question 14, it was important to choosing where I live with respect to walkability to elementary, middle, and senior secondary. I chose a place to live where my children are able to walk/ride to all 3 schools.	11/19/2018 9:47 AM
1460	I think that there was a huge mistake made when Fairburn and Richmond were closed. For example Fairburn was within easy walking distance for two large townhouse developments in Gordon Head where many young families live. It would be very unlikely these families would be able to walk to Hillcrest where they now go. As the school board goes forward it needs to take into consideration long term planning and the socio economic groups it is targeting. We are not easy	11/19/2018 9:46 AM
	walking distance for any elementary school. That being said we purchased our home knowing the school district and expect our kids will go to Hillcrest.	

1462	Once a child from outside the district is enrolled in an SD61 school to have them be able to continue on in that particular family of schools and not be made to leave the district.	11/19/2018 9:41 AM
1463	Keeping friends/peers/families living close to each other for community buildling.	11/19/2018 9:40 AM
1464	Please consider the intensity of traffic coming from the West Shore. i.e. living in Vic West & trying to travel to Shoreline & then back into town for work is a nightmare	11/19/2018 9:39 AM
1465	Freedom of choice. Kids that attend school with peers are happier and are successful. If my child was unable to attend the school she was registered in she would not be able to attend her after school activities. Therefore, I would exercise my displeasure by voting accordingly.	11/19/2018 9:38 AM
1466	Sibling priority for catchment and ensuring IF the lines are redrawn, my children will be grandfathered into their current path (middle/high).	11/19/2018 9:37 AM
1467	I think Access to programs is just so much more important than the other options.	11/19/2018 9:36 AM
1468	Future distant to middle and high schools	11/19/2018 9:36 AM
1469	Staying with cohort that student has become familiar with and is an important part of their social- emotional development	11/19/2018 9:36 AM
1470	Accessibility to childcare and out-of-school care	11/19/2018 9:35 AM
1471	Commuting time We are in the 6 Mile area of View ROyal, kids go to View Royal and it takes us over 25 minutes to drive there to out of school care. We are in catchment.	11/19/2018 9:33 AM
1472	Minimizing walking/biking distance is important, but equally as important is the safety of the route (assumed that this is captured in accessible bike lanes or trails, but was not clear)	11/19/2018 9:33 AM
1473	I chose to live in Oak Bay to be near Oak Bay High and Willows, would like them to be enrolled in the French program of our local school.	11/19/2018 9:32 AM
474	School should be a central focus of the catchment area with a radius expanding around it to envelop all students living near by. Current system has some students going further to get to a different school because of current boundaries even though a closer option exists.	11/19/2018 9:30 AM
1475	having pathways schools be consistent so friends in elementary and middle won't be split. Having single track schools for FIRM. Phase them in. Lake hill would be a great location for single track immersion with Braefoot close by.	11/19/2018 9:30 AM
1476	 maybe not more important than the fort couple, but more important than choice school locations, What makes sense for all levels of school, not just from the elementary school. Most parents drive now anyways but when it comes to middle and high schools, kids are more independent and making those schools easy to access makes sense too 	11/19/2018 9:28 AM
477	No	11/19/2018 9:27 AM
478	It is important that our children all be at the same school.	11/19/2018 9:27 AM
1479	Parents location of work. It would be easier to have a student near your place of work for drop off/pick up reasons.	11/19/2018 9:26 AM
1480	Keeping kids in their past pathways. My high schooler got moved into a new school where he doesn't thrive as well as he did previously1 of 2 kids in the whole school that got moved.	11/19/2018 9:26 AM
481	some schools just aren't a good fit socially for your child just because it's slightly closer. I currently don't like and don't send my kids to their catchment middle or high school.	11/19/2018 9:25 AM
1482	Keeping siblings together	11/19/2018 9:11 AM
483	Children should not be required by virtue of their age and school progression to receive a ride to and from school each day.	11/19/2018 8:53 AM
484	Sibling pathways - enrolling in same school as siblings	11/19/2018 8:38 AM
485	sidewalks and crosswalks with immediate push flashers	11/19/2018 8:35 AM
1486	Where we live, there are four schools closer to us than our elementary catchment school. None of the kids on our block go to our catchment school, except us, because they all managed to transfer out before the class size changes, and we are latecomers. It would be nice for my son to go to the	11/19/2018 8:23 AM
	same school as kids from our street.	