

### Q3 Are there any other important considerations?

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Cultural Marxism is a doomed experiment. It is wrong to judge great men based on our standards of today instead of the standards of their day.	11/8/2019 12:18 PM
2	Do not rewrite history by changing school names. As a chinese student at GJ in the 1950's - sure it was challenging at times - but that makes one stronger and more successful in future endeavors. Think of it as motivation, you want to be better than your peers when you are the underdog.	11/8/2019 7:54 AM
3	Keep the name- precisely because we need to remember and discuss , not whitewash our history	11/8/2019 5:17 AM
4	Please don't keep changing names - it's all part of history-educating students and people going forward about the history - not changing names - once this starts- there will be people complaining about everything from the past that has any negative connotation.	11/7/2019 10:55 PM
5	Society was different 100 years ago	11/7/2019 10:51 PM
6	I am in complete agreement that the name of George Jay School should be changed. I look forward to hearing the name options.	11/7/2019 4:33 PM
7	The actions of George Jay in removing students of Chinese descent demonstrating discrimination of a particular nationality, while others were permitted to attend. His actions were not out of line with the values and actually reflected policies of the government at that time towards the Chinese. However, a school should not be named after a public figure who does no reflect the values of this multicultural diverse inclusive school at this point in time. It is time to move forward and have the school name that is a representative of all the stakeholders.	11/7/2019 6:05 AM
8	The name itself are already totally great and so good to hear,I don't think renaming is a great idea at all.	11/6/2019 6:01 PM
9	Syrian Refugees party	11/6/2019 5:21 PM
10	I think it is important to provide more background. Looking back in time it is easy to be critical of almost anyone in some way, using today's criteria and values we have as a society. Please proceed cautiously and with due respect to everyone.	11/6/2019 1:43 PM
11	he is part of our history and we cant keep trying to erase it. We need to own up to the mistakes of the past but it is in the past. He did a lot of other good things.	11/6/2019 1:25 PM
12	None	11/6/2019 11:18 AM
13	I heard about changing name to First nation's name. I do not agreed with this. The reason why changing name is about Chinese students. It's nothing to do with first nations.	11/6/2019 10:22 AM
14	This survey is the wrong approach to engaging the community on this issue. Asking the majority to make a decision on an issue of damage inflicted to a minority has again and again led to the status quo. Bring people together to have conversations and build understanding. Please don't base the decision on a survey.	11/6/2019 8:05 AM
15	I worry that this proposal, however well intentioned, tries to replace one form of bigotry with another form of bigotry --- a bigotry about the past substituting for racial bigotries. I heard a supporter of this proposal say that "we are better than George C Jay" and presumably others like him of his generation. This is a form of bigotry that now masquerades as morality. The fact is, however, that there are many ways in which we today are not better than our 19th and early 20th century ancestors (and let us remember what we are dealing with here is our relationship to our ancestors as Canadians). For example, as a culture we lack the literacy, vision, resilience, and communicative power typical of 19th-Century men and women. Yes, there are ways in which we have advanced beyond the men of Jay's generation; but there are also ways that we have regressed. That is how history works. It's complicated. We should be teaching our children the complexities of Canadian history rather than playing the all-too-easy and all-too-satisfying game of "we are better than them." No, we are not. Inclusivity and fairness are crucial Canadian values but they are not the only values by which we should be reading and interpreting the past (something I do for a living by the way as a professional researcher and professor). Do we want future generations to measure us by the one or two values that preoccupy them? Or do we want them to recognize the full complexity of our situation as we faced it? This proposal teaches our children to	11/6/2019 7:25 AM

adopt a smug and self-serving attitude towards the past. The Chinese community is strong, resilient, and reasonably affluent. They do not need the condescension implicit in this proposal. Instead of changing the name, how about spending one afternoon a year teaching students about Jay's legacy, positive and negative. Done properly, that will be of far more value and will do more to unify and strengthen our communities than these sorts of pseudo-moral gestures.

16	Let's not name it after the neighborhood rather than something trendy	11/5/2019 8:00 PM
17	I am a graduate of George Jay and also am Chinese. I enjoyed my time there and have wonderful memories. I don't have an issues with the name and wouldn't want it changed because the name doesn't have any impact with my experience or education there.	11/5/2019 7:51 PM
18	As with other discussions, such as the John A MacDonald statue, the full character of the person should be considered. Was George Jay - like John A MacDonald - a member of a secret society? MacDonald was a member of the Orangemen, who secretly plotted to control all institutions on behalf of WASPs, and used his authority to - for example - hang a true father of confederation Louis Riel. The current SD61 policy of not naming schools after individuals is wise. I suggest re-using the name of the earlier school in the neighbourhood "Spring Ridge School", which was originally built as a one-room school in the late 1880's at Chambers & Gladstone.	11/5/2019 3:18 PM
19	Nope	11/3/2019 1:38 PM
20	I believe that the renaming of the school could help with rebranding not necessarily because of the history of the Man it was named after but the stigma of the school in general	11/3/2019 7:35 AM
21	learn from history do not erase it.	11/2/2019 3:35 PM
22	Erasing the past removes the opportunity to reflect on a collective history and discuss why we do things differently now. While the practice of segregation is offensive when measured against present day values, it's important to recognize how far we've come and have points around which that dialogue can happen. I would rather see a component added to each George Jay Elementary class that looks at the history of the school, including the person after whom it was named, and talk about the good, bad and ugly. While certain decisions made by George Jay were fuelled by a racist agenda, I'm sure he also did many good things. The ability to see a person as not good or bad but rather as complex is a skill we should be developing in our young people. We can't learn from our past if we continually edit how the story is told. Additionally, there is also a history that has nothing to do with the person after whom the school is named. For all those who've attended the school over the years, it's important to be able to come back to a place with the same name, I would argue that history is more pertinent that some historical figure nobody remembers. I would also ask if this was raised by people who are part of the Chinese community or by some well intentioned person who assumes there is an issue.	11/2/2019 12:23 PM
23	Consulting local Indigenous leaders would be important in choosing a new name.	11/1/2019 5:06 PM
24	There is no explanation of who he was or what he did. There are no pictures of him in the school. Students have no idea who he was.	11/1/2019 8:10 AM
25	It could be the Indigenous place name of the area	11/1/2019 12:20 AM
26	..	10/31/2019 9:48 PM
27	There shouldn't be a survey when it comes to renaming racist things. Schools should not have racist names, end of story.	10/31/2019 9:20 PM
28	It's 2019. Children's educational environments shouldn't be named after racists. Not only for the students of colour but also for the white children who must learn that the racist past is not acceptable anymore, this name change is important.	10/31/2019 9:12 PM
29	Shall we name schools after native species in the area that sustain us or have particular significance to the area?	10/31/2019 6:17 PM
30	The school and neighbourhood presently has a large Asian and South Asian population. It seems very inappropriate to have the school named after a racist school administrator. Even if it was a different time, there were still many who did not agree with Jay's views. I encourage the board to rename the school and I suggest not naming it after a person (living or dead) because societal views change and a person who seems honourable now may, in hindsight, be an inappropriate honouree.	10/31/2019 2:02 PM
31	A fresh start can begin with a new name. Keeping a memorial plaque to maintain the history!	10/31/2019 1:47 PM
32	If considering a geographic name, consider the origins of the name.	10/30/2019 9:29 PM

33	Please consider changing the name to honour the positive legacy and culture of a group or local area, not an individual. Thank you!	10/30/2019 7:22 PM
34	Don't rename the school, what a waste of money. Spend the money where it is needed more like in the classrooms.	10/30/2019 5:47 PM
35	As a white person I would defer to the views of the Chinese Community	10/30/2019 5:41 PM
36	I believe the school should have a name in keeping with local indigenous traditions.	10/30/2019 5:09 PM
37	Why can you vote more than once?This is not right.☹	10/30/2019 5:08 PM
38	At the time Chinese students were not allowed to attend George Jay school, Chinese were not accepted in many other areas of the city. I went to George Jay from 1958-1965 and we had several Chinese students in each class in each grade. It was a sign of the times when they were not accepted not just at that school but everywhere around the city.	10/30/2019 11:26 AM
39	At the time my child attended George Jay, many of the students were Chinese, some of them Vietnamese refugees. The experience of attending a school with children from other countries was a valuable part of my child's education.	10/29/2019 5:45 PM
40	no	10/29/2019 11:49 AM
41	My family is Chinese and I was born in Victoria in 1965. George Jay Elementary school (and the naming of it) is a part of history and I don't think it's right to change it. The District is shaping the future by changing values and policies around diversity and inclusive learning communities. In time, this will also be part of our history. History isn't all about good things.	10/29/2019 11:12 AM
42	I am 53 years old, and I was brought up in Victoria. The school has been named George Jay for as long as I can remember. However, we never knew the background of the person, and so nobody objected. Now we know, and we need to turnover a new leaf and rename the school. It is the right and respectful thing to do.	10/28/2019 8:04 PM
43	Renaming a school does not in any way erase history. People commenting online have pointed out that 'no one' cared/knew about George Jay's racist past until recently - how then is keeping the school's name 'as is' important to historical preservation. It is important to be inclusive, particularly to minorities in Canada, and leaving the name as is, which is in contravention of current school naming policy, seems an egregious error. I hope the School Board acts in the best interests of current and future students and parents and community members by renaming the school. Leave the name = offending and continuing the marginalization of community members. Keep the name = ???	10/28/2019 11:24 AM
44	As a former student of George Jay and many other members of our family, this is our history and we do not want it replaced by another name! That was then, this is now.	10/28/2019 9:11 AM
45	We should learn, and teach our children, the background of the name, and the lessons learned, which would teach more complex thinking in our real world. We need to learn from history, with its complexities, and become better people from the process.	10/28/2019 8:52 AM
46	George Jay School is an important place in the neighbourhood.	10/27/2019 9:32 PM
47	This is an opportunity for a good history lesson. Changing the name simply hides the history; it does not change this history. As a School Board, whose mandate is education, I am amazed this name change would be considered	10/27/2019 8:24 PM
48	Previous students identify strongly with being George Jay pupils. The truth about history is that it's not always pretty. Changing a name won't change the past. Today's students should be aware of that history, see what was wrong, understand and forgive the ignorance of 100 years ago. Changing the name attempts to hide the truth.	10/27/2019 7:24 PM
49	In multiple ways, it seems apropos to recommend that the Greater Victoria School District (providing a copy of its mission, vision, and values, and perhaps its goals and objectives), consider asking the pertinent First Nations to choose the new name for George Jay Elementary School. If that does not occur, a name that reflects Nature (helping instill Nature as a value in children and the community) could support place-based learning and would be forward thinking and in many other ways positive. Perhaps these 2 recommendations could be combined. In other words, perhaps Greater Victoria School District (providing a copy of its mission, vision, and values, and perhaps its goals and objectives), could consider asking the pertinent First Nations to choose a Nature reflecting new name for George Jay Elementary School. Best wishes with your deliberations for a childhood enhancing name for this elementary school.	10/27/2019 6:54 PM
50	As I am aware of the many contributions that George Jay made to the community, I am saddened that these are being ignored and he is being judged on one aspect of	10/27/2019 3:20 PM

	life at that time, not THIS time.	
51	He was a racist	10/26/2019 8:45 PM
52	What happens in the past shouldn't be who we are today as long as we don't repeat the same things.	10/26/2019 6:28 PM
53	Nothing I can think of	10/26/2019 3:46 PM
54	No	10/26/2019 3:19 PM
55	It is important to make this simple change because holding up people who believed and upheld actions that have negatively impacted people who continue to be marginalized to this day. There is no need to the name to remain.	10/26/2019 2:36 PM
56	George Jay was a racist. I don't to want honour his name in decades to come. It's terrible to suffer under racism.	10/26/2019 11:51 AM
57	Was this guy an unrepentant racist? Are there better names to put on a school?	10/26/2019 8:03 AM
58	Everything everywhere offends someone. The name policy may be different now, but rules and laws do not apply retroactively... that is the nature of the law in Canada. Are we changing the name of every school named after a white male, because they supported patriarchal views against women? Even though that has offensive history for half the population, no we are not. Are we naming every school a First Nations name because they would have us believe they were everywhere first, when really they displaced others and settlers displaced them, which was simply the way of the world 300 years ago? No we are not. Are we renaming schools in a forward thinking manner because Chinese and Southeast Asian immigrants are currently settling BC and in another 200 years they will be the "colonizers" and we of European descent will be pushed out (a large proportion are already leaving the coast because they cannot afford to live here)... no, we are not. A name, chosen at a time in history, will inevitably offend someone, somewhere, at some point in the future. Respect it for the fact that it was chosen as an appropriate name at the time, view it as a time capsule/snapshot of history, and move on... there are better things the district could be focused on, like why there are not enough EAs in SD61 schools, why schools have not been seismically upgraded or still have lead-pipes for the drinking water, etc. Get your current, modern day priorities straight, and look forward at the health and educational needs of current students, instead of making a tempest in a teapot about the past, to distract from your current inadequacies.	10/26/2019 7:56 AM
59	Do not waste education money on this nonissue. It is an easy to recognize, spell and pronounce name which garners no offence unless you make it a contentious issue. Stop with the nonsense. It is just a name. Focus on something of greater value to the young learners not the political pundits.	10/26/2019 5:27 AM
60	I hope that this issue will also be brought forward for Sir James Douglas Elementary. This name glorifies colonization & the inadequate treaties he produced.	10/25/2019 9:23 PM
61	I am pleased to know this topic is being brought to attention and am equally interested in the name of Sir James Douglas school as it relates to his role in advocating for harmful assimilation practices. Education is also about changing practice when new information is brought forward - this is one way that the district can lead by example for its students.	10/25/2019 8:41 PM
62	Having a school named after a racist member of Victoria's history glorifies his role in the segregation of schooling and by continuing his "legacy" it disregards the pain he caused and the intolerance he fostered in Victoria. We are a different community with different values and I believe our institutions should represent that.	10/25/2019 5:24 PM
63	Respecting indigenous people.	10/25/2019 5:19 PM
64	I think the children should be involved in the decision. Perhaps a history lessons and then present to the kids why they are proposing the name change. Then see what the kids have to say. I think personally if this is a small step in reconciliation and is what our first nations people want then we should do it.	10/25/2019 3:17 PM
65	Fernwood Elementary would be more appropriate.	10/25/2019 3:13 PM
66	Who cares! Why not put this effort and funds towards something that actually matters instead of changing the name of an elementary school. People are too sensitive these days.	10/25/2019 2:55 PM
67	Why not help get back the music room the kids lost this year or supply the portables we were promised but never got for the over crowding.	10/25/2019 2:43 PM
68	As I understand, it was controversial even at the time of naming for George Jay to name the school after himself, that being he was not received well by many even then for his segregationist policies. I am a teacher with SD61 and a parent. I would not want to teach at or have my sons enrolled in a school with such a negative	10/25/2019 1:26 PM

	association to its name. Set the school community free from this name and it's hurtful noninclusive connotations.	
69	Although I think it's cool you're asking the community. If you know it's bad and know how horrible the name carries. Just change it. You don't have to go through all this. If it's bad and you know it ( or else why would renaming even be a thing ) then just change it. All the people who don't understand will come and say " no don't change it, there's no reason ) if it was me it would already be changed. As Nike says " just do it "	10/25/2019 12:59 PM
70	I believe the school should be given an indigenous name because all of this land rightfully belongs to the First Nations people and the rest of us are only settlers on it. This is extra important in this case, because George Jay was an extremely racist man. I feel that detail should be front and centre in the District's summary, not to mention that the school only came to be named George Jay because he named it *after himself*.	10/25/2019 11:17 AM
71	Consider why renaming is important, what will it achieve? Why would we spend taxpayer dollars on attempting to change history?	10/25/2019 10:57 AM
72	Waste of money!!!	10/25/2019 10:49 AM
73	Make the list of potential new names for the school public	10/24/2019 9:05 PM
74	Schools should not bear names of individuals.	10/24/2019 5:48 PM
75	If George Jay school was so named while he was sitting as board chair, he must have been very popular. Naming a school after himself would not have been popular. If he supported Chinese inclusion, he would not have been popular and may have been drummed out of the school board. If he had supported using cheap Chinese labour to build schools, taking jobs away from whites, he would have had to watch his back for the rest of his life. George Jay lived in a different time. Was he racist? Of course, but then so was everyone else. Racism is part of our history. Clearly we have a long way to go if prejudice against past historical figures, who lived in a time with different values, still exist today.	10/24/2019 11:46 AM
76	The GVSD Strategic Plan emphasizes a commitment to providing a "sense of place, caring, safety and belonging for Aboriginal students in the Greater Victoria School District." This includes "raising awareness and understanding of Aboriginal history, traditions and culture for all staff and students in the Greater Victoria School District." With members of the Songhees and Esquimalt First Nations, I hope we can discuss naming the school in the traditional language of the land. This would be such a positive acknowledgement and daily reminder that a language was born in this place and spoken here for thousands of years. What a wonderful way to connect children at George Jay and foster that sense of belonging.	10/24/2019 9:35 AM
77	It may be unwanted history, but it's history. Erase it and there's nothing left to learn.	10/24/2019 6:55 AM
78	An individual, much like humanity, is more than one's worst parts.	10/24/2019 6:43 AM
79	It is my belief that history serves a purpose and that by trying to cleanse all things unsavory by current social mores we not only create a false version of our past we jeopardize the integrity of our future. A public building is named after a flawed person in history. Our entire city is lined with streets named after men who made poor choices or did disservice to their fellow human beings based on the beliefs of the time. Now we know better, move on, do better, be better and stop wasting money on fighting ghosts.	10/23/2019 9:19 PM
80	I appreciate the opportunity to be involved as a member of this community. I am also an educator, a parent, and a university professor teaching social justice and related subject areas.	10/23/2019 7:41 PM
81	Is it possible to retain a UVic Historian to provide an accurate review/document explaining who George Jay was and what impact he had on the community?	10/23/2019 6:01 PM
82	Please stop attempting to erase the past. Use the past to learn and propel us forward, don't cover it up.	10/23/2019 5:11 PM
83	Deleting our history does nothing to remind us of the wrongs from the past. Put George Jay's legacy in context, install a plaque with the historical context of his legacy.	10/23/2019 4:07 PM
84	People who were racist in their policies should not be honoured by having any institution named after them. The name plaque for George Jay should go into a museum with the history of his attitude and subsequent change of school name explained.	10/23/2019 3:30 PM
85	This seems to be long overdue considering George Jay's segregationist ideologies	10/23/2019 2:01 PM
86	This is preposterous, it was in the 1920's stop destroying history as if it was like this happened today, it was 100 years ago, do people not realize that the leaders/pioneers from then are the same as now? It's how it suits the time period im	10/23/2019 1:54 PM

	sure in 100 years (as this was 100 years ago) they will have issues with whatever it is that the pioneers are doing right now. How is this even a survey. Embarrassing....	
87	This school needs to be renamed to be more reflective of the loving and inclusive environment that happens here. As a past parent, I know that this school is struggling with enrollment bursting at the seams and coming to a new identity. I think this would boost spirit in the school and community. They will need both financial and implementation help from the board to change signage, websites, etc. Thanks for your consideration.	10/23/2019 1:52 PM
88	This school has been around for ages, if we as a country can vote brown face Trudeau as our prime minister we can keep this schools name	10/23/2019 1:12 PM
89	Naming the school after a important Chinese-Canadian immigrant would be a nice gesture	10/23/2019 12:46 PM
90	Don't pander. Leave it.	10/23/2019 11:47 AM
91	Please rename it to a prominent person of Chinese descent that either graduated at the school or from the Victoria region.	10/23/2019 10:31 AM
92	My Mother and many other family members attended George Jay. I do not support revisionism of history. Period.	10/23/2019 7:14 AM
93	As a Caucasian, it's difficult to fully grasp the hardships, past and present, that minorities have to endure on a daily basis. I think that if the current name is an insult or a source of anguish to a group of people within our community, we should work to alleviate this hardship. I will admit I'm not well informed on George Jay's legacy as a whole so my response has not taken into consideration any of the good he may have also accomplished during his time on the board.	10/23/2019 12:05 AM
94	No	10/22/2019 10:47 PM
95	I just wanted to say that I appreciate this difficult work and that I hope other communities will look at your leadership and make changes as needed in other districts too.	10/22/2019 9:51 PM
96	I am a descendant of Chinese immigrants to this country, who came to Victoria in the early 1900s. My parents were discriminated against because they were Chinese, in public movie theatres, swimming pools and schools, not to mention jobs and housing. I wholeheartedly support the renaming of the school to better reflect today's inclusive values.	10/22/2019 9:15 PM
97	Someone who embraced the value of education for everyone	10/22/2019 8:49 PM
98	No	10/22/2019 8:45 PM
99	As a former student I don't support re-naming because it erases my personal history, awards, report cards, plaques, gifts and photographs from the school	10/22/2019 7:02 PM
100	There is no place for honouring racist historical figures on our educational institutions. This is an excellent idea. Choose an indigenous name!	10/22/2019 6:46 PM
101	Europe has not removed historic monuments or changed school names. It's a huge learning tool to teach how wrong things were.	10/22/2019 5:07 PM
102	It would be good to have an idea of what kind o person George Jay was. Racism was endemic in those years, unfortunately, and George Jay's actions, which are indeed racist today, might be somewhat forgivable if the man made signification contributions that mitigate his racism.	10/22/2019 4:49 PM
103	History is just that, changing a name does not erase the history which valued and how we learn and move forward	10/22/2019 3:56 PM
104	The process of trying to erase figures from our history after it has been brought to light that a portion of their legacy can be perceived as offensive is a ludicrous practice. One can celebrate the achievements of those before us without also endorsing every decision that individual ever made during their entire life.	10/22/2019 3:50 PM
105	No. Seems like a straightforward decision to me.	10/22/2019 3:31 PM
106	Yes - that there must be many other more worthy individuals the school could be named after. You could have a community contest and ask for suggestions.	10/22/2019 3:02 PM
107	I humbly suggest "Monarch Elementary", given the proximity to princess and queen streets. Also it is the name of a butterfly, a beloved insect.	10/22/2019 3:01 PM
108	How segregating to have a school with a name of such negative connotation in 2019 should not even be a question changes needs to happen	10/22/2019 2:58 PM
109	If using an indigenous name, it would be nice if it could be transcribed into IPA (International Phonetic Alphabet) as well as the indigenous language.	10/22/2019 2:53 PM

110	Those you choose to erase history are doomed to repeat it. When George Jay was around, the vast majority of people were racist and it was socially acceptable then. It is good that racism is not socially acceptable anymore, but foolhardy to pretend that we, as people, were always as we are now. It is stupidly naive to judge historical figures by today's standards.	10/22/2019 2:34 PM
111	This change should be used to teach children and community members of the elementary school about this essential component of Canadian history	10/22/2019 2:11 PM
112	The remembrance of the school's origins, no matter what its name is, and the importance of naming the school after a unifying community figure from the same period, in my opinion.	10/22/2019 2:06 PM
113	For this to be handled respectfully and clearly. To be clear where this consideration came from (community) and for the history to be made clear. For those who have been hurt by this to be supported through the push back.	10/22/2019 1:40 PM
114	Choosing a new name that is not connected to another person, place etc with dishonorable ties.	10/22/2019 1:34 PM
115	consideration of FN names	10/22/2019 1:33 PM
116	End the legacy of racism in Victoria. Set an example for our children and future generations.	10/22/2019 1:24 PM
117	I think it should definitely be renamed - in the past people may have not been aware of the consequences of their actions in regards to discrimination etc. - but we know better now and we should do better	10/22/2019 1:13 PM
118	Would like to have an estimated pricing done for the cost of a name change, as well as indication of where those funds are coming from. If the funds are to be taken from other educational departments, then, depending on cost, I personally would have to re-evaluate my support of a name change.	10/22/2019 1:11 PM
119	Re name with a First Nations name, from the land of the peoples that the school standS upon	10/22/2019 1:09 PM
120	Why change a perfectly good name of the school? It has been acceptable for a long time, I do not understand the necessity to change it??	10/22/2019 1:02 PM
121	Change the name to an indigenous name picked by the indigenous community whose unceded territory the school is located on	10/22/2019 12:39 PM
122	If we were to audit the actions of every important person in Canada's history for behaviour that was acceptable at the time, but not in today's society, we wouldn't have any history remaining. The man did many great things, despite having an outlook on foreigners that was accepted at the time, but is now unacceptable. Let's not erase all he accomplished just because some people are offended by an outlook this man had generations ago. Leaving his name intact doesn't equate to supporting his views; it just means he is recognized as part of Victoria's history.	10/22/2019 12:27 PM
123	Stop trying to rewrite all history using today's standards on the past. Common sense.	10/22/2019 11:44 AM
124	If the school is renamed it should be used as a learning moment so that history is not simply removed. The perspectives of those that came before us differed for myriad reasons and the citizens of today should acknowledge that and not just 'rename and move on'.	10/22/2019 11:42 AM
125	No	10/22/2019 11:27 AM
126	A new name, if selected, should be easily pronounceable to ensure use.	10/22/2019 11:15 AM
127	Having his name on the school has bugged me for years, especially considering the fact that the "inner city" schools are the ones with the most multicultural character.	10/22/2019 11:14 AM
128	I would like to see a name that reflects the nature/land of the west coast rather than a person or group of people	10/22/2019 10:59 AM
129	I notice a large population of mixed ethnicity, particularly a large number of first nations students	10/22/2019 10:58 AM
130	I spent the 1st 30 years of my life in Victoria, (Monterey and Oak Bay schools, and on to UVic). I am quite sure I attended a summer band program at George Jay back in the 70's. The fact is that none of us knew who George Jay was. Time for a new name.	10/22/2019 10:50 AM
131	You likely already thought of this ... involve the schoolchildren ... what would they like to name their school?	10/22/2019 10:27 AM
132	The new name should be in line with current guidelines	10/22/2019 10:07 AM

133	If there is a new name, it should reflect the whole school community. One of my children ██████ said "George Jay was not a nice man and made bad choices. We should just call it Fernwood School because that's where it is."	10/22/2019 9:25 AM
134	The name should reflect on a favourable, local personality.	10/22/2019 9:07 AM
135	Name it by geographic reference, not personal.	10/22/2019 8:52 AM
136	We should not re-write history. Let's put the efforts and focus on now and future to avoid similar mistake.	10/22/2019 8:50 AM
137	How about Stellers Jay like the bird	10/22/2019 7:52 AM
138	Get rid of the name of the racist and name it in honor of all the people he victimized. Is it even a debate if we should keep a school open with the name of a person who invoked such terrible situations on people? This should not be a question.	10/22/2019 7:46 AM
139	Please recognize our First Nation traditional territory so maybe a lekwungen name	10/22/2019 7:02 AM
140	Its unfair to engage in historical purity tests; if so we are likely to be judged harshly by our kids and grand kids as well. Let's focus on being more positive for new schools and institutions and what we choose to name them rather than wiping out our collective history.	10/22/2019 6:45 AM
141	You can't change history but learn and view never to let that happen again!	10/22/2019 6:39 AM
142	Renaming the school and disrespect to family is setup is condoned by organized Crime	10/22/2019 6:34 AM
143	Fernwood Elementary.	10/22/2019 6:31 AM
144	Just that this is the right thing to do.	10/22/2019 6:00 AM
145	No	10/22/2019 4:38 AM
146	It would be nice if the school was named in honour of a local indigenous elder past or present.	10/22/2019 2:14 AM
147	It should have a name that reflects the heritage as well as the area the school is in.	10/22/2019 1:29 AM
148	I think attempting to erase history is a very bad idea.	10/22/2019 12:23 AM
149	It should be named after an influential Chinese person from Victoria's history	10/22/2019 12:00 AM
150	We must not wipe out our past history!	10/21/2019 11:52 PM
151	One of my children attended George Jay and we found the student and community population reflected the diversity of Canada far more than any other school in the area. Sadly it also struggles under many constricting conditions to provide the quality of education that other area schools achieve. Schools that serve our most diverse populations should be given the best possible attention, funding and personnel in a district. It should be recognized that in underserving struggling schools like George Jay the local government and school district carry forward the legacy of the very colonial ideology perpetuated by the current namesake, by not effectively removing the barriers to good education for those without the means to pay for a more expensive neighbourhood. It should be acknowledged and accepted that honouring our Nations' disgraceful history of racism and colonialism by perpetuating the legacy of figures like George Jay can only serve to slow our progress away from these poisonous ideologies. Let this school be named in honour of its greatest strength, the unity in diversity found in its community. And let the new name be a rallying call for a new focus on providing members of our community with the most barriers to success, the best possible education. Rather than an overstretched under-supported school named for a man who judged the worth of his students by their heritage.	10/21/2019 11:40 PM
152	Try a First Nations name ... especially since this person had racist policies, and this is 1st Peoples unceded land	10/21/2019 11:13 PM
153	No sense in changing it. Let the history of the school stand. What school stands for in 2019 is what counts.	10/21/2019 10:41 PM
154	Call it Cook street elementary or Fernwood elementary. Jay was an Asian-despising colonial. Name an outhouse after him.	10/21/2019 10:13 PM
155	While I believe it's offensive for any school to carry George Jay's name, I find it particularly upsetting for this school given the exceptionally diverse population in this school community	10/21/2019 9:05 PM
156	songhees/esquimalt input	10/21/2019 9:04 PM
157	My father went to George Jay. As an Indigenous person, I would support naming the school after a person or community that champions equality, diversity and	10/21/2019 8:36 PM



	inclusivity rather than racism and divisiveness, and that is a good role model for the children who go to the school.	
158	Should the name be changed, a plaque explaining reasons to future students and community members regarding the issues of segregation in years gone back. To learn from historical mistakes	10/21/2019 8:07 PM
159	You should name the school Emily Carr elementary... or something like that. Possibly a prominent native figure within the city?	10/21/2019 7:55 PM
160	It will confuse the out of touch students and community if this change goes through. Put a plaque in the foyer and educate about why this school bares its name, do not hide history even if it is negative!	10/21/2019 7:52 PM
161	I think it is an excellent idea of rename the school. I do not support naming places after people because views do change, and George Jay School is an example of perpetuating an era and values no longer workable. I understand indigenous people often name places after the natural environment and I support this idea, so I would be fine with Fernwood or Spring Ridge or an indigenous name for the land and environment	10/21/2019 7:52 PM
162	My experience was wonderful...chinese, aboriginal, eastern indian...and me. lol. I ate new foods and played new games and learned...blush...new words	10/21/2019 7:51 PM
163	Do not change the name! It's more hassle and pandering than it is positive.	10/21/2019 7:50 PM
164	Why would you change the name of a school that has been around for over 100 years for any reason? It is ridiculous. People will be getting confused of where to go or what to call it for years afterwards. On top of that the beautiful building bears it's name built right into the facade. For the sake of historical buildings the name cannot be altered. As for George Jay's Views as a person they are from a different time and aren't relevant to the name of the building. Educate students about what is right rather than covering up what is wrong.	10/21/2019 7:49 PM
165	I worked at George Jay several decades ago. The name change is applying to a value set that that has developed over time. Those were not the values at the time. The naming of the school was to acknowledge an individual who had devoted many many years of his life to public service when his views were not out of the ordinary. Stripping his name from the school disrespects his contribution to public service at a time when we need to encourage people to step up. Better to take the opportunity to educate people about changing views and perspectives over time so we can move forward positively.	10/21/2019 7:48 PM
166	Burying negative history is the most foolish way to deal with troublesome views of past public figures.	10/21/2019 7:45 PM
167	Please consult with local Indigenous communities and the Chinese community. I think a name in Lkwungen and Chinese would be appropriate to address the harm and meet TRC calls to action.	10/21/2019 7:13 PM
168	No	10/21/2019 7:11 PM
169	Forget the name change. Get on with dealing with the present needs of our children and stop wallowing in and unearthing the irrelevant past. I couldn't care less about political correctness to try to change history. Lets use our resources to deal with the now and the future. Forget about name change	10/21/2019 7:05 PM
170	Cost of renaming Reason for renaming Respect for choices made in past	10/21/2019 7:05 PM
171	To avoid future conflicts schools should never be named after people. "The evil that men do lives after them. The good is oft interred with their bones" - Shakespeare. Robin, the number two, green, ocean etc. are all safe choices.	10/21/2019 6:51 PM
172	I support possibly a plaque with some information on the context at the time. I believe that George Jay left a largely positive legacy with a notable exception policy directed towards Chinese non english speaking students.	10/21/2019 6:43 PM
173	History cannot be changed. Keep the name and have it be a reminder to learn from past mistakes (or inappropriate behavior).	10/21/2019 6:34 PM
174	School should ideally be named to reflect the Indigenous history of the land on which it stands, with input from the Indigenous community to pick a name.	10/21/2019 6:16 PM
175	Don't do it	10/21/2019 6:05 PM
176	It's not a good idea	10/21/2019 6:04 PM
177	No	10/21/2019 6:01 PM
178	leave history as history. Put up a plaque if warranted. But seriously enough of all this hiding of history in Victoria.	10/21/2019 6:00 PM
179	Political correctness gone too far.	10/21/2019 5:56 PM

180	Place names have a significant impact. It's important to make all students feel included and welcomed.	10/21/2019 5:49 PM
181	In the consideration of new names perhaps consider Non Anglophone names but a prominent Chinese Canadian	10/21/2019 5:45 PM
182	Thank you for making the survey available and for moving to make amends. It is important.	10/21/2019 5:31 PM
183	Fernwood Community Elementary? I was a Fernwood kid first, before my loyalty to George Jay. Maybe Spring Ridge Community School? I think there was a school named that. I am old enough to hear stories about horses getting spooked on the bridge on Chambers near Bay, when they heard their own hoof beats, and bolting. I was also a part of the project to close Queens, and put in a playground. The school and neighbourhood are important to me, but not the name.	10/21/2019 5:19 PM
184	The name is a local person who did things at a time when they were still common practice. We can't change history by just erratically it what we can do is learn from it so that these practices do not make there rounds again.	10/21/2019 5:16 PM
185	Depending on the options for the new name. Maybe consider spending the money for educational tools.	10/21/2019 5:06 PM
186	I understand the reasons why people want to re-name the school. I am Chinese and born in Victoria	10/21/2019 4:58 PM
187	I believe that someone with his point of view, regardless of when that view was held, should not be honoured with his name on a public institution.	10/21/2019 4:57 PM
188	It is part of our Canadian heritage and history, changing name does not change what happened in the past. Keeping the name in fact reminding us what we did wrong before and do not let history repeat itself. If we keep changing all the names of different buildings in Canada, we might as well change the name of our country!	10/21/2019 4:52 PM
189	In all your communications you explained what he did wrong. What did he do right? We teach our children not to judge and we talk as a society about second chances yet we don't act in alignment with those messages.	10/21/2019 4:42 PM
190	George Jay should stay the name. His deeds should be contextualized and should be taught to its students. The message to my child should be people are not discounted through the lense of today's views. Instead we should talk about these historical figures and ask the question "how will history judge us for what we believe is appropriate today". Use these figures as a way to teach not make them Orwellian "unpersons";	10/21/2019 4:39 PM
191	I am a former student of George Jay and as I reflect as an adult, I appreciate how a name change can support the community inclusion of all students.	10/21/2019 4:20 PM
192	yes, people at the school have expressed a lot of interest in renaming the school for many years. Now there is a lot of support, and many people with the energy and commitment to get it done in a respectful way. I hope this can continue, as it is an important change. I fully support this change	10/21/2019 4:12 PM
193	the reasons for a change must be made public within the school	10/21/2019 4:11 PM
194	The naming of a public institution of learning is an inherently political act: there is no way it can avoid being so.	10/21/2019 4:09 PM
195	This is an opportunity to demonstrate the principle of inclusiveness to the students at the school. When they ask why their school's name is being changed, they can be educated about the important role Chinese Canadians played in the building of the province and country, and how their treatment in that context was so unjust.	10/21/2019 4:06 PM
196	It is important to take a stand against racism and discrimination and renaming the school is a step in the right direction.	10/21/2019 4:00 PM
197	Keep current school names as they are. Going forward-names should reflect diversity. to remove Sir John A's statue- is indicative of small minded petty thinking.	10/21/2019 3:57 PM
198	i don't believe we should whitewash history. it is how we learn not to replicate social errors, or we will endlessly repeat them. thank you for the opportunity for me to give my opinion.	10/21/2019 3:48 PM
199	Just...it should have been done long ago. The history was well known.	10/21/2019 3:40 PM
200	Change the name period.	10/21/2019 3:34 PM
201	Any name change should reflect the multi-cultural nature of the community.	10/21/2019 3:32 PM
202	Renaming the school could great a landslide of renaming. So many streets and areas in Victoria are named after people who were prominent in our history. You could name the school "Cook Street Elementary " but then someone may have a	10/21/2019 3:27 PM

problem with Captain Cook. How could we find a name suitable to all people of all nationalities? This does not mean that I condone the actions of Mr Jay, I just don't know what would be a suitable name. I wish the committee all the best. Thanks for listening!

203	Let's not use people's names when naming schools anymore.	10/21/2019 3:15 PM
204	No, leave history alone. Learn by it but don't change it.	10/21/2019 3:15 PM
205	acceptance that people are flawed and if we recognize someone for an important accomplishment, we dont need to accept all parts of their lives or beliefs. It doesnt mean we should dismiss their accomplishments either.	10/21/2019 3:13 PM
206	I do not support this renaming. We are all people of our time and I think that George Jay's entire record should be considered and not just his policies toward Chinese students.	10/21/2019 3:12 PM
207	Get over it, he was a product of his time. Do you propose to completely erase his place in history? Maybe the city should be renamed as she represents the failure of the British people toward other cultures.	10/21/2019 3:12 PM
208	The schools name is part of Canada's history and shouldn't be whitewashed away.	10/21/2019 3:01 PM
209	Leave the name the name alone. It is part of the history but tearing down names and statues does not erase the history.	10/21/2019 2:54 PM
210	I'm glad SD61 now has a policy of not naming schools after people.	10/21/2019 2:45 PM
211	The indigenous land on which it sits should be heavily considered	10/21/2019 2:23 PM
212	The district should change the name of George Jay, but also look at some of the other facilities that are named after people to see if they are in line with SD61's values. (e.g. Sir James Douglas, Mount Doug)	10/21/2019 2:23 PM
213	I think it is incredibly important to think about the kinds of legacies we leave, as well as continue to uphold. These sorts of processes don't just pop into existence. They are funded and erected for a particular purpose: to say something about the world we live in, in the type of world that we should ideally celebrate, and they are usually erected by rich white men supposedly to offer a legacy, all because there is some political agreement that this is what ought to be done. Think then, about the ongoing struggles of indigenous communities to have access to safe drinking water. Think then to the xenophobic attacks faced by minorities and migrants. Think then of the legacy the state of Canada continues to uphold. We can make a change. Just as we are starting to face up more and more to the terrible legacies of our past, we can do the same to our present. We have a chance to make history, not by choice of the new name, but by the act of renaming itself. We are making a social and political choice as to the values that we hold dear to ourselves in a community and what legacy means to us.	10/21/2019 2:11 PM
214	Both my wife and I born in Victoria 1958 we both attend schools in Victoria Oaklands, Landsdowne,Vic High for me and Sir James Douglas Colquitz Spectrum for my wife .this push to erase history will not change the facts,so lets learn from history and make sure errors of the past are not repeated.Canada is a young country with little history and our present day politician feel erasing facts will appease ethnic and minority groups for political gain.look up history of Britain,France,Spain which all had dealing in British Columbia,Canada North America not all nice encounters but important just the same.Learn from History not erase history. ,Spain	10/21/2019 2:02 PM
215	If George Jay students of Asian descent are voicing discomfort with the name, the name should be changed regardless of whether there is support from the broader community.	10/21/2019 1:30 PM
216	The costs of renaming a school, those funds should be going towards the students. We as society are negating the good because we only ever want to remember the bad.	10/21/2019 1:21 PM
217	George Jay is part of our history just as MacDonald was the Father of Confederation. The way of thinking was different way back then. We cannot pretend these things did not happen. You can change the name but it will not change the history.	10/21/2019 1:19 PM
218	We forget we are all part of the times we are brought up in so if the community elected to name the schools as such then are we saying they were wrong in their wisdom or are we just responding to the vocal few looking at a persons past and not liking a part of it .	10/21/2019 1:15 PM
219	No student should ever have to attend a school named to honour a person who would have looked to denigrate them and undermine their access to an equal education and an accepting community	10/21/2019 1:05 PM
220	Re-writing historic place names is wrong.	10/21/2019 12:49 PM

221	It's past time to stop honouring these racists and misogynists!	10/21/2019 12:40 PM
222	You can't erase history, only learn from it.	10/21/2019 12:38 PM
223	Let the history be used as a teachable moment?	10/21/2019 12:37 PM
224	Good idea, re-write history. Just like George Jay did. lol. stupid school administrators repeating colonization over and over under the guise that they are making a different. Go back to school and learn how to evolve in a balanced way.	10/21/2019 12:35 PM
225	No	10/21/2019 12:32 PM
226	I do not see value in changing the name just because of the past. The past cannot be changed nor should it be expunged from our memory / that is how we learn to not repeat it.	10/21/2019 12:31 PM
227	Renaming will require spending money from the education budget which obviously cannot afford such an expenditure.	10/21/2019 12:29 PM
228	I disagree with renaming based on changing of historical values. While it's a given that we are not the same society today that we were in the past, thankfully so, we will never learn from the past if we bury it.	10/21/2019 12:26 PM
229	It is impossible to re-write history,would you remove all history books as well.History is what makes a Country,both good and bad.	10/21/2019 12:10 PM
230	Current social and racial climate, and cultural considerations.	10/21/2019 12:07 PM
231	No	10/21/2019 12:06 PM
232	Give the school a Chinese name.	10/21/2019 12:06 PM
233	history, even if its not acceptable today, needs to be preserved	10/21/2019 12:05 PM
234	Call it "Fernwood Elementary."	10/21/2019 12:03 PM
235	It is important not to try and rewrite history to suit current attitudes.	10/21/2019 11:55 AM
236	If you keep messing with names, nobody will be left. We all have weaknesses. Teach about them but don't erase them.	10/21/2019 11:47 AM
237	The cost of changing the name	10/21/2019 11:46 AM
238	Just call it Fernwood Elementary	10/21/2019 11:44 AM
239	Put up some kind of acknowledgement plaque if you must but quit renaming buildings, parks, statues, etc.	10/21/2019 11:42 AM
240	Choose new name carefully	10/21/2019 11:36 AM
241	Name it after Rosemary Brown, a great Canadian with a sizeable record of accomplishment in B.C. Or request of Lekwungen elders that they name it in their language.	10/21/2019 11:19 AM
242	Most people, including me, aren't even aware of the history that upsets a handful of easily upset people. Why create angst for no reason? Stop pandering and just leave things the way they are.	10/21/2019 11:18 AM
243	Do not overwrite history simply because it is unpleasant. Teach the mistakes of our history.	10/21/2019 11:13 AM
244	All that I know of George Jay is that he was chair of the school board for 27 years and "championed segregationist policies with regard to Chinese Canadian students". Somebody, at some point, thought that his service warranted the naming of a school after him. What else did he accomplish in those years? Did he do anything positive? Did he champion "segregationist policies with regard to Chinese Canadian students", because he was a racist, or because he thought that it would protect the Chinese Canadian students from racism? I don't know. I don't know that anyone knows, 82 years after his tenure. If you changed the name of the school because nobody knew who George Jay was anymore, or because we no longer name schools after individuals, I would be ok with that, but changing it because he is suddenly unworthy, because he "championed segregationist policies with regard to Chinese Canadian students" becomes all that anybody knows about him. He might have done much good in 27 years as Chair of the board, but I don't know that, because all this survey is concerned with is that he "championed segregationist policies with regard to Chinese Canadian students".	10/21/2019 10:57 AM
245	Re-naming the school is a ridiculous option. Changing the name does not undo any of the things that Jay did.	10/21/2019 10:25 AM
246	n/a	10/21/2019 10:10 AM
247	You have more important things to worry about	10/21/2019 10:09 AM
248	Historical revisionism is intellectually and morally reprehensible. It demonizes our	10/21/2019 10:07 AM

ancestors, inculcates ideologically motivated intolerance in our young people and allows no opportunity for contextualization of past events. Purging embarrassing names on public buildings is just a quick way to assuage our own "white guilt" and sets a dangerous example for children.

249	I agree that Schools should not be named after people. Fernwood Elementary sounds perfect.	10/21/2019 9:47 AM
250	What a waste of time. Life must be too good if you have the leisure time to do this	10/21/2019 9:36 AM
251	I really like the policy of not naming schools after people, I think this is the best.	10/21/2019 9:19 AM
252	We have a long history in Canada of correcting mistakes after naming a building after a racist individual. This would not be out of the ordinary and is important in order to ensure an inclusive community for all Fernwood residents and school attendees.	10/21/2019 9:13 AM
253	We must not wipe history off our maps or our community good or bad	10/21/2019 8:54 AM
254	It is not right to ignore history	10/21/2019 8:27 AM
255	Thank you for looking into this very important matter!	10/21/2019 8:26 AM
256	History needs to be honored, not present day standards applied in the name.	10/21/2019 8:13 AM
257	You can't go around erasing history....	10/21/2019 8:02 AM
258	When I was VP in the 80's we talked about how disturbing the history was....however, there was little voice for sharing the view that it should be changed. Thank goodness the conversation is now being held. I should and must be changed. Those days are gone of using racist names....I think of all the immigrant children who have attended the school over the years and most from Asia. What Mr. Jay said (about the Chinese children) is not acceptable. If we continue to call it by its present name, and we know better, then we are saying (condoning) it is 'okay'. Please, please change the name. The time has come and it is the 21st Century. Thank you for the input.	10/21/2019 7:34 AM
259	Stop trying to erase history. Never forget.	10/21/2019 7:11 AM
260	The question is asked by some, "where does this end?" We in my home believe, "Where does it begin"? One wrong at a time. Just make the change!	10/21/2019 6:46 AM
261	no	10/21/2019 6:44 AM
262	Let's recognize the importance of the local community!	10/21/2019 6:40 AM
263	I would like an indigenous name for the school. (I am not indigenous, FYI.) However, any new name is much better than the current name. Thank you for moving to rename the school! Signed, a Fernwood resident.	10/21/2019 6:40 AM
264	Attempting to sanitize history is no solution at all.	10/21/2019 6:26 AM
265	In a multicultural and multiethnic community, it is shameful to keep a name like George Jay. It does not matter how long ago this was, racism is racism.	10/21/2019 6:22 AM
266	No	10/21/2019 6:18 AM
267	None	10/21/2019 6:00 AM
268	I appreciate the value of remembering important historical figures by naming streets, establishments, parks, etc. after them. However, there must be other, creative ways of honouring the role these figures had in our community while also acknowledging the wrong that they did. I like the Indigenous tradition of naming things for their geographical and functional importance. Especially because George Jay is the catchment school for many urban Indigenous kids, it seems to me that renaming the school following this tradition would be a great way of acknowledging whose traditional territory the school sits on (Lekwungen), and hopefully fostering a sense of belonging/pride in the Indigenous kids who continue to live in the area.	10/21/2019 5:12 AM
269	These people that wasted a lot of time on this topic, instead of helping students by creating up to date usefull courses, etc. Fire them.	10/21/2019 1:25 AM
270	Leave the name unchanged	10/21/2019 12:59 AM
271	This is the history of our city. Don't try and change it!	10/21/2019 12:14 AM
272	I don't want to erase history however as we learn, it's healthy to move forward and act accordingly. To keep this school named after someone we do not respect tarnishes the kids attending, the teachers teaching, and the community surrounding. Progressive behaviour allows us to admit when things need to change. This is a golden opportunity to do so.	10/21/2019 12:02 AM
273	What would the cost be to tax payers for the renaming of this school? Can we not	10/20/2019 9:59 PM

spend this money in a better way. Like on more education assistants for the special needs children. There has been so many school cut backs within the past several years with drama, music, education assistants. I find this renaming a school and the cost of it to be ridiculous. Our money could be much better spent elsewhere than renaming a school.

274	I lived in Victoria for 29 years. All four of my my kids were born at Vic General and completed their entire school careers in Victoria schools. I feel my views should rank higher than just another "I live in another community" submission. My vote should not count less than someone who moved to Victoria last year.	10/20/2019 8:35 PM
275	Keep the name, but include a plaque or statue (or both) to show how inclusive the school is and use it as a teaching opportunity instead of erasing history completely. Allows us to see how far we've come.	10/20/2019 7:54 PM
276	It is important to remember that Jay's views on segregation were reflective of that time in history. It does not reflect the school's views in our present day. Acknowledge it and move on.	10/20/2019 7:54 PM
277	Yes...If we erase all the villains of the past we will not remember how "evil the heart of man really is" and continue to make the same mistakes!	10/20/2019 7:47 PM
278	This is a waste of time and money that could be spent on the students. It is my understanding that the students at this school are some of the poorest in the district. Use the money you are considering spending on the renaming of this school to directly benefit them instead. This is government waste for a short term feel good project.	10/20/2019 7:30 PM
279	rename the school, the sooner the better	10/20/2019 6:01 PM
280	I know my children are proud to announce to others which school they went to. As such it's part of their personal herstory.	10/20/2019 5:41 PM
281	It is myopic and unreasonable to judge people from our past by the moral code of society today. Racism is a part of our history. Acknowledge it and move on.	10/20/2019 2:54 PM
282	You can't change history by erasing it. Keep the name and educate people. Jay was involved in education for how long and this is the only thing he is remembered for? He was a man of his time. Can anyone tell me what kind of man he would be today with current values?	10/20/2019 2:26 PM
283	Consulting our First Nations, Songhees and Esquimalt	10/20/2019 2:17 PM
284	Removing uncomfortable reminders will not likely alleviate the suffering and conflicts stirred by our traumatic past. Whatever good intentions are involved, to attempt to mobilize the production of heritage to eradicate past sins, assuage our guilt and dump the excrement of the past in a memory hole, only ultimately harms us. People who lived in the past, indeed including George Jay, had complex, even contradictory, motivations and purposes. To whitewash our city or adjust our memory to suit our current tastes and preferences flattens out history and memory. The danger of commodifying the past, wrapping collective memories in consumer-friendly packages does a disservice to our cities, our publics and to history itself.	10/20/2019 2:17 PM
285	It is wrong to remove history, whether it's good or bad. If we remove all the bad future generations will not know and make the same mistakes. We need to learn from our mistakes not erase them.	10/20/2019 12:50 PM
286	Schooly mc school face	10/20/2019 12:01 PM
287	I believe the school's name should reflect the Indigenous heritage of this land	10/20/2019 11:56 AM
288	I'd like to see it changed to Fernwood Elementary.	10/20/2019 11:53 AM
289	North Park was the name of an old school as well as the community. We have a SouthPark how about a North Park?	10/20/2019 11:28 AM
290	Unfortunately you cannot change the past, therefore you should not change the name of the school.	10/20/2019 11:00 AM
291	Attended George Jay from Kindergarten - Grade 7.	10/20/2019 10:33 AM
292	Absolutely, I was a former elementary student of George jay elementary school back in 1960 to 1967. There should be a former apologies to all the chinese people that were discriminated on by this idiot George Racist Jay. And make it law that this will never ever happen again	10/20/2019 10:31 AM
293	Making children of all ethnicities feel welcome at school is of the utmost importance. One day my children will attend this school, and I don't want to have to tell them about the racist man it's named after.	10/20/2019 10:24 AM
294	quit denying past history its our history	10/20/2019 9:51 AM

295	Leave the name as is, stop trying to change history, instead learn from it.	10/20/2019 9:48 AM
296	Please select an Indigenous name appropriate to the culture; a place, important elder ...	10/20/2019 9:36 AM
297	you cannot rewrite or erase history, only learn from it	10/20/2019 9:34 AM
298	Naming should honour indigenous citizens	10/20/2019 9:32 AM
299	I am opposed to changing names of places and buildings just because our current values do not match with values of the era when the names were established. I believe it is a form of white washing our history which is quite young relative to the rest of the world.	10/20/2019 9:17 AM
300	Highlighted in the background you give is one issue Jay did over a nearly 50 yr career. I bet over those years he did some good too. Highlight some of that too please. It was the times, we can not judge the past actions on current values.... you may be judged in 50 years... what will they see?	10/20/2019 9:12 AM
301	You should teach history, not bury it. We can learn from the past. I think that in his time the whole "white" population was racist. Times and thank god views have changed in one hundred years. Please teach that to all of our students.	10/20/2019 9:08 AM
302	New name should reflect Indigenous and Chinese communities.	10/20/2019 9:00 AM
303	yes, these kids need/have learned how to overcome and everyone needs to know their history good or bad. Take this opportunity to learn what happened in the past so it can't ever happen in the future. George Jay lived in a different time than today and did things that are not acceptable by today's standards (thank goodness) changing the name doesn't change the fact that he did what he did, let's use this opportunity to teach the kids and parents/teachers that you can overcome bad stuff that happened in the past and look to find some of the good things that George Jay may have done over his lifetime.	10/20/2019 9:00 AM
304	not that I can think of	10/20/2019 8:40 AM
305	George Jay has been a school in Victoria for many years. It was named after a person who lived in another era and time when values were very different than today. Times have changed but pieces of history can remain. NO to a name change.	10/20/2019 8:36 AM
306	Funny, I don't see many Chinese families protesting for a name change. This is what happens when white people are bored.	10/20/2019 8:02 AM
307	People's values were different back then. Why not try to speak about George Jay's accomplishments instead of throwing his legacy into the trash. We evolve over time and our values change. His actions represent how society was back then rather than represent who George Jay was as a person. Read 1984. The ruling regime erased people from all history and records if their actions didn't like up with the modern orthodoxy. It is a work of fiction. It is not an instruction manual.	10/20/2019 8:01 AM
308	I am the parent of an almost 15 year old. I walk past George Day School on my way to work downtown (I walk up Chambers and turn onto Princess.) I have told many people over the years that it is a wonderful way to start the day. Seeing the incredible diversity of those little people interacting and just being kids. Saying hello to parents or grandparents on their way to drop off the little ones is a delight. I love the mural on the school "learning to care and caring to learn", the booster bench and the totem pole. So many great ways to communicate that students are welcome and belong. The policies and beliefs of George Jay, the man, are at striking odds with the amazing philosophy that the school embraces. So yes, I strongly believe that our community, the kids, their families and the teachers and administrators who are working so hard to infuse a deep sense of love and inclusivity deserve a school name that does not celebrate the name of one whose actions divided and hurt certain members of the community.	10/20/2019 8:00 AM
309	I am Chinese Canadian born in Victoria	10/20/2019 7:52 AM
310	By using this survey tool there is going to be a built-in bias. It will self-select those who have the ability and access to the tool. On the question of changing the name of the school, stop trying to view history through today's lenses. The only safe "PC" alternative is not to name anything after anyone, effectively burying our past. Everyone is the product of their society, and can't be judged outside of it.	10/20/2019 7:51 AM
311	It is hypocritical for an educational institution to erase history (good or bad). Leave the name, our students should learn from history. They can't learn from no history!	10/20/2019 7:45 AM
312	I applaud the policy that public properties not be named after individuals. Acceptable public policies of one era often are unacceptable later.	10/20/2019 7:43 AM
313	I am of Chinese descent & attended the school from 1965-1972.	10/20/2019 7:33 AM
314	Your school benefits greatly from community investments. EG - meal programs, physical literacy programs. KidSport. Playground renewal etc. Reflecting that	10/20/2019 7:31 AM

support is appropriate as is honouring the neighborhood in which the school has stood for 100+!years. Simply put, if Geo Jay is out then become Fernwood Community School

315	No	10/20/2019 7:29 AM
316	Stick to teaching the basics - math, science, english. If you want to incorporate all things indian to the curriculum, great, but how about adding it to a component of social studies or history instead of trying to cram it in to every walk of life when it comes to courses?	10/20/2019 7:22 AM
317	Stop wasting time by looking backwards	10/20/2019 7:17 AM
318	Stop chasing ghosts from the past and lead our children towards the future.	10/20/2019 7:09 AM
319	I am Chinese-Canadian and see the school whenever I look out my window. I didn't know before about the namesake but now I do and it makes me angry.	10/20/2019 7:09 AM
320	Leave it the way it is ,past is past	10/20/2019 7:09 AM
321	I understand the reasons behind moving to a new name. I don't disagree with the desire. However, the cost associated with this transition is concerning. I am not sure it is the best use of finances or resources, I am assuming an endeavor such as this will be costly and time consuming. Given the current air of a struggling school I feel that money and time could be better used elsewhere.	10/20/2019 7:00 AM
322	Use the name to teach the history of Victoria	10/20/2019 6:12 AM
323	George Jay was an important member of the community and his views were the norm at that point in our history. You can't change the past, only learn from it. This school is one of the most diverse in the city. Leave it alone.	10/20/2019 5:36 AM
324	It is important not to limit the past by limiting the future. Historical significance help us to avoid what was done and to learn what choices to make in our future. Renaming is a symptom for instant gratification not a solution.	10/20/2019 5:27 AM
325	Joe mama	10/20/2019 12:43 AM
326	Consult the marginalized groups that faced historical injustice from the real George Jay when picking the new name!	10/19/2019 10:27 PM
327	History does not need to be erased. For one wrong thing I'm sure he did a lot of good for the community.	10/19/2019 10:14 PM
328	I think you should name the school in consultation with the Esquimalt and Songees nations	10/19/2019 9:35 PM
329	I would rather there was education around the era...	10/19/2019 9:29 PM
330	Changing the name does no harm to past or present students and demonstrates that the blatant racism and narcissism of George Jay has no place in today's society. Thank you for considering the name change. I fully support it!	10/19/2019 8:41 PM
331	I would like to see a name chosen that reflects a local role model, or past student who has done good things for society.	10/19/2019 8:27 PM
332	Historical names used by schools should be kept	10/19/2019 7:00 PM
333	we can not thing so backward to believe we can change things of our History by changing names or removing statues - taking these things do not change what too place back before our time, There was many things that today are different because we wish to change from the past but name, building don't make a new future we do by not repeating them, This was my son's school and as we both were born here in Victoria I say we have more important issues to spend time, monies and energy on than this..please think hard before doing this...we the people who were here before all these new comers who have watch this Island grow would like to see new things NOT trying to change all the old. Make new memories please.	10/19/2019 6:36 PM
334	I hope the new name honors the Chinese-Canadian people George Jay tried to exclude through segregation.	10/19/2019 6:34 PM
335	History should not be erased just because you don't like it. Many people in that era behaved in a not so flattering to our society's ways, but if we don't know our history, we can't learn from it. I never studied or even heard of George Jay in my years of both public and private education. We are white washing our history just to please the PC culture. I, in no way, condone Mr. Jay's behavior, but, as a Canadian and a born and raised lower island lady, I feel that we owe our future generations the best view of our history so that they can learn from it and ensure that the past never repeats itself. We have already taken down statues of our historical leaders, changed the names of parks and/or places within our city to erase bad history. This is wrong. To, in essence, lie (by erasing the history, we are trying to say that we didn't have this history) about our history is a disgusting shame that will only cause	10/19/2019 4:49 PM



	people to think that we are filled only with a squeaky clean history, is a disgrace to our country, founding fathers of our country, citizens of our country and the future generations to come. Do not white wash what you don't agree with, educate people on it so they can learn and be enlightened citizens of our wonderful country.	
336	I support the name change because white racists don't deserve to have things named after them. I'd suggest a name that reflects one of the local First Nations cultures.	10/19/2019 3:17 PM
337	A First Nations name is most appropriate to me	10/19/2019 2:15 PM
338	How did his policies compare to schools in actual China at the time? How do they compare to China today? But since your panties are in a knot...I suppose it won't hurt the old guy to rename it...I guess more people will benefit I just wish you would focus efforts on more important things. Waste of my internet	10/19/2019 1:50 PM
339	Does the PTA having better to do than waste our school boards time with this. If we looked back over the past 100 years I am sure there are numerous areas we would now agree we didn't act appropriately. However that doesn't mean we need to dig this all up and waste time debating. These things done in the past are what made us and our beliefs to what they are today.	10/19/2019 1:40 PM
340	Enough already.	10/19/2019 1:13 PM
341	Consult fairly with both the community directly affected (Chinese-Canadians) and the local First Nations. You have an opportunity here to really include community input, but the actual consultation process should be very mindful of inter generational traumas that could be triggered. The focus needs to be on those wrongs, not the desires of settler populations. Virtue signalling should not be at the heart of this, as marginalized communities are sick of the white fragility that often motivates PAC movements like this.	10/19/2019 1:08 PM
342	History will not be "erased" by renaming the school. I think of it as more like correcting a mistake from the past. The arguments against changing the name don't make logical sense to me. Only good can come out of the name change.	10/19/2019 1:08 PM
343	I think that keeping the name gives us a chance to have a discussion about how our values have changed over time. This can be a valuable learning opportunity that might be lost if the name were changed.	10/19/2019 12:22 PM
344	Why are we trying to erase/change our history? Use every historical person's acts as a teaching moment and show much we have changed	10/19/2019 11:50 AM
345	This survey should have included estimated costs of name change and all related to that and how the school board can justify spending funds on this. We are a Chinese family and think public money should not be wasted on this name change. We would support creating teaching materials, at a significantly lower cost. The school board needs to be a lot more responsible with public funds.	10/19/2019 11:34 AM
346	I like it's originally proposed name, Central Park School	10/19/2019 11:16 AM
347	Changing names of places because some people are offended by the past is just wrong. Stop trying to erase the past, history has several sides, some of which are grim.	10/19/2019 11:14 AM
348	i dont think we should change things they are parts of our history good or bad.	10/19/2019 11:06 AM
349	Costs	10/19/2019 10:44 AM
350	I do not agree with changing the name of George jay as we would be wiping out history we need these reminders to help prevent history from repeating itself. Further more were foes it stop do we rename everything that's been named after someone who in today's standards has a shady past. As I'm sure if we all researched our own family history back a hundred years or more we would all be surprised what we find, it was all acceptable back then. Not saying it's right but it was the way if the times. Auschwitz in Germany is still there as a reminder of the past. You can't change history with a name change , but keeping the name can remind people of how much we've grown.	10/19/2019 10:39 AM
351	Choose an appropriate role model.	10/19/2019 10:21 AM
352	For historic consistencies sake for its nearly 120 years in use former ilumni will loose their common name thread to the school.	10/19/2019 10:06 AM
353	Please see this petition for a list of supporters for name change. Currently up to 578. I can print off those names for you as well. <a href="http://chnng.it/k8fDgQPz">http://chnng.it/k8fDgQPz</a>	10/19/2019 9:58 AM
354	Instead of wasting taxpayers money on stupid stuff like this use it to educate the children properly. That's what they used to do in my day.	10/19/2019 9:47 AM
355	Leave it alone! Definitely overreaction to something Mr Jay did or a choice he made	10/19/2019 9:32 AM

	because of the time period he lived in. Please do not cave to pressure put up a plaque about the history etc etc Or focus on all the amazing staff and students that have grown their lives there! Stop messing with history.	
356	Renaming it something in Lekwungen would be a good step further in decolonizing our schools.	10/19/2019 8:58 AM
357	Implementing our modern values to judge the actions of those in the past is not a fair assessment of history. History cannot be changed by abolishing unsavory characters (or actions) of the past - rather, there is a lesson to be learned.	10/19/2019 8:49 AM
358	Please do not apply a modern lens to past actors. This is unethical and unfair. Consider that George Jay was a man of his time, just as we are now "of our time". You may disagree with of the values and attitudes of previous generations, but you cannot change them. In addition, by focusing on a negative aspect that was typical of the time, you create a distorted and misleading vision of who this person was and overlook all else, including any positive contributions he may have made. A much more positive approach would be to retain the name, teach students (and community) about the individual giving a full - not partial - picture of him and teach them critical thinking and nuance. To remove would be to subscribe to the values of the past and repeat those mistakes. Better to teach the nuance and critical thinking and get away from the current taste for black and white oversimplification and subsequent erasure.	10/19/2019 8:47 AM
359	I object in principal to naming any object, place or such after a person. The First Nation tradition of naming something after its significant function seems more sustainable and memorable into generations to come.	10/19/2019 8:11 AM
360	This is silly. If you look close enough you will find that most streets and landmarks are named after people who held racial views and were involved in movements that's are now considered objectionable. But those values were held by most of the population in the past. It was a different era in history, and can't be changed. Renaming a school or street will not undo it, but rather will make it seem petty.	10/19/2019 8:11 AM
361	How this is communicated to the kids is paramount. It is important to note that building and names come and go but the education you get extends beyond the school walls and your years there. Changing the name is a good way to say not all traditions are worth keeping if they no longer help your community be a community.	10/19/2019 7:23 AM
362	Consulting the current students	10/19/2019 7:22 AM
363	I would like the Lekwungen speaking people of the Esquimalt/Songhees bands to name this school.	10/19/2019 6:55 AM
364	Only fools think they can change history but it takes a visionary to change the future. Educate people, don't stick your heads in the sand and pretend history was awesome.	10/19/2019 6:41 AM
365	We have to stop judging peoples behaviour from over a hundred years ago by todays standards. Morals, ethics, and societal norms change over time. Let's not forget all the positive contributions of our founders.	10/19/2019 6:09 AM
366	George Jay, much like John A Macdonald, played an important role for this city. Not everything he did was okay, but it wasn't 'not okay' at the time. Leave the name.	10/19/2019 5:28 AM
367	I think renaming this school would set a precedent that we don't want to set - it would mean having to rename many other landmarks in our city. The past is the past and we don't need to change names in order to move forward. I hate the idea of changing anything and everything that has offended someone. Let's move on.	10/19/2019 4:46 AM
368	Whitewashing a problem from previous generations does not make it go away. Should we change the name of any school which practiced corporal punishment?	10/19/2019 4:46 AM
369	When I attended this school the name didn't matter. It's part of our history and we can't change that	10/19/2019 4:01 AM
370	Stop whitewashing history and instead use it as a teaching point.	10/19/2019 2:08 AM
371	I WENT TO THIS SCHOOL FROM K-7 AND MY KIDS WENT HERE, I THINK IT'S RIDICULOUS THESE PEOPLE ARE TRYING TO DO WHAT OTHERS OF THIS TOWN ARE DOING AND CHANGING THIS TOWN IT IS ALREADY UNRECOGNIZABLE, IT IS NOT OUR HISTORY NOW NOR WAS IT WHEN I WENT TO SCHOOL THERE, LEAVE THE PAST IN THE PAST AND LETS MAKE NEW MEMORIES (WHICH I HAVE ALREADY FROM GOING THERE) LEAVE WELL ENOUGH ALONE AND LETS KEEP THIS SCHOOL THE WAY IT IS, THE CHANGES ON THE INSIDE ARE SO DIFFERENT ALREADY FROM WHEN I WENT THERE..... I BEG OF YOU PLEASE DON'T CHANGE THE NAME WE ARE NOT LIVING IN THAT CENTURY THAT WAS THEIR WRONG DOING BUT HE'S LONG GONE AND DEAD AND I WANT THE SCHOOL NAME TO STAY THE SAME!!!! GEORGE JAY ELEMENTRY ALL THE WAYYYYYYYYYYYYYYYYYYYYY	10/19/2019 12:56 AM

372	I attended George Jay 45 years ago, and at the time there was a steady stream of new immigrants from Europe and Asia. It looked very much like the United Nations. The diversity of the children and the teachers then are what made the school what it was and what it represented. The same goes on today. If you take away the name George Jay, with it you take the many more years it has represented integration.	10/19/2019 12:18 AM
373	Name should contribute towards reconciliation but be pronounceable for all.	10/19/2019 12:17 AM
374	Don't erase history. Learn from it, understand it. George Jay means a lot to the many alumni that attended that school. It is wrong to change the name	10/18/2019 11:23 PM
375	I think it is very brave and important to learn about who we are naming schools after and what they stood for. We want to honour and uphold individuals that reflect our current values within learning systems and inclusiveness and love are foundational. I wholeheartedly support the renaming of George Jay school.	10/18/2019 10:39 PM
376	A positive name.	10/18/2019 10:35 PM
377	No	10/18/2019 10:33 PM
378	Don't just rename it to be after another old white man.	10/18/2019 10:20 PM
379	Our mistakes are part of our history. If we erase them (start changing names in history and of schools) we might be doomed to repeat these mistakes. I think it's important to keep the name as a learning opportunity and to launch discussions.	10/18/2019 10:04 PM
380	I would love the new name to identify the neighbourhood it serves, along the long of many other elementary schools in the City of Victoria and the Greater Victoria Area	10/18/2019 9:42 PM
381	The staff at George Jay works hard to make it a wonderful learning community for our students. It is a name that they can be proud of. A community is a reflection of the people in it and not of some long dead and forgotten man that it was named after. Our kids are proud to call George Jay their school.	10/18/2019 9:37 PM
382	I like the naming of schools to be neutral, non-human names. Fewer problems. I have also learned of the Chinese school segregation laws in the late 1890's and early 1900's. It was horrible and far too few people know this story.	10/18/2019 9:32 PM
383	Learn from history by not erasing history.	10/18/2019 9:15 PM
384	Something which reflects local heritage and community values	10/18/2019 9:13 PM
385	Those who forget the past are doomed to repeat it. Don't speed the process up by erasing it. Keep the conversation going and don't try to suppress history.	10/18/2019 9:13 PM
386	Its more important to focus on the children and class sizes. The moneys spent on changing name would be better spent elsewhere. This was 150 years ago its irrelevant now the school is multicultural not racist	10/18/2019 9:11 PM
387	Stop living the past!!	10/18/2019 8:50 PM
388	It is wrong to try to erase history and to impose modern views and sensibilities to historical figures. I am Chinese and I can say that renaming George Jay Elementary will do nothing, other than to assuage white liberal guilt.	10/18/2019 8:30 PM
389	Just want to see the names then let people vote	10/18/2019 8:07 PM
390	Yes - the school should not be named after another racist predecessor. Perhaps consider a name that doesn't honour any particular individual, but rather is a descriptor of the local environment/location of the school ("fernwood school"); or perhaps a concept or value ("Equality elementary"); even better would be to use a First Nations language/concept (random example ... "yaays elementary" - meaning "to work" in Hul'q'umi'num).	10/18/2019 7:56 PM
391	What is the indigenous name for that place?	10/18/2019 7:37 PM
392	I went to George Jay from Kindergarten-Grade 7 (1982-1990). It has and always will be George Jay to me. Regardless of the individuals past, Jew the name of the school. It's part of history and we can't change what people did in the past. Keep it as it is, as a former student and now a parent of a child attending George Jay. The children don't know why and neither did I until now. It annoys me people bring up the past, shun what the person did and remove either a statue or name from something we all grew up with. We can't erase the past, we can just move forward.	10/18/2019 7:33 PM
393	Please change the name. It's disgusting and disgraceful that we continue to speak this person's name when referring to our children's education. Collectively we know better and we can do better.	10/18/2019 7:11 PM
394	Although I don't agree with the segregation and other policies that are now considered to be against our values, It's part of Victoria's history. We should not sweep those unsavory elements of the past under the rug and pretend it didn't happen. I think it's far better in the name of education and in the name of	10/18/2019 7:01 PM

preserving our history that we keep the name of the school and install an in-depth plaque featuring the history of the school and about George Jay. The plaque should not sugar-coat the realities of the school's history or the decisions made by George Jay. This I believe is a far more pragmatic way of dealing with this issue and will serve to educate people about the history of their city.

395	Please change the name! I drive past it every day and it's so inappropriate in my opinion.	10/18/2019 6:59 PM
396	I am nineteen and have lived in Victoria all of my life. As a member of the Chinese Canadian community, I am a little disappointed to see this wonderful school live under a name of oppression. I support the renaming wholeheartedly. Many who oppose my position regarding this topic believe that we cannot erase history, and we should not try. However, I argue that we are not erasing history. It is impossible. But Victoria is ashamed of this history of oppression (and rightfully so), so if there is ANYTHING at all that can be done as reparation and positivity going forward, we should try. It is not a large change, and this school and its students/staff deserve much better than to be named after someone so harmful. I would also like to note that many of the George Jay supporters are not part of the community that was hurt by the segregation and racism that Jay reinforced, so they are unaffected and unattached to the situation (they are only attached to keeping things as they are, and I am in the belief that we should be moving TOWARDS CHANGE if it is for the better). George Jay was not an honourable figure at all, and continuing to celebrate him or live in passivity about the school's name is damaging. If we are not acting for, we are acting against. Thank you so much for your consideration!	10/18/2019 6:49 PM
397	Race baiting historical revisionism is an affront to history.	10/18/2019 6:29 PM
398	I would make the new name something geographical and simple, like ' Fernwood Elementary' ; then make the name change event a positive learning experience for the students, community and city etc:) then I would look at allllll the other school's names and repeat the process for any other outdated names.	10/18/2019 6:25 PM
399	I would like the name to be chosen with input from the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association.	10/18/2019 6:16 PM
400	100% name change!	10/18/2019 6:10 PM
401	Stop this nonsense	10/18/2019 5:51 PM
402	Should a First nations name be chosen, please make it visibly pronounceable (unlike the new library in james bay).	10/18/2019 5:13 PM
403	Keep the current name and put an historical interpretive plaque by the name outside and inside the school. Make it a learning opportunity. Those who do not know their history are bound to repeat it. Germany does not allow any of its Nazi historyTo be hidden or erased	10/18/2019 5:10 PM
404	I has been the name for over 60 years. Save the money for the students. We are always hearing how school boards have small budgets, so don't waste time or money over this.	10/18/2019 5:07 PM
405	no	10/18/2019 4:22 PM
406	Anyone who complains about the renaming of George Jay elementary school should be hit with a book that is filled only with the words "this self important racist named it after himself" It should be welcoming to everyone in our vibrant community and should have maybe a double name both in English and language of one of our local First Nations	10/18/2019 4:11 PM
407	no	10/18/2019 4:02 PM
408	The need to change it is absolutely ridiculous and unfounded. The Chinese Canadian students are still segregated by their own choice and have a school on fisgard other children may not attend. It was a time when things like this happened and talking about it will help it not happen again in the future. Silencing history because it doesn't agree with the current structure only allows it too be repeated in the future.	10/18/2019 4:02 PM
409	Important that the new name is nondiscriminatory, inclusive, and welcoming to all people in our vibrant community! Would support a name that reflects our Fernwood neighbourhood and/or local First Nations.	10/18/2019 4:01 PM
410	No	10/18/2019 3:56 PM
411	No	10/18/2019 3:34 PM
412	Stop trying to change history. Just because society doesn't approve of past acts, it doesn't mean we should erase it. We have learned from these actions, and should be proud that we have. We should celebrate moving forward, not hide the past. If we do hide it, history is bound to repeat itself.	10/18/2019 3:29 PM

413	I went there for Kindergarten in 1965 and our class had a mixture of ethnic backgrounds. A name doesn't make the school, it's what happens inside that matters. We can't change history but we can learn from it and prevent more of the same in the future.	10/18/2019 3:27 PM
414	More significant current issues to address.	10/18/2019 3:23 PM
415	Why change now? Just let it be. Why hold people to today's standards as they will never be up to them.	10/18/2019 3:14 PM
416	We can't change history, only learn from it. Many students attended the school over the years, attended George Jay school. Changing the name doesn't change the way people viewed life back then. Leave it alone	10/18/2019 2:53 PM
417	No	10/18/2019 2:49 PM
418	It is unfortunate that Mr. George Jay was a supporter of segregation and seemed to have quite an ego when he named the school after himself. I think the name should stay the same.	10/18/2019 2:42 PM
419	Changing names, removing statues can not change history. Create a learning opportunity instead. Celebrate the history of the school not the history of the person it was named after	10/18/2019 2:28 PM
420	No	10/18/2019 2:23 PM
421	No I think it's ok to keep George Jay name. It's been on the school for many years. Leave it be for history teaching!	10/18/2019 2:18 PM
422	Stop changing history	10/18/2019 2:10 PM
423	I like the name of the school as most of us Orientals and other immigrants attended the school in the 1960s. We never knew anything history of Mr. George Jay and always wondered who he was. I feel it is too late to change the name. Let bygones be bygones!. That was our history of the school. We enjoyed all the wonderful teachers we had throughout and have kept in touch with many of them. Thank you.	10/18/2019 2:03 PM
424	We should not judge people from a different era based on today's standards of behaviour. We should not go down the road of renaming everything based on the actions of our ancestors. Actions that only now, with the benefit of education and knowledge, are considered to be abhorrent. Where would it stop and at what cost? I hope we can remember George Jay for the good things that he did and continue to learn from the mistakes we have all made in the past.	10/18/2019 1:58 PM
425	Fernwood Elementary	10/18/2019 1:57 PM
426	If the name is changed I would like to see it named after a Chinese person.	10/18/2019 1:44 PM
427	Changing names of buildings does not erase the past, stop changing names of buildings and landmarks that have been around for years	10/18/2019 1:32 PM
428	no	10/18/2019 1:16 PM
429	If we want to teach lasting values for our kids, then keep the name and teach the history. Renaming shames the past but ultimately white washes it, since we are trying to remove anything "bad" from our identity. Will a new name change the past or ensure future discrimination is avoided? Keep the history. Tell the truth about history. Learn from history.	10/18/2019 1:12 PM
430	I would like to see a name change to something that reflects the local community, like Fernwood Elementary or the original intended name (which I read was Central Park). That makes sense.	10/18/2019 1:09 PM
431	Feel free to teach history as it was, and in the context that it was in AT THAT TIME. We don't have to agree with the past to learn about it in a logical and objective (and non-judgmental) way.	10/18/2019 1:05 PM
432	Keep it simple and do not alienate ANYONE. Naming schools to match the community name within which they are located is a simple solution. Fernwood Elementary School,	10/18/2019 1:05 PM
433	I would hope that in renaming the school, should that occur, the GVSU would consider honouring the Chinese Victorian students who attended George Jay during that oppressive era. Perhaps by having those who are still alive attend the rededication ceremony, if not honouring them in the name itself. It would also be appropriate to honour our First Nations hosts upon whose lands this building stands. Certainly by asking for their blessings at the rededication, and/or also in the new name for the school.	10/18/2019 12:48 PM
434	History can't not be changed please do not take history away most of the new generation only know approximately about 50 years back	10/18/2019 12:46 PM

435	As a mom to a child of Asian descent, it is important to me to live in a city that can recognize historical figures, but not glorify them by naming schools after them.	10/18/2019 12:31 PM
436	I agree with the renaming of places that are named after people who have a dark history.	10/18/2019 12:24 PM
437	no	10/18/2019 12:23 PM
438	hi hi hi hi hi	10/18/2019 12:23 PM
439	done	10/18/2019 12:22 PM
440	no	10/18/2019 12:21 PM
441	It's about a change in attitudes, we, for the most part have moved past what was once considered acceptable. Keep the name, and explain what the prevailing thought was at the time. This is a school, and this is an excellent educational opportunity,	10/18/2019 12:21 PM
442	no C:	10/18/2019 12:20 PM
443	No.	10/18/2019 12:20 PM
444	Stay the same.	10/18/2019 12:20 PM
445	It's how things were back then. It's a great opportunity for teaching. Hiding it will not change the past. Discrimination has been going on for a very long time. The young generation will not tolerate it like we did.	10/18/2019 12:18 PM
446	Honouring Indigenous language and culture would be best.	10/18/2019 12:15 PM
447	Consider respectfully approaching local nations to ask for input about that specific place. Pay them for their time.	10/18/2019 12:10 PM
448	Educational institutions should not change names, whitewash or erode history. They should impartially provide information, not judgment. Without a name to the crime, history will be forgotten. Foolishness. I also do not believe that any sort of Memorial plaque would be put up either that would have an accurate account. God bless the person who decided to look up the name, otherwise we would be ignorant. But equally damn her for doing it as well, because now we would lose that ability and then be ignorant once more, for future Generations would not that opportunity to discover like she did. Lastly any changes should be offered to the Chinese people and it should be their decision, if they want the reminder or if they want to bury it.	10/18/2019 11:50 AM
449	Consulting with the Songhees and Esquimalt Nations on an appropriate name.	10/18/2019 11:45 AM
450	The name should be changed as racist views are unacceptable. Especially now.	10/18/2019 11:40 AM
451	History of place, history of First Nations in the area.	10/18/2019 11:33 AM
452	The name should reflect the diversity of the people living in the area. The other ethnicities that are/were are chinese, indians (India) and first nations.	10/18/2019 11:26 AM
453	What about choosing a woman, as in Ruth King Nellie McClung Emily Carr	10/18/2019 11:22 AM
454	It shouldn't be renamed after any white, racist male of yore.	10/18/2019 11:10 AM
455	Historical negationism	10/18/2019 11:04 AM
456	Why not get suggestions from the kids as well. Make them feel important as well.	10/18/2019 10:42 AM
457	Naming the school after a first nations "hero" would be phenomenal, or just another positive historical role model	10/18/2019 10:38 AM
458	History is over. The school was named after a man who obviously made a positive impact at the time. Changing the name will not alter history or change the future.	10/18/2019 10:36 AM
459	It should be a title in reflection of reconciliation.	10/18/2019 10:32 AM
460	Name it after the neighbourhood, not a person.	10/18/2019 10:28 AM
461	something that reflects the neighbourhood like Springridge Elementary or Fernwood Elementary	10/18/2019 10:19 AM
462	This over the top interpretation of politically correctness is creating a generation of crybabies ... teachers should not encourage this behavior ... get over it ... life has it's little annoyances teaching to children to whine about everything is going to come back and bite us all in the ass later.	10/18/2019 10:09 AM
463	This is the dumbest waste of time and money ever. Stop trying to erase history. You scratch hard enough and everyone from the past is horrible and racist. If you want, you could put a plaque up at the school saying the good and bad he did... but otherwise? OMG get a grip.	10/18/2019 10:07 AM

464	Fernwood elementary	10/18/2019 10:03 AM
465	My sister is doing the right thing by trying to change the name of this school	10/18/2019 10:02 AM
466	Please let there be a vote	10/18/2019 10:01 AM
467	Keep the name. Teach the students about George Jay. The good AND the bad. If you change the name of the school, he will be forgotten for, again, the good AND the bad	10/18/2019 9:53 AM
468	If one attempts to re-write history in accord with present day values and knowledge, one will find themselves with an open ended task, one requiring considerable time and resources, and may still find themselves with unsavory endings.	10/18/2019 9:53 AM
469	Bravo! I know folks can be resistant to change and want to adhere to tradition, but I think you're making a thoughtful and meaningful decision in renaming it.	10/18/2019 9:52 AM
470	This is political correctness gone mad. Ridiculous idea to change the name. I've heard from no one in the Chinese-Canadian community that the name of the school is a problem.	10/18/2019 9:46 AM
471	I believe there is too much renaming of things in the City of Victoria and surrounding areas. Leave the name of the school as is.	10/18/2019 9:46 AM
472	History is an important part of culture. It is important to recognize what people did that impacted the people of the time. If u look back in history we would likely not have any reminders as there is good and bad in everyone. The city of victoria is a perfect example of trying to pretend things didn't happen the way they did.	10/18/2019 9:39 AM
473	The indigenous people who's lands that the school is built on.	10/18/2019 9:38 AM
474	Is this another one of Lisa Helps' misguided attempts to be politically correct? She is horrible.	10/18/2019 9:36 AM
475	Leave it alone. The cost of rebranding, stationary, notifications, etc is not worth it. Just save the money and use it towards a teacher's aid or something more practical.	10/18/2019 9:19 AM
476	fernwood elementary school says it all	10/18/2019 9:07 AM
477	i honestly didn't even know who george jay was until it was brought up... i dont think people would automatically assume it's a "bad" name	10/18/2019 9:06 AM
478	I think keeping the name as is can be an opportunity to educate young minds of past mistakes. It's an unfortunate part of our history that should never be repeated. If however you do choose to change the name don't allow new students to forget it and them to learn from it.	10/18/2019 9:04 AM
479	I believe that if the name is changed, it should be directly connected to the issue at hand. Meaning the renaming should be a Chinese name. Perhaps one of the victims or a prominent Chinese person who has contributed to Victoria. I strongly disagree with changing it to a First Nations Name. If you are considering changing because of history, then part of the reconciliation should include a Chinese name.	10/18/2019 8:53 AM
480	History should never be erased. Stalin, Hitler, ...all the same thing. Educate not eradicate. Perhaps learn the entire history and not pick and choose what you want to hear.	10/18/2019 8:45 AM
481	Segregation still goes on today in Canada. Do we not put first nations people on reservations? Rather hypocritical dont you think?	10/18/2019 8:41 AM
482	I don't agree with renaming everything, names have been in place for many years if not longer. Why do people fell the need to change name or take out history as if it ever happened. I believe if places were named they were named for a reason taking this away is just pure rediculous, and unwarranted.	10/18/2019 8:28 AM
483	I feel the cost involved with renaming the school would be too much. That money should go towards education.	10/18/2019 8:25 AM
484	Name it for the community or the street ie Cook Street Elementary or Fernwood elementary	10/18/2019 8:21 AM
485	The trend is towards using indigenous names. If used please keep it simple and pronounceable. The name for the breakwater May be just but is impossible to spell or pronounce. It would be better to honour neewthinking by having George jay be multilanguage. ( I love that it has been multicultural over the last40 years.)	10/18/2019 8:19 AM
486	I agree with this initiative, to change the name of this school.	10/18/2019 8:18 AM
487	I think it will be important for students, parents & members of the public to understand that the renaming a building address wrongs that were perpetrated against a group of people who were part of our community. There needs to be	10/18/2019 8:14 AM

	some way to have this information in the school so those who are in the building understand that discrimination is unacceptable.	
488	The public continues to try and change history by renaming buildings and parks or removing statues rather than making new history. It is sad. My dad and my uncle went to George Jay Elementary school in the 1930s and whenever I pass by the school it makes me smile. I sincerely hope that the school board will realize the importance history plans in this world.	10/18/2019 8:05 AM
489	I am tired of this constant rewriting of history. These men, I'm thinking also of Sir John A. MacDonald, were products of their time. Let us teach about them so that future generations will learn and not repeat history.	10/18/2019 8:04 AM
490	I had no idea George Jay was a segregationist. Now that I know, I think it's offensive that the school is named after him. If nonwhite kids know his history, how must they feel? I would imagine it might distance them emotionally from their school, which is not good for them or the community.	10/18/2019 8:02 AM
491	Learn through history, don't be a coward and hide. Use it as a tool.	10/18/2019 7:58 AM
492	It is important in my opinion to consider that we are shaped by history, not to imitate but to learn how much has changed for the better. We are a very fortunate society in this world that has matured to the point of majority acceptance of all people's. I do not support what can appear to be erasing or hiding our past. Living history on the streets and education and awareness of past prejudices illustrates how ever changing mores can be.	10/18/2019 7:56 AM
493	Remember that our society wouldn't be where it is without George Jay's visions and contributions to it.	10/18/2019 7:55 AM
494	3 generation of my family went to George Jay - leave the name alone!	10/18/2019 7:54 AM
495	Stop renaming everything. Enough!!! This has gotten absolutely ridiculous.	10/18/2019 7:50 AM
496	I am all for the renaming. This individual did not deserve to have a school named after him. What are we teaching our kids if we keep the name? That it's okay to be racist, and you can still receive honour?	10/18/2019 7:48 AM
497	This political "correctness" is ridiculous. You can't measure a person from a different era by how some people think today.	10/18/2019 7:45 AM
498	No	10/18/2019 7:41 AM
499	Who is George Jay? And why does it need to be renamed?	10/18/2019 7:35 AM
500	I support!	10/18/2019 7:27 AM
501	I'm a former student of George jay . I support changing the name to reflect inclusivity.	10/18/2019 7:13 AM
502	Just leave it alone! This name changing everything is getting ridiculous. Isn't there more important things to deal with?!	10/18/2019 7:12 AM
503	Hiding the names of our shameful past stops proper dialogue	10/18/2019 7:09 AM
504	I think this survey is unnecessary - and is inline with the Victoria council way of thinking which I do not support.	10/18/2019 6:56 AM
505	You really can't change History! In a few years we will all find ourselves supporting outdated and unpopular ideas.	10/18/2019 6:37 AM
506	Take I to consideration the territory that the school is on.	10/18/2019 6:31 AM
507	As a society, we should never erase history. Re-naming historical entities or removing historical icons removes the artifact that we use to initiate discussion and ultimately learn from. We need these icons as a reminder of where the societies originated and where we can go in the future. We want to eradicate all systemic racism and having a reminder, such as a school name, that fuels the discussion and the passion towards a different future. Also, I think we need to provide the public with the whole picture. George Jay was an important historical figure for BC despite being one, among most colonists, that were conditioned by society to hold racial or white centric viewpoints. I feel like energy/time/money should be spent providing students with a better learning environment with more space, more specialized staff and most definitely a better nature place based surrounding in order for us to practice Indigenous ways of knowing and learning. Perhaps a new native forest that honours the Traditional Cultures of the Lekwungen Speaking People and the slighted Chinese Settlers that were dishonoured and discriminated against. That would be a way to both preserve history as well as offering reconciliation to those affected. I note that it is NOT the Chinese Benevolent Society that originally put this motion forward.	10/18/2019 6:30 AM
508	Why change the name when our society has come so far in correcting and learning from the past to make the future better. The name should stay as a reminder of	10/18/2019 6:28 AM



	how far we have come.	
509	Anything we do to address our racist past, is good!	10/18/2019 6:20 AM
510	Let's name schools after people who reflect values of inclusiveness and reconciliation.	10/18/2019 6:06 AM
511	We need to learn from history, not re-write it. It is too easy to forget where we were otherwise.	10/18/2019 6:00 AM
512	From my reading, this man contributed just as many good things to the community. To take his name away discredits those achievements as much as anything else. Keeping his name can also serve a purpose in reminding us and starting conversations about how far we have come! Going around erasing all signs of history, bad or good, will NOT serve our future well. Without a name or a statue (downtown) we will quickly forget George Jay and not have direct reason to discuss that 1 piece of history in our area.	10/18/2019 6:00 AM
513	It's important to remember that we're in a different time now and he thought he was making the best decisions based on the facts he had about people. I don't believe a name on a building does harm unless you want it too. People are only reacting negatively because they read a history book and are just assuming people are effected by a name. Instead look at how far the school has come in its diversity over the last 60 plus years.	10/18/2019 5:51 AM
514	Calculate the cost of changing the name, getting new jersey's, EA vests, school clothing, school name outside, someone to go in and alter the website etc. Take that money and invest in a portable for music to be taught in. Take the name and use it as a way to teach about history, to show who was in charge and how they didn't make the best decisions. Teach about how much the Chinese people contributed to Canada and how they were treated in return.	10/18/2019 5:49 AM
515	Rename it "Alan Lowe Elementary" George Jay was a racist, and towards Chinese primarily. Alan Lowe was the first mayor of Asian descent of any capital city in North America.	10/18/2019 5:44 AM
516	If the sole reason for renaming the school is based on alleged segregation practices, brought to light by a book written by a local historian, I would like to know how much effort has gone into CONFIRMING these allegations?	10/18/2019 5:41 AM
517	I would prefer a name with a accessible English phonemes, spelled with common English to one that is difficult for English speakers to read or understand like the James Bay library, which in my view will always be the James Bay library. I appreciate the sentiment behind the name, but I can't even type it's name. The spelling should have been translated.	10/18/2019 5:41 AM
518	Leave History alone. This name changing of everything is getting ridiculous!	10/18/2019 5:37 AM
519	I would like the new name to be reflective of our local first nations history.	10/18/2019 5:35 AM
520	We cannot continue to get rid of history. We are supposed to learn from it. As a former student of George Jay, I am totally against erasing history.	10/18/2019 5:33 AM
521	I suggest putting up a plaque talking about the history	10/18/2019 5:28 AM
522	I suggest Hogwarts!	10/18/2019 5:13 AM
523	Why?	10/18/2019 5:11 AM
524	I believe the school should keep the name but an explanation of how we currently regard value diversity and all ethnic backgrounds as equal. This could be a chance to learn from history rather than try to change or erase it. We as a society are likely making errors now that the future generations will recognize as wrong (and we are currently blind to these things) so let us learn from the past but not try to erase it. Also, most people have no idea who George Jay was, so we are not damaged by this name. When I hear the school named I think of the school and it's good reputation in the community.	10/18/2019 4:12 AM
525	No	10/18/2019 4:04 AM
526	The name and school are part of hundreds of thousands of people's personal narrative.	10/18/2019 3:08 AM
527	No	10/18/2019 12:10 AM
528	please really implant the new name when u change it, maybe throw an event about the change of the name, otherwise people will just continue to call it george jay and some people might not even know of the change	10/18/2019 12:10 AM
529	Why do we need to change history. Learn from it. Don't delete it	10/17/2019 11:59 PM
530	Don't rename it after other "famous" colonizers.	10/17/2019 11:21 PM

531	Canada is riddled with mistakes made in the past. It was a different time, different beliefs. If you dug up information on every founding father/mother etc of our society we would have to rename everything. I think we have bigger fish to fry. Let's get off our butts and do something constructive like clean up the absolute dirty gong show that downtown has become. Let's work together to help the homeless and addicted. This is a huge waste of time.	10/17/2019 11:17 PM
532	The past is In The past learn from that. Teach what happened and build a new	10/17/2019 11:16 PM
533	This is a positive change. One that stands for inclusion and diversity.	10/17/2019 11:13 PM
534	No	10/17/2019 11:04 PM
535	I think any man who spent that many years as Chairman of the School Board probably did many good things for the community. He should not be remembered only for the Chinese student issue. People need to know what was done wrong years ago to avoid repeating the same errors. It would be better to put up a plaque at the school explaining the career of Mr. Jay, good and bad.	10/17/2019 10:52 PM
536	Consideration of place, specifically the First Peoples' whose land the school occupies	10/17/2019 10:51 PM
537	I feel that the current name does not support the School District's Mission or Values, and changing the name will better supports its values. The act of changing the name will be a valuable learning opportunity for students, staff, school board and community members - and will clearly demonstrate the district's commitment to its stated values.	10/17/2019 10:48 PM
538	A name that represents inclusion and the diversity of the children that attend.	10/17/2019 10:44 PM
539	Named a local, important, historical Chinese name	10/17/2019 10:38 PM
540	Considerations of Indigenous lands - if this is attempting to remove the name of a man that segregated races then there should be a consideration for the continued segregation and colonial history with Indigenous peoples.	10/17/2019 10:36 PM
541	I think as a part of both the city of Victoria's commitment to reconciliation and the nations stated commitments, taking this as an opportunity to name the school by returning to the traditional name of the area or at least a word for education, place of learning or learning together in the Sencoten would be the best solution.	10/17/2019 10:35 PM
542	George Jay was a racist and keeping his name on the school Is a slap in the face to the communities he actively oppressed, disrespected, and discriminated against.	10/17/2019 10:11 PM
543	Fernwood elementary seems simple and appropriate for a name change!	10/17/2019 10:10 PM
544	Indigenous languages	10/17/2019 10:07 PM
545	Keep it simple, perhaps reflective of the school's long history in the area: Spring Ridge Elementary or Fernwood Elementary?	10/17/2019 10:06 PM
546	Don't change it. It's ridiculous- absolutely no valid reason to change.	10/17/2019 10:02 PM
547	Keep the name the same . People are complaining about everything nowadays. We are looking at history through a 2019 lens.	10/17/2019 9:55 PM
548	No.	10/17/2019 9:53 PM
549	I went to George jay - I suffered racist experiences there- and I'd hate to be a student there now- who is aware that the school was named after a racist - and yet the name wasn't changed. That would make me feel terrible because in some ways it condones the racism. It is an honour to have a school named after you and so long as that school keeps that name- the school district will be seen to be honouring that racist , regardless of if they do or don't and regardless of whether or not they erect some plaque that educates about who George Jay was. Leaving it be, is the same as condoning it. It's the same as turning a blind eye to the bully bullying. Action is the only meaningful gesture.	10/17/2019 9:52 PM
550	I got cut off while typing my response! They should continue to be recognized for their contribution even though times have changed!	10/17/2019 9:41 PM
551	A teaching tool to how we have grown as a culture and what is acceptable now and then. Taking one snip of a persons life when this was accepted at the time trying time erase it is not the answer. Teach the topic don't erase it	10/17/2019 9:40 PM
552	Why are we so concerned in this city and country about abolishing our history rather than making it a teaching tool. Mr. George Jay may not have been perfect but in his age, in his time, his views on segregation were not soley his. Its time we make our history living teaching tools as to how far we have come rather than hide behind our mothers skirts and say it never happened. We are better now than we were 100 years ago. In another 100 years, this generation will be considered to have our heads in the sand and an embarrassment. There are a myriad of examples	10/17/2019 9:38 PM

of European history that pre-dates our own where people were not very nice to each other. And yet, it is not buried like the bad Uncle that has mental problems and joined the KKK but taught that these historic leaders were mis-informed. Lets not invent the wheel but follow our European ancestors example.

553	1Do not name it after a settler, 2. or without a person's permission.	10/17/2019 9:37 PM
554	George Jay represents the thousands of children whom have attend the school over the past and present years. Its is not representative of the person it was named after. To change the name would be disregarding all of the students and their family's who have attended George jay school!	10/17/2019 9:37 PM
555	Choose a name that will inspire the kids to keep learning throughout life	10/17/2019 9:36 PM
556	I think it's ridiculous and so snowflakey how society has become.	10/17/2019 9:35 PM
557	School should name after area and location rather than racist man	10/17/2019 9:26 PM
558	I support the renaming of the school in consultation with the Canadian Chinese association and their feedback.	10/17/2019 9:25 PM
559	Don't change the name	10/17/2019 9:24 PM
560	I attended George Jay Elementary School from 1998 to 2002, and I will be more than happy to use it's new name when I reference my attendance there. I fear you won't hear from many supporters of the name change, but I hope you do and you can count me among them.	10/17/2019 9:24 PM
561	No.	10/17/2019 9:20 PM
562	My current student loves the schools name. He still has many years here. There will be costs to change it and re paint everything. You cannot change history by changing the name. This school today is no where near who the individual was or shared the same beliefs. The students LOVE being Jays.	10/17/2019 9:18 PM
563	Please consider name of notable, local, indigenous, or Chinese Canadian, or person of colour.	10/17/2019 9:07 PM
564	Consultation from Chinese community members, indigenous communities and other residents should all be considered when choosing a new name.	10/17/2019 9:06 PM
565	Yes I think it's important to acknowledge the First Nations territory on which your school was built.	10/17/2019 9:03 PM
566	It was a different world back then, things that were acceptable then aren't now, the things we do today might not be acceptable in the future.	10/17/2019 9:03 PM
567	Just call it Fernwood Elementary and get over with it. There are so many other things we can work on together. That, or do a naming contest in the community, and let the board spend an hour picking the one they like. That way you don't get stuck with something lame like " schooly mc school face", and you might get something very creative and reflective.	10/17/2019 8:53 PM
568	George Jay is a terrible name. It sounds terrible and is difficult to say. Also he sounds like he was a racist jerk. I support renaming it to something with relevant Lekwungen importance to the area. Thank you for the opportunity to submit my feedback.	10/17/2019 8:43 PM
569	No	10/17/2019 8:40 PM
570	Very slippery slope applying today's norms to historical figures.	10/17/2019 8:40 PM
571	If the school is to be renamed after a different person, let's make sure we choose someone with no proverbial skeletons in the closet.	10/17/2019 8:40 PM
572	Renaming this school is critical. Modelling to students and the community the importance of fixing mistakes and understanding the complexity of the past is a duty of the school district.	10/17/2019 8:36 PM
573	Why are we trying to change history? This is the name of the school and our values today should not be reflected in historical decisions. Someone felt George Jay deserved to have a school named for him in the day. Leave it alone.	10/17/2019 8:30 PM
574	The renaming should be done in consultation with local indigenous groups.	10/17/2019 8:28 PM
575	You can't judge people's policy in today's environment. It's not fair. And i think erasing history is a dangerous thing	10/17/2019 8:27 PM
576	We are going to far with these initiatives. He is still a big part of history and should remain as one. He did have wrong beliefs and his actions were wrong, but by changing the name we are trying to erase this from memory. That is also wrong because we need to remember it to try to keep it from happening again.	10/17/2019 8:27 PM

577	You're waisting your time	10/17/2019 8:20 PM
578	Please stop using standards of 2019 to those from 40-50 years ago. That is not fair and absolutely ridiculous. Standards were different back then. It doesn't mean they were right but I'm sure he did other good things.	10/17/2019 8:20 PM
579	Stop erasing history but instead learn from it	10/17/2019 8:18 PM
580	We should not be white washing our history every time we discover something that we don't like. We need to stop listening to emotional, leftist people.	10/17/2019 8:16 PM
581	Nobody cared before a few PC driven ego's made this declaration. Why not spend the funds to help kids who go to school hungry, or much needed supplies?	10/17/2019 8:15 PM
582	I think Fernwood Elementary would be a good name for school.	10/17/2019 8:14 PM
583	Renaming is important especially for a school as racially diverse as this one.	10/17/2019 8:01 PM
584	Our history is important, good bad and all. Renaming and removing our history is not the way to fix the past.	10/17/2019 7:55 PM
585	Consultation should be conducted with local indigenous peoples for an opportunity to rename.	10/17/2019 7:51 PM
586	Find better things to spend our tax dollars on. Like helping the homeless.	10/17/2019 7:47 PM
587	Please name it after a hot chick	10/17/2019 7:40 PM
588	The new name needs to reflect the future positive, inclusive	10/17/2019 7:23 PM
589	It's important to learn from history and learn from the mistakes made. We can't erase what happened so changing the name doesn't make it go away	10/17/2019 7:21 PM
590	Sometimes the democratic approach is not effective at historical redress and the right thing to do may not be the most popular especially in a baby boomer dominated population. The renaming should happen despite vocal opposition and biased media spin of this issue	10/17/2019 7:17 PM
591	i feel consideration must be given to the positives that George Jay accomplished during his tenure and any negatives including his feelings toward the asian community at the time. we must realize that things were much different in the early twentieth century than they are now and take these factors into account while examining and coming to a decision in this matter	10/17/2019 7:14 PM
592	I just think it's important to stop literally whitewashing history and exalting historical figures who abused their power and were openly racist. Surely there are better examples to point our children towards.	10/17/2019 7:14 PM
593	Let's choose a bioregional name and stay away from the dead white guys.	10/17/2019 7:07 PM
594	Leave it alone. Teach the history in school.	10/17/2019 7:04 PM
595	I am 24 years old I attended George jay elementary and I return once and awhile too look back on memories it would be a shame to replace the name it is a mark on this community and in so many people from my generation	10/17/2019 7:03 PM
596	are past is our past and you can't white wash it by changing names or banning statues. Deal with the issue and move on. Saying that all are welcome at the school.	10/17/2019 7:00 PM
597	We should quit trying to erase our past. Embrace it and learn from it'	10/17/2019 6:59 PM
598	Ignore the naysayers, be the change.	10/17/2019 6:58 PM
599	We have so many other things to worry about at George Jay right now	10/17/2019 6:53 PM
600	It's pretty black and white. Keeping the name is ignorant to all those he hurt. We need to learn from our past and mistakes.	10/17/2019 6:53 PM
601	We need to stop erasing our history. It does nothing to change history. Instead learn from it and accept that mistakes where made. Erasing and hiding history does nothing to help us grow.	10/17/2019 6:52 PM
602	no	10/17/2019 6:50 PM
603	Changing the name of the school will not change the past. It would be a gross misuse of funds that could be better spent supporting the children who currently attend the school. The focus should not be on the name of the school but on making the school more inclusive for the special needs kids whose needs are not currently being adequately met. The closet of a room covered in rubber matts that replaced our special needs classroom is an absolute disgrace. It resembles a rubber room in a mental health facility. Our children should not be treated this way. The lack of EA support needs to be rectified. The school is way over populated. Some of the schools that were closed need to be reopened in order to resolve this. There are	10/17/2019 6:50 PM

	gangs in this school who are tormenting their fellow students without any repercussions. The zero tolerance for bullying is a joke and a lie.	
604	Perhaps all schools in the District named after an individual should also be changed to comply with the policy.	10/17/2019 6:48 PM
605	Teach who he was, his views and have discussions as to what was acceptable then but isn't now. TEACH the students rather than trying to erase history.	10/17/2019 6:46 PM
606	Holding on to the past seems kinda silly when all the "good" things were just racism, subjugation, and misogyne.	10/17/2019 6:45 PM
607	no	10/17/2019 6:42 PM
608	It is important to keep a hold on our history good, bad or otherwise. Renaming places and taking down statues because it offends a few people is getting really tiresome. Instead we should use these opportunities to teach about the life of the person these places are named for. The good the did for our nation as well as the wrongs they committed. It is by remembering the past that we learn from our ancestors mistakes as well as triumphs so that we can prevent future wrongdoing and build on their triumphs.	10/17/2019 6:34 PM
609	Rename it Terry Fox school. He is a true Canadian hero.	10/17/2019 6:32 PM
610	Changing a name doesn't erase history, we need to learn from it	10/17/2019 6:31 PM
611	It is a heritage school, leave the name alone!	10/17/2019 6:31 PM
612	You can't change history by changing a name you can only learn from it and move on.	10/17/2019 6:29 PM
613	What are you considering the new name to be? Why changing?	10/17/2019 6:27 PM
614	I think the new name should not be of a person. Naming after a person leaves the door open to potential future offences.	10/17/2019 6:18 PM
615	Yes, as poorly as Chinese immigrants may have been treated in Canada's past, it is important to note that they were treated worse back in their own home country at the time. White-washing our history presumes a moral superiority over other countries and is thusly, in and of itself, extremely racist. No name change!	10/17/2019 6:17 PM
616	Stop changing names this is getting out of hand and we will all teach our children the proper names not your made up ones	10/17/2019 6:14 PM
617	George Jay would have done what he did under the support of the community during that time. Stop listening to the squeaky wheels in our community. Tring to erase history is not productive. Embrace it and teach our children from our past mistakes.	10/17/2019 6:12 PM
618	You cannot erase history- only learn from it! This pc nonsense has to stop!	10/17/2019 6:03 PM
619	Fernwood Elementary would be a great choice for a new name. Also North Park elementary	10/17/2019 6:02 PM
620	Renaming the school is an act of reconciliation, so if you really believe in that, then you must rename this school.	10/17/2019 6:02 PM
621	I would like to see a name that better reflects the many cultures of Victoria.	10/17/2019 6:00 PM
622	Dont change the name, but the money into something to help the kids. George Jay school seems like it could do with upgrades or more staff. Put the money towards that instead	10/17/2019 5:56 PM
623	I think the students now in the school should be permitted to make final decision, after the names have been narrowed down to a few choices. Great way to allow them to be part of a demicratic process.	10/17/2019 5:56 PM
624	I fully support the name change and progessive moving forward in a postive way in our comminty's learning facility.	10/17/2019 5:50 PM
625	I don't agree with the movement to purge Victoria from all of its historic past. It will take up so much time and resources to make these endless changes and our city would benefit far greater from pushing our resources towards solving homelessness and other current social problems. What's next? George Jay did many good things among the socially acceptable bad things in his day. And while we are talking about George Jay - let's get them a music room faster than a name change. Have you seen the monstrous cart the music teacher has to push around? Ridiculous! Fix that George Jay!!	10/17/2019 5:48 PM
626	no	10/17/2019 5:44 PM
627	The new name should be easily associated with the "old name"	10/17/2019 5:44 PM

628	Until recently I will assume that most of us that attended, or sent our children to George Jay, had no idea of this man's ideology. Having said that, it was within an era that was quite vocal about how minorities were to be treated. Nothing was out of character for the times. By the time I attended George Jay in the early 60's the school was full of children from most countries around the world. I learned more about the world from that school than any other I attended. Most of us probably remember George Jay as a wonderful school with caring teachers. Changing the name of the school will serve no purpose other than soothing some politically correct egos.	10/17/2019 5:41 PM
629	I would like to see what the other options would be but I think it's a little ridiculous to change the name of the school or anything based on an individual's behaviour in a previous time. Times have changed. I'm sure if he was alive today his behaviour would be different.	10/17/2019 5:39 PM
630	The students, families and teachers at George Jay are very proud of our school. We deserve a name that we can be proud of and reflects on the diversity and inclusivity of our school.	10/17/2019 5:38 PM
631	Would like to see Welcoming Syrian Refugees Party	10/17/2019 5:35 PM
632	You cant change/rewrite history by merely changing a school name as if never happened... It would be far better to leave the name and educate students. on what was good and what was bad about what George Jay did. I'm sure there was a lot of leaders or persons in power that did things we would not accept today. I'm not sure much is to be learned by whipping out names of schools, building, streets etc. All in the name of political correctness. let's learn from the past and not erase it...	10/17/2019 5:35 PM
633	I think the school should be renamed after a geographical feature, such as Spring ridge	10/17/2019 5:33 PM
634	Fernwood Elementary would be a lovely name.	10/17/2019 5:32 PM
635	Change the name. Buildings should not be named after racists.	10/17/2019 5:31 PM
636	I do not think such an important decision should be decided by a poll. There is evidence that we should not honor such an individual and the parents have done their research. Please respect that. I have lived on ██████████ for 5 years and consider Fernwood in high regard. Fernwood Elementary is a strong name	10/17/2019 5:31 PM
637	Don't waste time and money on renaming a school where you find some of the most vulnerable children in Victoria who need food assistance, music & arts, and a safe place to be. I am part Chinese and I could care less about the actions of George Jay because he's long gone and no one is administrating schools like they were back then. Take the amount of money that a name change would require including all the new artwork, business cards, website updates, etc and allocate that in a meaningful way that will actually do any favors for the students who attend that school instead of throwing it away on ideas that make a few adults feel better about themselves. How many hot breakfasts could you pay for to give the entire student population of that school with the money that would be wasted on this pointless endeavor?	10/17/2019 5:28 PM
638	Please take this opportunity to consult with the local indigenous community to select a name that better reflects the territory where the school is located.	10/17/2019 5:24 PM
639	It should names after a Chinese- Canadian	10/17/2019 5:21 PM
640	I think it is absolutely crucial to teach our children and future leaders the importance of accountability and respect. By continuing to uphold the actions of racist historical moguls, we accept these behaviours and do not hold them responsible. We need to teach our children that these behaviours are not excused by a historical context. I appreciate that SD61 is considering this name change and requesting community engagement, however I also urge you to consider renaming Sir James Douglas Elementary for similar reasons. We should not continue to uphold colonizers such as himself in what is supposed to be an era of reconciliation and decolonization.	10/17/2019 5:18 PM
641	Why man eat so many beans?	10/17/2019 5:14 PM
642	Do not erase history. Educate.	10/17/2019 5:06 PM
643	We need to stop losing our history	10/17/2019 5:06 PM
644	At what price to our history is the current "fad" to erase the names of our past? Mr Jay was probably far better known for his successes more than for what the 21st Century has deemed "incorrect" behavior. No one is perfect. No one was perfect. Mr Jay and others who have been recently pilloried and "erased" were people of their time, not our time. The distinction is important. They were not of our time, of our morals and standards, but instead acted in accordance with societal norms of their own place in history, and it is because to them that we even HAVE a history. Does	10/17/2019 5:02 PM

this make what they did right? Not at all, but by erasing them from our history, we do history itself a great disservice. Acknowledge the flaws these men (by and large, they were men) had, admire their accomplishments, and move on. 150 years from now, how will society look at the people of our own time? OR will they look? Will each successive generation systematically erase what has come before? That surely seems to be the intent of some, and that is simply wrong.

645	Naming a school after an individual should reflect an exemplary character not one as flawed as this.	10/17/2019 5:01 PM
646	Removing the names of every person from history that has, by current standards, been less than perfect is ridiculous. No one was perfect. We should learn from their mistakes and don't follow in their footsteps. If you hide all the imperfect things that have happened, how are future people going to learn not to make the same mistakes.	10/17/2019 4:59 PM
647	Seems like a great idea. No need to hold on to an old name that has negative roots. There should not be resistance to change for the better.	10/17/2019 4:58 PM
648	Its a school. Leave the name and educate the children! Put up a plaque or statue in memorial to the people effected. Probably alot cheaper. Im not just a parent of a student, My father and his siblings went there. None of them were effected by the name of the school.	10/17/2019 4:56 PM
649	gotta b dope	10/17/2019 4:54 PM
650	It will send a powerful message to our children that these acts are not acceptable and corrections must be made when the wrong is realized.	10/17/2019 4:51 PM
651	It is not about the name, it's about what we stand for. This school has one of the highest immigrant populations in the city. I like to think of it as is teaching George Jay what inclusion is, and how far the school has come.	10/17/2019 4:47 PM
652	I appreciate the school board taking interest in the community's opinion regarding this issue. However, I believe that since it no longer aligns with our values as a society and your values as a school board, along with the current policy restricting naming schools after individual people, I believe it is clear that the school should be renamed in order to be more inclusive and welcoming for all. I hope this is resolved with minimal opposition.	10/17/2019 4:46 PM
653	Instead of George Jay, how about George Ambeault who was the Secretary Treasurer for 15 years.	10/17/2019 4:45 PM
654	We need to uphold our indigenous peoples. The renaming would be an important step to reconciliation.	10/17/2019 4:45 PM
655	Historical figures held the views that were current at the time, some of which were different from today's attitudes. It doesn't mean they weren't admirable in other respects and didn't make worthy contributions. If we are going to change names of every place/ institution that was named after such a figure then we will have to get rid of Victoria, Vancouver, Mt. Douglas, Prince Rupert, Prince George, Prince Albert, British Columbia, etc. All of them had views about a variety of subjects (such as the role of women) which today are considered unacceptable. Lets live with the nuance of names that reflect the imperfect character of the subject.	10/17/2019 4:45 PM
656	If we start down the road of whitewashing and wiping out the names of people in our history who made bad decisions or had uninformed opinions as a reflection of their time, we would have to remove a lot of names from our city, streets, and country. Instead we need to learn from this period and ensure that we never repeat these mistakes. Whitewashing it does not make these ideologies go away.	10/17/2019 4:44 PM
657	Getting feedback from all groups - families, staff, community and affected groups before making the decision.	10/17/2019 4:43 PM
658	I would like it to reflect the Indigenous peoples of this land.	10/17/2019 4:43 PM
659	There is a difference between remembering history and honoring people in history. We can learn about Mr. Jay's contributions to Victoria without giving him the honor of a school named after him. While racism was perhaps more common in his time, it was certainly not universally accepted. He was actively engaged in making the lives of Chinese students more difficult. I can't see why we continue to honor someone who left such a negative legacy.	10/17/2019 4:42 PM
660	George Jay has had the honor of having a school named after him for many years. As a community, we have come to realize that his actions and practices were racist and unacceptable. We cannot continue to glorify someone who behaved this way. Out of respect to past, present and future students this school's name needs to be changed.	10/17/2019 4:39 PM
661	All children should be reflected in the new name, not just one group.	10/17/2019 4:38 PM

662	Do not change the name.	10/17/2019 4:36 PM
663	It is important to recognize that it did happen. Renaming the school does not erase the history of George Jay and the impact on Chinese-Canadians from his actions.	10/17/2019 4:32 PM
664	Jay contributed much to the development of education in Victoria. This story is not widely known.	10/17/2019 4:31 PM
665	I have lived here for over 40 years my children all went to George jay school and the name did not hurt them at all. Good memories	10/17/2019 4:31 PM
666	It is not acceptable to erase history. I grew up with people of Chinese background who were my closest friends. This proposal appears to be coming from people with no limited history in this area.	10/17/2019 4:31 PM
667	We need to remember our history no matter how bad or tragic and learn from it. Inform people who George Jay was and the issues of the day, don't cover it up by changing a name.	10/17/2019 4:30 PM
668	I am Chinese, and am keenly aware of aggressions and micro-aggressions against Asians. Keep the name and teach the history, I am not insulted by keeping the name so why should someone else dictate how I feel?	10/17/2019 4:28 PM
669	we need to get over re-writing history to appease people.	10/17/2019 4:27 PM
670	Stop revisionism	10/17/2019 4:25 PM
671	Any new name should not pander to special interests groups of the moment.	10/17/2019 4:23 PM
672	Use the name as a learning experience on how past prejudices have been changed	10/17/2019 4:22 PM
673	leave thing alone !!!!!	10/17/2019 4:20 PM
674	I think going back to the school's original name would make it be more of a community minded name. Central park school	10/17/2019 4:20 PM
675	Renaming everything won't erase history! Leave it be and educate to improve the future	10/17/2019 4:19 PM
676	What a wonderful initiative!	10/17/2019 4:16 PM
677	Time to take advantage of an opportunity to celebrate the community today.	10/17/2019 4:15 PM
678	Should rename it something cool and natural, like ravenwood	10/17/2019 4:15 PM
679	How about recognizing the past contributions he made and acknowledge that society has progressed beyond his myopic views. That the prejudices of the past are replaced with new insight. I voted at this school and saw many cultural examples that Jay, in his prejudices, would never be exposed to... It makes the progress that much more poignant. Past prejudices, acknowledged, recognized and superceded by new inclusiveness.	10/17/2019 4:07 PM
680	Name elementary schools after the area they are located in. Why "honour" someone who egotistically named a school after himself, especially given his views on Chinese immigrants!	10/17/2019 4:06 PM
681	to change and deny history happened is opening the door to history repeating itself. Instead of changing, educate of how things have changed for the better	10/17/2019 4:04 PM
682	I believe the name should remain and be put into context of then and now. It provides a useful juxtaposition of what was acceptable and now is no longer. Having his name and the other cultures that have been recognized on the school grounds is important.	10/17/2019 4:03 PM
683	History is history for a reason, so we can learn about the past and learn how to move forward from it. If yo keep erasing history, no one learns	10/17/2019 4:01 PM
684	Please consult with local Indigenous Knowledge keepers about the renaming of the school. Renaming the school is a positive action -- thank you!	10/17/2019 3:52 PM
685	I suggest not naming the school after a person.	10/17/2019 3:51 PM
686	Leave the name as it is and use it as a teaching moment (use as a history lesson)	10/17/2019 3:49 PM
687	Changing the name does not cure anything , it was a mistake made a long time ago , the people affected are likely long since dead , it could not possibly affect any person today , therefore it is a waste of time and money and should not be allowed to proceed.	10/17/2019 3:49 PM
688	Embrace the past, let it show how far we as a society has come.	10/17/2019 3:48 PM
689	We can't change the past only the future. Learn from past lessons/behaviours and move forward.	10/17/2019 3:47 PM
690	No	10/17/2019 3:44 PM



691	I think not naming after a human would be smart. Humans are flawed. Should be easily pronounced especially for all the new Canadian families that go to that school. First Nations might have a name for the area. Or at least should be consulted. Former name of Fernwood was Spring Ridge. There is still a potable water stream running under Fernwood. As boundaries change Fernwood Elementary might be obsolete one day. So something that resonates with the community and it's surroundings.	10/17/2019 3:38 PM
692	thoroughly research before re-renaming and possibly consider not naming the school after a person	10/17/2019 3:34 PM
693	I believe strongly that the name needs to be renamed to honestly reconcile our colonialist past.	10/17/2019 3:33 PM
694	This is an important opportunity to engage in positive dialogue in the community.	10/17/2019 3:32 PM
695	Renaming the school is absolutely ridiculous.	10/17/2019 3:31 PM
696	You can not look @ the past through today lenses as humans make mistakes, that is how we learn to do better. If you hide the past, we are doomed to repeat those mistakes. Use the history as a learning tool instead...	10/17/2019 3:30 PM
697	If the name is changing it should be a indigenous name with help from the bands around the school. Naming it after another white male from the 1900's won't help anything	10/17/2019 3:28 PM
698	As an educational facility I believe we have a responsibility to teach all students at this school George Jay's impact on Canadian history. Not everything he accomplished was negative and it's important to learn from our past.	10/17/2019 3:25 PM
699	how about simplicity - Fernwood Elementary School. I use to live in Fernwood and I know is is a reasonably tight and supportive community - so lets honour this	10/17/2019 3:24 PM
700	Any renaming should be put to the public for both suggesting new names and a vote for the final decision. That said, keeping the original name is an excellent teaching opportunity. In addition, changing the name would also make researching its long history a bit more difficult.	10/17/2019 3:24 PM
701	No	10/17/2019 3:23 PM
702	Leave the name as it is	10/17/2019 3:23 PM
703	Consideration/consultation should be had with local First Nation for the new name.	10/17/2019 3:21 PM
704	The school is working just fine with that name. Why change the schools name and have everyone re-learn a new name or not know that the name was changed or think that there is a new school.	10/17/2019 3:19 PM
705	It's important for the new name to be relevant to the the community the school serves, and to the location/territory that it is on.	10/17/2019 3:18 PM
706	I attended in mid 1960. The name was never an issue. The school was very diverse at that time. I never witnessed any discrimination of any kind. The issue does not have enough priority to justify a budget adjustment at this time.	10/17/2019 3:18 PM
707	Instead of renaming, how about teaching children about George Jay and the times in which he lived. A time in which many people unfortunately believed racism and segregation were justified. Stop trying to wipe out history, learn from it instead and move forward in a loving, all-encompassing manner.	10/17/2019 3:15 PM
708	A local indigenous place name or esteemed member of the Chinese community.	10/17/2019 3:13 PM
709	Do not name after a person.	10/17/2019 3:13 PM
710	I would want the name to be of a Victoria resident of Chinese decent who made an exceptional positive impact with children in our community	10/17/2019 3:13 PM
711	Perhaps something empowering or honoring those with inclusive history and values could be considered	10/17/2019 3:12 PM
712	Times has come to exterminate the hurtful, racist history buried in names of all our institutions.	10/17/2019 3:11 PM
713	I'd support a name that is not in homage to a person but rather to a place or shared value like North Park or Sunshine school	10/17/2019 3:09 PM
714	I wonder if it is possible to prioritize and draw attention to all of the needs that exist at George Jay Elementary including a name change.	10/17/2019 3:04 PM
715	Leave it alone! Stop trying to erase the history of our community. That which is detrimental is still a learning point in our education and the school is the ideal time and place to learn from previous mistakes.	10/17/2019 2:57 PM

716	Given that Jay was accomplished enough to name a school after so why not tell us why he was noteworthy in the first place rather than focusing on his politics?	10/17/2019 2:56 PM
717	In the spirit of Truth and Reconciliation, I am hoping that the Lekwungen speaking peoples and the Songhees and Esquimalt Nations are being consulted too. Thank you so much for this opportunity!	10/17/2019 2:55 PM
718	All schools named after individuals should be renamed to bring them into alignment with new policy	10/17/2019 2:50 PM
719	I oppose renaming of the school.	10/17/2019 2:48 PM
720	I believe that any institution which represents our children (schools, community centres, etc) should be named after positive examples of their community. To be proud of your area is an important representation to others that community matters.	10/17/2019 2:47 PM
721	The original name of the school before it was renamed George Jay should be in the list of new names.	10/17/2019 2:45 PM
722	History is called history for a reason. Stop trying to erase it from memory.	10/17/2019 2:42 PM
723	Let us not denigrate the good works of the past, upon which naming decisions were based in the past. Mr. Jay's descendants do not deserve such ill treatment. He was a man of his time whose values reflected those of others of his time. Rename from a place of positive motivation, not negative, and in a way that inspires and uplifts, and reflects all who have built and continue to build this great community and nation.	10/17/2019 2:38 PM
724	Please don't make it an unpronounceable name.	10/17/2019 2:36 PM
725	I hope a name can be chosen that represents the diverse Fernwood neighbourhood, or something simple like Fernwood Elementary.	10/17/2019 2:33 PM
726	Please keep it the way it is and explain to students the history behind it even if negative so they can learn real hard facts good & bad.	10/17/2019 2:31 PM
727	i went from grade 2 - grade 6 years ago, leave it alone	10/17/2019 2:29 PM
728	As a lifelong advocate fighting racism I believe we should not honour those with racist attitudes like this one. Segregation never works to the best for all it only serves to be divisive.	10/17/2019 2:26 PM
729	We are Chinese	10/17/2019 2:24 PM
730	I would like to see this school renamed under consultation with the local first nations.	10/17/2019 2:22 PM
731	No comment	10/17/2019 2:21 PM
732	This school has been an important part of many children who have entered this country with their parents and were taught English a stepping stone to further their education!	10/17/2019 2:20 PM
733	Instead of renaming, I suggest using the name as a learning opportunity to appreciate how wrong this was and how we have learned from our mistakes moving forward.	10/17/2019 2:16 PM
734	I'm Asian. I grew up in Victoria. I don't need a name change or an apology or whatever else nonsense people are making a mountain out of a mole hill about. Acknowledge what has been done and move on.	10/17/2019 2:12 PM
735	I am adamantly opposed to revisionist history. You cannot rewrite history. The school (and other buildings, sites in the city) were named for important people of the time, whether or not you agreed with their views at the time or in light of today's mores. Erasing history does not change it.	10/17/2019 2:12 PM
736	Naming after people always has potential for complications like this in the future. An alternative idea might be a reference to one of the First Nation's names for the local area (like Camosun college, for example.)	10/17/2019 2:11 PM
737	We could end up changing names if streets schools and numerous other things. 50 years from now they will be changed again by a new generation. LEAVE THE NAME ALONE. my grandfather attended the first year it opened and my dad attended the school too	10/17/2019 2:06 PM
738	It is shameful that the school has been named after a racist and it has taken so long to correct this. The name should respect the indigenous peoples of this land.	10/17/2019 2:03 PM
739	Just leave the name alone	10/17/2019 2:01 PM
740	Can I suggest "North Park Elementary"	10/17/2019 2:01 PM
741	You're trying to make too many changes to our city!!! Things were different many	10/17/2019 1:59 PM

years ago, we shouldn't be trying to change history.

742	To calm down the public roar of conservatives who are afraid history is being erased, i think you'll need to be super strategic in explaining why the name is being changed. But I support it 100%. We are more interesting people to commemorate than racists.	10/17/2019 1:55 PM
743	No	10/17/2019 1:45 PM
744	Any renaming process should be informed by the fact that we occupiers on unceded First Nations land.	10/17/2019 1:45 PM
745	History is over flowing of names of places or buildings that at the time they were named it was deemed acceptable. We are now going down the path of trying to erase things that happened in the past. I personally feel education about George Jay, Sir John A MacDonald and others is more important than trying to erase them. Just because you rename something does not mean it did not happen	10/17/2019 1:45 PM
746	Rename it Fernwood Elementary	10/17/2019 1:44 PM
747	The money that would be spent in the renaming effort should go to the student's education at George Jay	10/17/2019 1:42 PM
748	Do not agree with changing historical names	10/17/2019 1:33 PM
749	Call it fernwood elementary	10/17/2019 1:33 PM
750	I hope renaming will consider reconciliation with Chinese community	10/17/2019 1:33 PM
751	No	10/17/2019 1:31 PM
752	Ethos is ridiculous. Pick anyone from the 1800s and tell me they aren't racist in any way. That's the way things were and history is history.	10/17/2019 1:31 PM
753	Not at this time.	10/17/2019 1:29 PM
754	The Chinese community has faced a lot of discrimination in Victoria dating back to the Gold Rush days. Renaming recognizes this and shows value to the Chinese community. We make a big deal about orange shirt day and wrongs against our aboriginal community. It is time to address wrongs committed to the Chinese as well.	10/17/2019 1:29 PM
755	It would be a good thing to rename the school to reflect the TRC Calls to Action that the City of Victoria is working towards.	10/17/2019 1:26 PM
756	I attended George Jay as a child. As an adult I don't see how putting a band-aid on the wrongs of the past is going to help anything. Leave the name alone. Learn from past mistakes. Covering it up isn't going to change history.	10/17/2019 1:26 PM
757	I fear this being a public process, that those who believe history should be 'left alone' will overwhelm this process. I hope more weight is given to Fernwood and George Jay families' input.	10/17/2019 1:26 PM
758	I think it's important to understand that some namesakes need to be recognized as damaging to building diverse and inclusive communities moving forward. If concern has been expressed about the name of the person the school had been named after not being a person that should hold respect than we should accept that and remove him from the position of respect, such as the namesake of a loved and wonderful school. Respect, recognize and try to do better...I think that is in all of us ☺	10/17/2019 1:22 PM
759	Leave the name the same. Stop rewriting our city's history	10/17/2019 1:21 PM
760	The new name should represent where we want to be and not where we are.	10/17/2019 1:21 PM
761	Need to engage with the communities that were harmed by these policies	10/17/2019 1:19 PM
762	Me, my father, and my grandfather all attended the school. My mother and father (separated) live on either side of the school, I live four blocks away and visit the area often. I 100 percent agree with the renaming of the school. I would love to see a more recent positive influence in the name, such as a indigenous or Chinese decent name.	10/17/2019 1:16 PM
763	Yes, we dont change history by hiding it. The SJA statue removal was ridiculous. If we keep going this way the city will have to be renamed eventually.	10/17/2019 1:14 PM
764	Erasing history because it doesn't agree with your current ideals is damaging, both in disallowing understanding of why things happened and increasing the chance they will happen again. Keeping the name, but ensuring the students know the facts behind the man, both the good and the bad, will allow the future generation to understand, with context, the history that has lead to the present.	10/17/2019 1:07 PM
765	Name should not reflect a specific culture nor should it be affiliated with any special interest group that the government wishes to promote. This includes in particular the Mayor's office and council.	10/17/2019 1:06 PM

766	we have to stop renaming everything, you cannot erase history. We must learn from the past, not ignore it. Changing the name will not do anything but appease a few who can't look forward	10/17/2019 1:05 PM
767	I would like a plaque stating the new name, and the old name. On the plaque should be the reasons for changing the name and the reasons why the school was named for George Jay in the first place. He is not without contributions to the school district	10/17/2019 1:04 PM
768	My father attended this school starting in 1913. Please leave name alone. Let's move on and acknowledge past mistakes and not repeat them. Let it be.	10/17/2019 1:01 PM
769	I am very disappointed with the constant attempts to rewrite history. Yes practices change as to what is socially acceptable and they will continue to do so. Frank discussions and recognition of how society has changed particularly in the area of acceptance and respect for different cultures is the important point. There are so many more important educational issues that need to be addressed!	10/17/2019 12:58 PM
770	Changing the name of a school, or any other building or area, does not erase the history of the building or the name. But it does confuse, frustrate and, sometimes anger the community. Use the name to teach about the history of it not just erase it. Furthermore the money spent on renaming would be better used in the school or other schools to improve current education.	10/17/2019 12:56 PM
771	It absolutely seems like the right thing to do, especially with such a diverse school.	10/17/2019 12:56 PM
772	Stupid idea. We are losing our history, right or wrong.	10/17/2019 12:55 PM
773	People need to learn to stop changing things that aren't broken.	10/17/2019 12:55 PM
774	Honestly think the School should honor true Canadian Hero Sarah McLachlan. Sarah McLachlan Elementary has a mighty ring to it.	10/17/2019 12:54 PM
775	You can't change history but you can learn from it.	10/17/2019 12:54 PM
776	Leave it alone.. history is history and does not all need to be rewritten	10/17/2019 12:52 PM
777	Dont change the name	10/17/2019 12:48 PM
778	Just wondering why we keep changing parts of history because of what one person did. It is getting out of hand. This is part of Victoria's history.	10/17/2019 12:48 PM
779	Stop this nonsense. This is part of a trend. It needs to stop. There are way bigger issues.	10/17/2019 12:47 PM
780	Keep the name but provide a plaque with context at the school. We can't keep erasing history.	10/17/2019 12:46 PM
781	I think renaming the school would uphold current ideals regarding the treatment of students in our community. Please consider consulting the First Nation communities of the area for names to consider. As well, Fernwood Elementary School would also be fitting. Thank you for proving the survey for community input. I really appreciate it.	10/17/2019 12:46 PM
782	The music program	10/17/2019 12:44 PM
783	Why dont you just call it Victim Cult Elementary and be done with it! Whats next? Are you going to remove the word Victoria from the Victoria School District because of the implication of colonialism?	10/17/2019 12:42 PM
784	We need to keep in mind Indigenous Reconciliation. Canada continues to be a brutal colonizer. White folks are guests on this unceded territory.	10/17/2019 12:42 PM
785	Everyone has opinions and people should not be judged for their opinions be them popular or not. If he was a pedophile or rapist or some other type of recognized criminal then I would say it is just. People at the time felt the naming was justified and in the absence of a legal reason to withdraw that acknowledgement it is a few with opinions that wish to judge others for their opinions. Otherwise it's a waste of tax dollars that could be spent in much more useful ways. If others opinions are that it needs to be changed allow them to raise the money for a community vote of the local rate payers and put it to a legal vote and if they win then they can foot the bill for their opinion.	10/17/2019 12:41 PM
786	Do we re-name Victoria (elitist - racist); Cook St. (white supremacist - colonialist) Quadra St. : (Spanish conquistador - war manger) - all names have issues	10/17/2019 12:40 PM
787	It seems obvious to me that the district should change the name of the school.	10/17/2019 12:37 PM
788	helps and her dirty band of followers are ridiculous!	10/17/2019 12:36 PM
789	More People of Colour, and Women need to be honoured with school names.	10/17/2019 12:35 PM
790	Try to focus on the good, not the negative. We have learned from history, I'm sure	10/17/2019 12:35 PM

	George Jay was a decent man and did some good during his tenure. Perhaps a focus on that, and how we've learned from history so we don't repeat it	
791	Its honestly not a good name anyways, so you should be able to do much better	10/17/2019 12:32 PM
792	This school is a very diverse cultural school, and to the school named after a person who actively segregated children based on race is not something that should be memorialized and honoured. It doesn't embody what they're trying to teach the children about celebrating diversity which is especially important at that school.	10/17/2019 12:32 PM
793	There are far more pressing issues at GJ Elementary. Overcrowding, lack of EAs, massive ELL very heightened socioeconomic disadvantages and designated pressures as a result. Renaming seems like a lower priority. I would also add that the cultural diversity at the school now it's a tribute in irony if juxtaposed with the historical injustice and George Jay's name and perhaps that's what should be the "teachable moment" here.	10/17/2019 12:31 PM
794	Simply renaming a school does not change history. There is a learning opportunity here that is more important than a name change.	10/17/2019 12:29 PM
795	No	10/17/2019 12:28 PM
796	Reconcil-action. Connect and collaborate with the local Indigenous communities regarding how the school board should move forward in a respectful way.	10/17/2019 12:23 PM
797	we should stop trying to erase history, but learn from it instead. Should we start changing the names of our cities too?? There are also far more important things to spend money on than looking into stuff like this.	10/17/2019 12:23 PM
798	When we sweep racist history under the rug or erase it from public memory, we don't learn and heal from it.	10/17/2019 12:22 PM
799	In light of Reconciliation, the new school name should incorporate the traditional place name given to it by our First Nations.	10/17/2019 12:22 PM
800	The school community should vote from a selection of options, and not be told a new name.	10/17/2019 12:21 PM
801	Final name choices are important. Want to make sure it isn't someone with like history.	10/17/2019 12:20 PM
802	What was the name that the First People of this area had for this area	10/17/2019 12:19 PM
803	Nope.	10/17/2019 12:19 PM
804	This isn't hard. Why alienate the disenfranchised minorities even more. Minorities will never feel fully comfortable in environments which don't stand up and take a stand at past and current transgressions. Segregation is wrong now and was wrong then, this is fact.	10/17/2019 12:19 PM
805	Can the funding needed to rename the school be reallocated towards the education and class room supplies of children in the school	10/17/2019 12:13 PM
806	Renaming should be done with reconciliation in mind!	10/17/2019 12:13 PM
807	The school should ideally be renamed in the spirit of reconciliation with the Chinese-Canadian community George Jay's policies affected. Perhaps renaming the school to refer to one of Student Strikers, or other outspoken opponents of the Chinese Exclusion Policy, would be ideal. Someone like Won Alexander Cumyow (the first non-indigenous male born in BC) could work, or even Harry Hastings (although he comes with controversy of his own). Please do not call it, for instance, North Park School, a name that will merely irritate those that cling to Jay's ideas without enhancing the historical memory of the city or providing a teaching opportunity of any kind.	10/17/2019 12:13 PM
808	I think it should be named after a strong woman	10/17/2019 12:12 PM
809	My brother and sister both went to George Jay. It was just the school name. Even now as a 59 yr old woman, I did not know who George Jay was until this idea to change the name came about. Burying our past is worse than naming a school after someone who was following the beliefs of their time. We should take the opportunity to teach our children all about who George Jay was and what life was like back then, for all people. And teach them how far we, as a society, have come, and how much further we must go. Changing the name will not change the past. Hiding the truth leads us to repeat the mistakes.	10/17/2019 12:11 PM
810	I do not condone George Jay's actions however, he was a product of his time. We cannot erase the past, hopefully we live in more enlightened times & going forward not naming new schools after individuals sounds appropriate.	10/17/2019 12:10 PM
811	i do not agree with the renaming of the school, it has stood with that name for over 100 years, it had a chance to change the name about 5 years ago when the school	10/17/2019 12:09 PM

had seismic renovation and it was widely decided them to keep the name George Jay school, this information was available then just as it is now and i still very much believe that we should keep the name.

812	good lord - seriously. while I don't support discrimination of any kind, the man responsible is DEAD!!! without all the namby pamby political correctness nonsense that we're subject to unendingly these days, this wouldn't even be an issue. for the love of god, leave it as it is and move on to real issues facing our schools such as lack of funding, class size, and low staffing levels	10/17/2019 12:09 PM
813	I don't think you can find one person from back in the 1800's who didn't have some sort of discrimination against others. In my opinion we are wasting time and money on things like name changes - for example Ogden point name change. People need to stop getting their panties in a bunch over things from HISTORY!	10/17/2019 12:08 PM
814	No additional input at this time.	10/17/2019 12:07 PM
815	In particular I support any revised name that helps foster Indigenous reconciliation (such as a Lekwungen place name for our area or the springs that were a vital part of our neighbourhood's role in the development of our community) or which reflects the very multicultural composition our school has had over the years (my dad learned to speak English at George Jay as a 10 year-old new arrival to Canada; I am proud that my own two sons get to go there with kids of so many cultures, including many different First Nations as well as many families who have arrived to a Canada from around the world.)	10/17/2019 12:07 PM
816	I vote for Schoolie McSchoolface	10/17/2019 12:06 PM
817	The new name should be a good name.	10/17/2019 12:05 PM
818	This is getting ridiculous. Teach about the person and what they did and how not to do it.	10/17/2019 12:04 PM
819	Changing the Name is Changing History Leave it as is.	10/17/2019 12:03 PM
820	Whatever name is chosen it must reflect the values of today and also the values and reflections of the community it serves with an explanation as to why it is being renamed. Some people may want things to stay the same but history and what we considered morally ok is different now and I would hope that we wish our students to have role models more current with today's views of acceptance, love and inclusivity what respect also to culture and traditional lands. Everyone can learn some. It is a teachable moment and isn't that what education is all about?	10/17/2019 12:02 PM
821	The name of the school should reflect the community it services and should take into consideration the first nation's land it is on.	10/17/2019 12:00 PM
822	Changing names doesnt change the past plus can confuse a lot of people	10/17/2019 11:59 AM
823	Perhaps the name of an individual or activist that has worked to support diversity within our community.	10/17/2019 11:58 AM
824	Consider the inclusion of First Nations or non-male names. Too many things are named after horrible dead old white men.	10/17/2019 11:57 AM
825	A school name is not important.	10/17/2019 11:55 AM
826	No	10/17/2019 11:54 AM
827	Use a traditional Indigenous name in support of the TRC	10/17/2019 11:53 AM
828	It's important to understand that renaming changes nothing about history. Maybe going forward, don't give buildings names. For now, leave well enough alone please..	10/17/2019 11:53 AM
829	I have no objection to renaming the school, however, if we use today's standards to judge people from the past, everybody was racist 100 years ago. I don't know what this person did besides expecting students to speak English in public schools - most people, if not everyone would have agreed with him at that time. If the school is to be renamed, I think naming it after a Chinese Canadian would be most appropriate.	10/17/2019 11:53 AM
830	No	10/17/2019 11:48 AM
831	The current name is offensive and does not reflect current sensibilities and values or the multi-cultural make up of the school.	10/17/2019 11:48 AM
832	Let us not try someone this year on their life 100 years ago.	10/17/2019 11:47 AM
833	No.	10/17/2019 11:44 AM
834	New name should be an Indigenous or Chinese name.	10/17/2019 11:43 AM
835	Just do it	10/17/2019 11:43 AM
836	Racism should not be condoned, let alone honoured, especially in an establishment	10/17/2019 11:42 AM

	that educates children.	
837	Stop trying to change history by changing the names of buildings. Removing statues and renaming schools will not change the fact this country was built by racists. Period. End of [REDACTED] story.	10/17/2019 11:42 AM
838	We should acknowledge the territories that we reside on and honour the Indigenous people who inhabited these lands before us.	10/17/2019 11:40 AM
839	Once I learned who he was, I've been saying it to anyone who will listen that the name should be changed. I have 3 kids in SD61. It would be great to see an Indigenous or Chinese community leader be honoured.	10/17/2019 11:39 AM
840	I do not support this, as it contributes to an open-ended precedent of renaming anything that may offend.	10/17/2019 11:39 AM
841	May I request an online survey on the proposal for VicHigh lands to have a 155 unit complex and whether this is in the best interests of students, the District and the neighbourhood?	10/17/2019 11:39 AM
842	Did this man make any amends or change his position on segregation within his lifetime or during his influence? We do the best we know until we know better. If he changed his views or actions, this should be taken into consideration rather than focusing on earlier mistakes. However, if he held fast to his segregation beliefs throughout his time of influence, renaming should be considered.	10/17/2019 11:38 AM
843	A name that reflects the multicultural heritage of the city.	10/17/2019 11:37 AM
844	History is history for a reason. We can't always hide behind a door	10/17/2019 11:37 AM
845	George Jay was a product of his time and socio-economic location, and very few parts of history are not marred by unfortunate events or leanings. Changing a name does not change history. Perhaps the school could instead make this a teachable moment? Changing the name only teaches our kids that you can sweep the ugly parts of history under the rug.	10/17/2019 11:35 AM
846	Erasing history is a poor lesson to be teaching children.	10/17/2019 11:34 AM
847	if local first nation communities feel it is appropriate, then i strongly support a name that honours the the indigenous communities that have and continue to exist in the territory where the school is located.	10/17/2019 11:32 AM
848	I asked my 8yr old who george jay was and his response was a president that's why the school named ..... oh and Ronald Reagan was a singer....So really who are we changing the name for ...adults?kids that dont understand?community?	10/17/2019 11:32 AM
849	In order to grow as individuals, we ALL need to learn from mistakes — be those mistakes made in the past, present and/or the impact our decisions may have on the future. Let's stop trying to re-write or correct history— be that good, bad or indifferent.	10/17/2019 11:28 AM
850	No, just rename it already. It's an easy gesture to show progress.	10/17/2019 11:26 AM
851	there is something to be said for not changing the names of things ..can we just leave the name of streets..schools ..enough already ..history is what it is good ..bad and ugly that is what has shaped this country to what it is we have arrived at this place in time because of the history that we all share ..and changing the name is a complete waste of time and money !!	10/17/2019 11:26 AM
852	I think it is essential to engage the students in the process as a learning opportunity. And to engage with the Songhees nation on whose traditional territory the school resides.	10/17/2019 11:25 AM
853	There's no need to keep idolizing these men. Let's focus on the children and the next generations.	10/17/2019 11:25 AM
854	The only evidence presented to support this motion is anecdotal or based on a single researchers analysis in 2011. Where is the evidence based research to support this initiative?	10/17/2019 11:24 AM
855	First Nations name preferable	10/17/2019 11:23 AM
856	Ridiculous to judge past figures by today's standards. Trudeau wore blackface and apologized and it was fine. I'm sure if Mr. Jay we're alive today he would apologize for his past actions, but trying to erase history is NOT the way to go about unifying people.	10/17/2019 11:23 AM
857	I'm more concerned about class sizes and total population of the school to be honest. Rename the school all you like but that won't help the actual school in anyway.	10/17/2019 11:23 AM
858	I attended that school from grade 1 through 7 . And it never bothered us then and we all played as kids together .So why bring it up now .just let it go.	10/17/2019 11:23 AM

859	Why are you even surveying people? If George Jay promoted racist ideas, then just rename the school. The only people who would want to keep that name are okay with racism.	10/17/2019 11:22 AM
860	The act of reconciliation is important. Changing the name would show the community how we can correct past wrongs and how diversity is welcomed at this school. Best wishes.	10/17/2019 11:21 AM
861	This is a huge amount of money and resources that should be put towards far more important needs in the district. Ridiculous waste of time	10/17/2019 11:20 AM
862	Don't remove the name from history - use it as a learning tool going forward.	10/17/2019 11:18 AM
863	Not happy with the way this is happening.	10/17/2019 11:18 AM
864	It was a very racist period in BC history and George Jay was a leader in the promotion of segregation. It is not the renaming of the school that is essential but sharing the history of the times in BC when some of the decisions about segregation and discrimination that took place that affected children and interrupted their schooling.	10/17/2019 11:17 AM
865	I think this name change idea is absurd and the school board should stop waisting their time with such nonsense and pay more attention to the overwhelming overcrowding issues in all of the Greater Victoria schools.	10/17/2019 11:16 AM
866	Waste of money. If I have my facts right this will be roughly \$50000 before all is said and done. Imagine what good could be accomplished with that kind of money! Why are you denying teachers new primary carts, carpets, portables, etc if you have this kind of money to spend on something purely symbolic?! How ridiculous. George Jay is bursting at the seams, desperately in need of more EAs, and you are spending \$50000 on something that is just symbolic and ancient history.	10/17/2019 11:15 AM
867	What are some of the great things that George Jay did to have this school named after him? Your survey lacks balance in only showcasing one of his policies that is culturally abhorrent today, but was not uncommon at the time. Can any public figures from a hundred years ago stand up to the overly-intense public scrutiny our culture levels at them? How about we value what George Jay can teach us - including what not to do.	10/17/2019 11:14 AM
868	There should be an indigenous or it should be named after a woman of valor.	10/17/2019 11:13 AM
869	Leave it alone. Learn but don't erase the past.	10/17/2019 11:13 AM
870	This school struggles as it is I do not believe any money should be put towards a name change. My child and family are Chinese and they do not support a name change either. My family (who are small business owners in Victoria) say that the Chinese community at large does not support this name change nor do they appreciate this unwanted attention due to being used as an excuse to change the name. We are also not impressed that Chinese community and/or Chinese families at George Jay were not consulted and found this all out from the media!	10/17/2019 11:09 AM
871	He was a racist. We should not honour indigenous oppressors. I support renaming George Gay school to something that respects indigenous people and their chiefs more.	10/17/2019 11:06 AM
872	Options for the new name should have some prominent Chinese-Canadians as suggestions.	10/17/2019 11:04 AM
873	Why change the name now after all these years? The past is the past and made us all who we are. You cannot change the past by erasing history books. We must learn from the mistakes of our forefathers. Remember, it was a different era with different circumstances.	10/17/2019 11:02 AM
874	I think changing the name is just ridiculous! It's part of our history regardless of what people think of it!	10/17/2019 11:02 AM
875	It's the correct thing to do	10/17/2019 11:01 AM
876	Stop re naming everything in the city	10/17/2019 11:00 AM
877	It is important to right this historical wrong by renaming this school.	10/17/2019 11:00 AM
878	The school should be renamed, but not after someone else. Rename it something meaningful to the Chinese community, or use a Lkwungen place name.	10/17/2019 11:00 AM
879	I think that not changing the name would send a very harmful message. Please stand up for diversity and social justice, and choose a name that reflects those Fernwood values.	10/17/2019 11:00 AM
880	Name it after something in the neighborhood e g spring ridge	10/17/2019 10:58 AM
881	I'd rather my child were in a school where they learned it was named after someone	10/17/2019 10:57 AM



with racist views towards Chinese people and learned not to be like him rather than covering it up and pretending everything in the past were great and there wasn't bad stuff that happened in the past.

882	During George Jay's time, he was not doing anything wrong. He wanted to make sure that the children in the school could speak English. I do not disagree with this. It would have been much harder for teachers and the other students. To rename the school because times have changes takes away from what the school currently is. What if we are unknowingly doing something that the next generation deems wrong, I would hate to have my name tarnished for something that is currently "socially acceptable ".	10/17/2019 10:57 AM
883	no	10/17/2019 10:56 AM
884	We need a name that represents the diverse community of families attending the school. Thanks	10/17/2019 10:56 AM
885	As part of this process, it's my hope that if a new name is chosen - there is signage at the school that says the old name and why a new name was chosen. I think part of Reconciliation with each other is: remembering the past, understanding why we need to change - and the outcome of working towards equality (the new name).	10/17/2019 10:55 AM
886	I suggest "Steller's Jay" as a better name	10/17/2019 10:54 AM
887	Erasing history is foolish PC pandering. Educate, don't erase!	10/17/2019 10:53 AM
888	Can we stop all this "renaming" everything!	10/17/2019 10:52 AM
889	Ecole Fernwood Elementary School.	10/17/2019 10:50 AM
890	Historical reasons	10/17/2019 10:49 AM
891	We must not forget the past and using the name of the school to educate future generations as to what was or was not appropriate at the time would be worthwhile. Most people from history did things that we would consider questionable these days. Let's learn from these folks instead of hiding them away from the public.	10/17/2019 10:49 AM
892	If we keep changing names of history makers weather good or bad we will not learn from the mistakes they made so we wont be able to change and grow for the better	10/17/2019 10:48 AM
893	Nothing that might be considered 'trendy'.	10/17/2019 10:47 AM
894	Don't name it after a person	10/17/2019 10:47 AM
895	Cost - really does anyone really feel saddened or hurt by the name - opportunity fir someone to get 15 mins of fame - not teaching resilience	10/17/2019 10:45 AM
896	Leave the past in the past. Segregation was common at that time. Society needs to move on.	10/17/2019 10:45 AM
897	How about calling it Fernwood Elementary School	10/17/2019 10:44 AM
898	Renaming does not change history. Use this as an opportunity to discuss and educate students	10/17/2019 10:43 AM
899	Name should contain to Fernwood neighbourhood. I do not necessarily agree that we need to revert to First Nations nomenclature. I'm not in favour of the PC movement.	10/17/2019 10:43 AM
900	Budgets are tight and funds are better spent on direct student needs. Educational materials can be used at lower cost, to teach about the history and how far society has come since. Renaming & all costs associated with that are too much, when other more affordable options are available. 9 people in my family are formed students and we are all Chinese. We don't support the name change & using public funds to finance it.	10/17/2019 10:42 AM
901	if we rename or erase the darker sides of our history no one learns....when we know better we do better	10/17/2019 10:41 AM
902	I am a teacher in the Victoria School District. If George Jay is named after a man who supported segregation, then the name should be changed for sure.	10/17/2019 10:37 AM
903	Renaming should not be done as a knee-jerk reaction like this to people who complain. The School District should follow its school naming policy or if it does not have one, should develop a school naming policy that sets out a clear process and guidelines for how school names should be chosen or changed. I do not support racism but that is a fact of our past that was normal at the time and reflected a widespread, if wrongly held, belief. We can't change the past but we can learn from it. We can't learn from it if we pretend it never existed. If the School District chooses to rename the school, I would suggest a first step is to have policy which clearly states the reason such a change is being considered. Is it (a) that the School District wants to wipe uncomfortable history away and pretend it never existed? (b)	10/17/2019 10:36 AM

that the School District responds to squeaky wheels who cry racism that no longer exists, or (c) because they have a clearly laid out policy with concrete rationale for a name change and are following that policy?

904	Because the school is located on unceded Lekwungen traditional territory I think it would be important to ask for input from the local Indigenous communities about possible name options for the school and would support a name change.	10/17/2019 10:34 AM
905	The negative impact of George Jay's tenure is clear. Did he also play a positive role in education in Victoria during his tenure? If so, perhaps there is also a need for historical perspective when considering renaming the school.	10/17/2019 10:34 AM
906	Its unfortunate that were considering hiding history by renaming schools, buildings and or removing statues. George Jay still did tremendous good for his community and that is why he is remembered in history, to ignore the good and focus only on the bad is doing an injustice to education and history. The community would be best served educating our future and past generations why some of his behaviours are not valued and respected in this day and age--give a context to the history and the times these individuals lived in, what was represented and how our society behaved in those historical times and how we've changed as a society, rather than hiding history to remain 'politically correct' in today's new age.	10/17/2019 10:33 AM
907	What's next, Sir James Douglas? Sorry history should not be obliterated to satisfy a few. Use these pioneers to teach history, good and bad.	10/17/2019 10:32 AM
908	As a First Nations person, with a First Nations child with a child who is enrolled at George Jay, I think this is a positive move in regards to setting an example and creating meaningful conversation about Indigenous people, equality, and community. Thank-you so much for this even being considered.	10/17/2019 10:31 AM
909	Including First Nations in this process should be prominent.	10/17/2019 10:28 AM
910	We need to accept our history, warts and all. This smacks of the Political Correctness that I feel has grown tiresome over the past number of years. Rather than change the name of the school, which I feel is pointless and superficial, it would be better to make this into a teachable lesson. That we are willing to accept our history, irrespective of the blemishes, and learn from them. All of this feels like an attempt to erase history.	10/17/2019 10:22 AM
911	I went to George Jay in grades 3 and 4 and the belt was given for stupid small infractions. I am 65 now and have never forgotten the name of that place of torture.	10/17/2019 10:20 AM
912	Schools are the center of a community so the new name should reflect that. Fernwood Elementary would make sense as a new name.	10/17/2019 10:19 AM
913	I would love for there to be a name that separates from George Jay but keeps consistent with the history (i.e. something that has "Jay" in it referring for the bird like the current logo)	10/17/2019 10:18 AM
914	Please ensure proper consultation with Songhees and Esquimalt Nations. This is a great opportunity to promote reconciliation with local First Nations.	10/17/2019 10:17 AM
915	If the "it's erasing history" racists don't like the change, how about we change it back to Fernwood Elementary, as that was the name before it was changed to the name of a white supremacist.	10/17/2019 10:17 AM
916	Consider being the first school in Victoria to honor First Nations	10/17/2019 10:16 AM
917	Based on the people I talk to (other parents and community members who had children at George Jay), there seems to be broad appeal for support of a name change. There are some parents who do not support it, and there are some who are ambivalent. The community consultation sounds great and I look forward to some formal guidance on this. Our PAC president is a great force, but has not necessarily heeded the memberships' desire for a statement to be drafted and a collective public voice put forward rather than a singular one. The required membership on the committee that examines this will be great in that there is representation from the staff, parents and district. Who chooses which parents or members of the PAC are on the committee is one question I would like answered at the Nov 6 consultation.	10/17/2019 10:16 AM
918	I believe it is important for us to grow and learn together as a society, and part of that is acknowledging the wrongs of the past and reconciling them for the future. The name should be changed in accordance with the growth we have made.	10/17/2019 10:15 AM
919	George Jay has the most diverse population of students in Victoria and the largest population of Indigenous children. I'd like this process to acknowledge this and that the school is settled on the traditional territory of the Lekwungen-speaking people.	10/17/2019 10:15 AM
920	Why change the name when the school has been George Jay for years, my grandmother attended as a child, there's so much history with the name schools name already.	10/17/2019 10:13 AM

921	North Park Elementary or Fernwood Elementary	10/17/2019 10:13 AM
922	No	10/17/2019 10:12 AM
923	Shouldn't change it.	10/17/2019 10:09 AM
924	The policy of not naming schools after people is not a issue so long as the school board does it's due diligence	10/17/2019 10:08 AM
925	Sounds expensive. Keep the name as a reminder of how far we've come and spend the money on the new annex!	10/17/2019 10:08 AM
926	We are a Chinese family. We did not learn until recently the history of George Jay (the person). Given that this knowledge has now been made available to the public, it would be painful for us if the name of the school were not changed.	10/17/2019 10:04 AM
927	We can't change history...we learn from it and grow. He must have been a great man of his times to have a school named after him. Leave the name as is.	10/17/2019 10:02 AM
928	It's not fair to change our school name. I'm proud of my school the way it is, including the name. From a Grade 5 student.	10/17/2019 9:59 AM
929	Few schools in the district are named for women or people of colour. Perhaps an activist for Chinese Canadian rights would make a good choice?	10/17/2019 9:59 AM
930	no	10/17/2019 9:58 AM
931	Input from the communities affected, particularly Chinese Canadians, from the very beginning, which it sounds like you are doing.	10/17/2019 9:58 AM
932	How far back in history do you wish to go ? In order to make changes!	10/17/2019 9:56 AM
933	Regardless of George Jay's segregationist ideas, I don't think the name means anything to anyone. A name change that better reflects the neighborhood would be ideal. Perhaps simply Fernwood Elementary, or North Park Elementary. Most school names reflect the neighborhood they serve.	10/17/2019 9:56 AM
934	I believe that the reconsidering the naming of George Jay School holds an important opportunity to peel back the layers of the place that the school currently stands on and get to know the history and stories of this place in a new way. In learning about the land's stories and history, we are afforded the opportunity to relate anew with this place and challenge some of the ideas and practices of settler colonialism. Some questions that might be helpful to ask include: What was the name originally given to this land that the school sits on, and what stories does this land hold? What network of relations existed here before the impacts of settler colonialism? Who were the living beings (inclusive of humans and other-than-humans) who called this place home (prior to disruption)? I believe that we have the opportunity to deepen relationship with this place through the process of the school's renaming. I see the involvement of Songhees and Esquimalt nations in this process to be vital. The cultivation of "place-based solidarities" (Rose-Redwood 2016, 201) through reclaiming Indigenous place names also offers a starting point for reconciliation. As stated by Tsartlip First Nation's Chief Don Tom, "Only through a common understanding of the true history of this land can the difficult work of reconciliation begin" (Government of British Columbia, 2019). Reclaiming Indigenous place names challenges settler colonialism's assertion of authority in naming spaces and places that surround us, while recentering "both Indigenous resurgences and more relational approaches to settler colonial power" (Snelgrove, Dhamoon, & Cornthassel 2014, 27). The renaming of George Jay School presents a huge opportunity (and a starting point) for reconciliation.	10/17/2019 9:56 AM
935	Fernwood Elementary	10/17/2019 9:54 AM
936	If they are to incorporate indigenous into the new name . They should have supported indigenous people before . The staff here are the problem . They say they support and do not . Plan the name correctly .	10/17/2019 9:53 AM
937	that you should consult with the Chinese in the naming of the school	10/17/2019 9:51 AM
938	Style up the school names a bit.	10/17/2019 9:51 AM
939	Please remove the name of this egotistical racist from my child's school	10/17/2019 9:50 AM
940	Who would be some local (Victoria or BC), historical, female role models we would like to honour?	10/17/2019 9:49 AM
941	If you're going to change it, change it back to the original name of Fernwood Elementary.	10/17/2019 9:48 AM
942	The student population at the school is very diverse with many First Nations, ELL, immigrants. It would be good to reflect a positive name change to embrace what the school now represents.	10/17/2019 9:48 AM

943	No.	10/17/2019 9:47 AM
944	The original name of the school was Central Park School, until George Jay decided to rename the building after himself antemortem.	10/17/2019 9:46 AM
945	Provide alternate names, before you open discussion.	10/17/2019 9:45 AM
946	Changing the name shows leadership and as a parent I am very proud of the school community for championing it.	10/17/2019 9:45 AM
947	My suggestion is "Fernwood Community School"	10/17/2019 9:45 AM
948	I can appreciate that renaming the school is sensitive given all the hard work done in recent years to rebrand "George Jay" with a positive connotation. However, I don't think given what we know about this person's involvement in segregation within schools that we can ignore this any longer. I support renaming the school to reflect some local person who was progressive in the educational field. I would be proud to say that my child goes to a school that can change direction and reflect the current climate of acceptance, diversity and tolerance.	10/17/2019 9:45 AM
949	I do not believe in our society that we as a people should silence our history. Both the negative, and the positive aspects of our history are important to embrace, protect, and educate generation after generation about the truth of our history for what it is and for what it was. Teaching our children, or our adults to ignore our history and to try and cover it up by doing things such as changing names of historical schools , streets, and properties is not right.	10/17/2019 9:42 AM
950	It is important to repudiate racism by renaming this school. I would like to see a wider program of reviewing the names of all schools in the district.	10/17/2019 9:40 AM
951	A name change is a must! It would be appropriate to work with local First Nations to find a name.	10/17/2019 9:39 AM
952	Rather than naming after a person, let us choose an inclusive name that recognizes the current community and its capacity for growth and change. Let's look to the future - ASPIRATIONAL -rather than the past - representational.	10/17/2019 9:38 AM
953	If the name is kept the same maybe a memorial of some sort For the Chinese community of Victoria	10/17/2019 9:38 AM
954	I think it's important to consider the cost of this renaming. I want to make sure that the dollars used for this purpose aren't being taken away from other important areas like reconciliation efforts, or further student supports.	10/17/2019 9:38 AM
955	None	10/17/2019 9:37 AM
956	A name should be generic, and not favour any specific group. 'North Park' or 'Fernwood' would make a lot of sense.	10/17/2019 9:37 AM
957	As a Chinese Canadian, I did not know of the impact of George Jay, but I appreciate the efforts of bringing this to light.	10/17/2019 9:37 AM
958	We cannot rewrite history. What we can do is provide information about the person whose name is used on a school or building, and their history regarding segregation. This then becomes an opportunity for dialogue.	10/17/2019 9:34 AM
959	Do we have a name of someone who championed inclusion of our Chinese/Canadian residents? Or possibly named after the land/community in which it rests on?	10/17/2019 9:33 AM
960	I would love George Jay school to be renamed with reference to an influential member of the historic Chinese-Canadian community during the late 19th or early 20th century. Or an influential Indigenous leader from the same time period. It is beyond time to publicly recognize the important historical figures of non-European Canadians. Thank you for considering this request - let's make the change!	10/17/2019 9:33 AM
961	This is a long overdue change. Thank you for taking it on. I appreciate the idea of a public consultation, but there is no place for a racist legacy in our district.	10/17/2019 9:33 AM
962	George Jay, while a controversial figure in the school history, was an important person in Victoria and this community. In seeking to erase his name from the school, are we trying to bury this part of our history and deny its existence? This was part of the sign of the time and a really important starting point in the conversation about Canadian diversity and acceptance that currently exist in our culture and especially at George Jay School.The staff, students and our greater community have worked so hard over the years to embrace this ideal of cultural diversity and despite people like George Jay, the man and many others of that generation and many who currently still share these segregationist views, our school community is vibrant, strong, diverse and most importantly, thriving. In short, I think that this is an important starting point to talk about dark parts in our history that we can remember, move beyond and make sure that we don't repeat.	10/17/2019 9:31 AM

963	Renaming is a slippery slope, What is next? South Park for example, the show is not a positive influence on children should that school be renamed too. When do we start to learn from the past instead of trying getting rid of it.	10/17/2019 9:30 AM
964	If the name is not changed, it would be good to have a plaque that situates it in the sociocultural and historical context.	10/17/2019 9:29 AM
965	Call it Fernwood Elementary!	10/17/2019 9:28 AM
966	Our history should not be so sacred that it prevents us from doing what is good in the present. Demonstrating our commitment to all people is more important than a dead man's legacy.	10/17/2019 9:28 AM
967	History	10/17/2019 9:26 AM
968	A first nations name would be preferred	10/17/2019 9:25 AM
969	The staff, community and teachers at George Jay have worked extremely hard over the last 10 years to make an inclusive, supportive and empowering community. We view George Jay as a positive place where all are welcome, supported and loved. Although the name holds a negative past, our school today does not. I support reconciliation, moving forward and inclusion of all. I support dialogue and consideration. I support positive and safe learning environments. I believe we can have all of these no matter our name. If the community, staff and teachers strongly wishes to move and change the name, I will be supportive. However, I do not feel that it is something we must do as our school already embodies love, inclusion, diversity and support for all.	10/17/2019 9:25 AM
970	no	10/17/2019 9:23 AM
971	I think it would be great to honour either the First Nations or Chinese communities, but not use a person's name to rename the school. Perhaps the community could choose a name that reflects the geography, landscape, neighbourhood, or the current presence and environmental stewardship of First Nations peoples.	10/17/2019 9:23 AM
972	Perhaps we should not use figureheads and instead the municipality name.	10/17/2019 9:22 AM
973	It's not about the man, it's about the long time standing of this school and we never have anyone asking about who he was and I've worked in office for 8 years! What this is doing is bringing it up, but many people of that time were like he was. Should we start changing city names too?	10/17/2019 9:21 AM
974	Keep the name	10/17/2019 9:19 AM
975	Re-naming is, in my opinion, a good way to move away from an out-dated, racially inappropriate name, to a more inclusive, and unifying name.	10/17/2019 9:19 AM
976	I support the policy of not using individuals' names in the naming of schools.	10/17/2019 9:18 AM
977	we cannot change, or hide our history. The past is the past. We need to learn from the past and grow and make informed choices. There is no need to rename George Jay.	10/17/2019 9:18 AM
978	I have 2 children at George Jay and both of them support the name change. Especially at a school with such a diverse population.	10/17/2019 9:17 AM
979	n/a	10/17/2019 9:01 AM
980	Thanks for asking [REDACTED]	10/17/2019 8:17 AM