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## Greater Victoria School District Seeks Input as it Prepares for September Start

**VICTORIA, BC** – As the District plans for the 2020-2021 school year, it is launching an online forum to gather input to better understand the learning needs of students and staff to best prepare for the fall startup.

“The Board of Education recognizes the level of parent and guardian involvement in our students’ education, especially over the past three months, and is truly grateful for families’ support and patience. It has been a learning experience of a lifetime,” said Board Chair Jordan Watters. “Given the active participation in our current learning model, we really want to hear from students and their families about how we can continue to work together to set everyone up for success.”

The District is looking to connect with students, staff, administrators, Indigenous Nations, parents and guardians, and the broader community, for thoughts and feedback about a hybrid approach to student instruction. The District anticipates that instruction next year will include some face-to-face and some remote learning options.

“Due to the pandemic, we understand it has been a challenging year for our families and we want to do our best in supporting them,” said Superintendent Shelley Green. “Our starting point is to ask for their input and gain insight into how we can best engage and support students and staff in a blended learning model. We want to hear about experiences, preferred methods of communication, thoughts on rotational schedules, the best time for check-ins, etc., all things that can refine our back to school transition in September.”

The online forum allows participants to openly share their thoughts and actively engage with each other’s ideas. Participants are encouraged to log-on more than once to see how their ideas have ranked and to rank the ideas of others. The forum will close at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, June 23, 2020.

The online exchange is available through the District’s website [www.sd61.bc.ca](http://www.sd61.bc.ca) and can be translated into 50+ languages. Select your preferred language at the start of the exchange.

**To participate now:** <https://my.thoughtexchange.com/scroll/479274642>

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