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# Exchange Summary

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Since the start of school in September, what is working well and what opportunities are there for improvement?



## PARTICIPATION

### Breakdown of Participation



**497**  
Participants



**433**  
Thoughts



**5,797**  
Ratings



## PARTICIPATION

### Breakdown of Participation



Please select your grade.



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15%	(69)	9
25%	(115)	10
23%	(109)	11
37%	(170)	12



# PARTICIPATION

## Breakdown of Participation



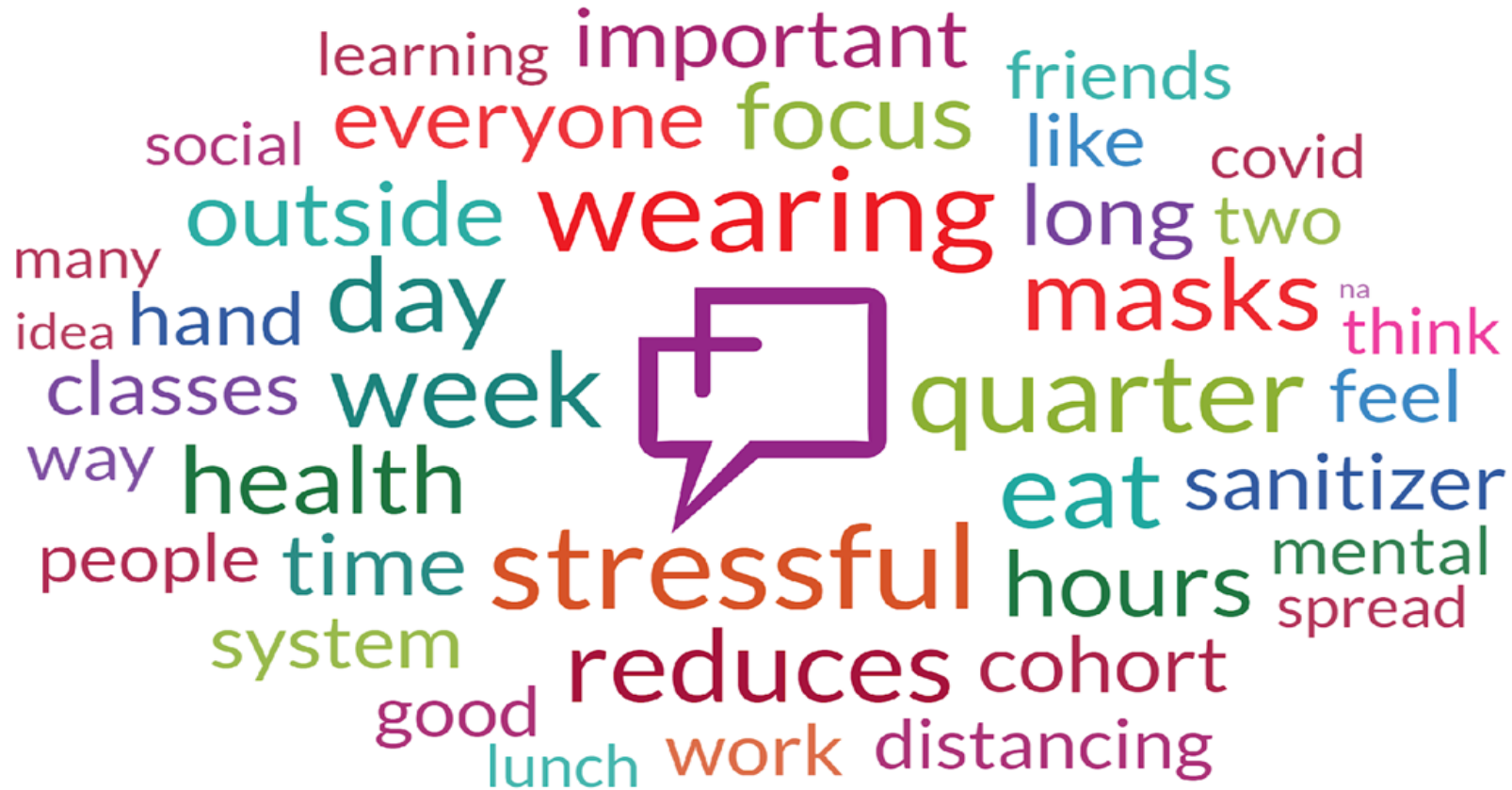
What school do you attend?



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5%	(21)	Esquimalt
5%	(23)	Lambrick Park
29%	(136)	Mt. Douglas
17%	(79)	Oak Bay High
5%	(22)	Reynolds
22%	(102)	Spectrum
16%	(72)	Victoria High
0%	(0)	SJ Burnside Education Centre
0%	(1)	The Link
1%	(4)	Other



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Top Rated






# THOUGHTS

## Key Thoughts




**students opinions are asked but are never considered** students complain about struggles and no one ever listens, ppl have valid points to how hard the quarter system has been but the board won't change it

4.3  ( 21 👤 )  
Ranked #1 of 385


**The 9:00 start has allowed me to get enough sleep to focus throughout the entire day** Even though it is only a one hour difference I am finding that it greatly improves my attentiveness during classes

4.3  ( 12 👤 )  
Ranked #2 of 385

**girl jus wear your mask** no need to show off your face lol be considerate 

4.3  ( 11 👤 )  
Ranked #3 of 385

**bathroom protocol** if i was given a dollar for every time i saw half a dozen grade 9's and 10's shuffle into a 2 person max bathroom, i could pay for uni tuition & books

4.2  ( 22 👤 )  
Ranked #4 of 385

**Mandate mask usage within all areas of the building** Students may have unknowingly contracted an illness

4.2  ( 12 👤 )  
Ranked #5 of 385

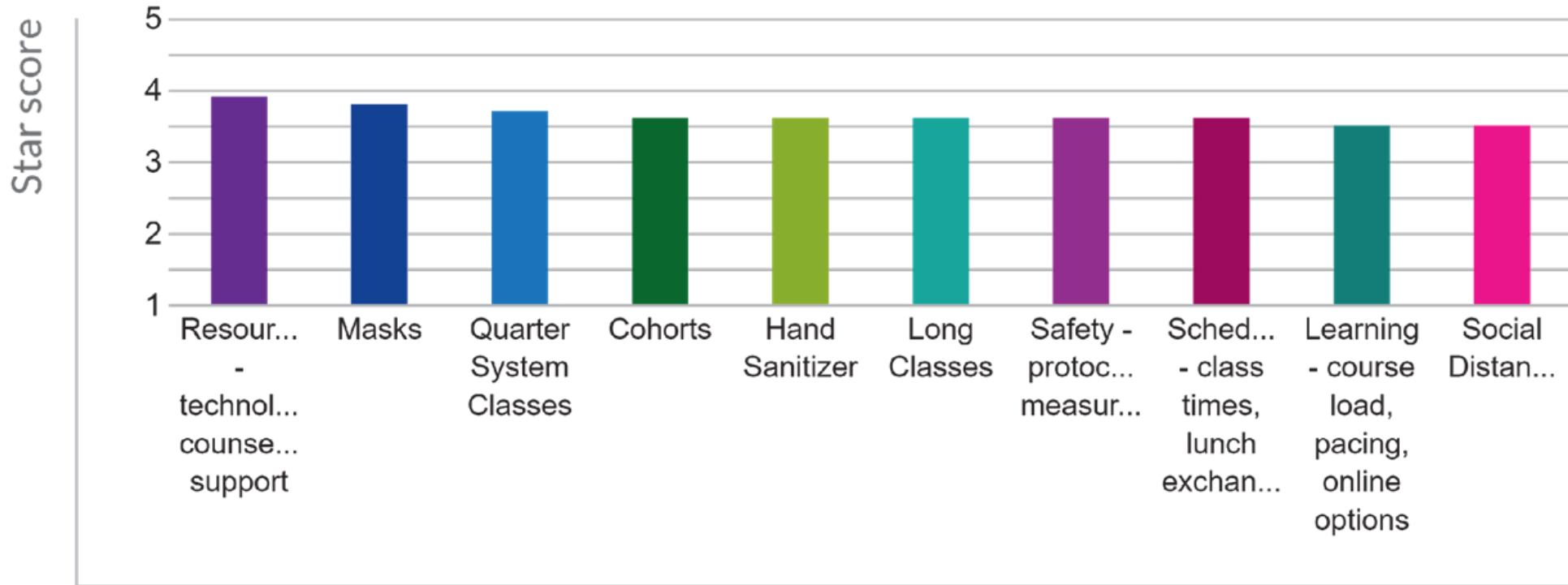
**only two courses is good, but if you have two sciences than it's very difficult** it can get very stressful having to do 2.5-5 hours of science every day and still have lots to do when you get home

4.1  ( 14 👤 )  
Ranked #10 of 385



# OCTOBER 23, 2020

## Top Themes







## THEMES

### Resources - technology, counsellors, support



**There should be more resources for improving your grades and help with work load** when taking a course with a heavy course load as is it can be extremely difficult to keep up when it is condensed into 10 weeks

4.0 ★★★★★ (20 👤)

**A place to work when class is not open** The library should be open so students can do their homework there, especially because there is a lot of work to do because of the new quarter system

3.9 ★★★★★ (21 👤)

**counsellors are careless and bitter.** We need more counsellors in school to share the weight they pull - i can tell theyre overwhelmed so they take it out on students

3.6 ★★★★★ (14 👤)

**One aspect that I think needs improvement is assisting students with technology at home** So students won't fall behind on work because of their home situation.

3.5 ★★★★★ (7 👤)

**I need more lunch time support not having peer tutors this year is really hard** My teachers aren't always able to give extra help but also sometimes I just need a quite space to work which is hard when the library is closed :(

3.3 ★★★★★ (18 👤)

**I think that there should be more of the school population working from home if they can.** I understand that not everyone can stay home but for the people who can I think online school is are best option to flatten the curve

3.3 ★★★★★ (3 👤)



## THEMES

### Masks



girl jus wear your mask no need to show off your face lol be considerate 🧑

4.3 ★★★★★ (11 👤)

**Mandate mask usage within all areas of the building** Students may have unknowingly contracted an illness

4.2 ★★★★★ (12 👤)

**I think a lot of the mask wearing, distancing, sanitizing, etc. is very encouraged by teachers. The problem is some students are starting to stop.** Mask wearing, distancing, and sanitizing is very important for the health and safety of other people.

4.0 ★★★★★ (11 👤)

a lot of students are are wearing masks to reduce the spread of corona virus

4.0 ★★★★★ (11 👤)

wearing masks is good 🧑🧑🧑

3.9 ★★★★★ (21 👤)



## THEMES

### Quarter System Classes



**The quarter system with longer classes is super difficult for academic courses with dense material** Covering multiple lessons and sections a day does not allow for enough time to process material before tests 4.0 ★★★★★ (21 👤)

**The crammed up test dates** Because of the quarter system, I now have many tests per week. This is extremely hard to adjust to and hard to study for. 4.0 ★★★★★ (19 👤)

**I dislike how the original 5 month long courses became condensed to only 10 weeks long.** Courses are going by far too quickly and it's very difficult for some students to retain information. This also causes a lot of stress. 4.0 ★★★★★ (17 👤)

**I personally liked the old schedule but the one we have now isn't terrible.** What I find stressful about it is the switch at the middle mark of the quarter. 3.9 ★★★★★ (12 👤)

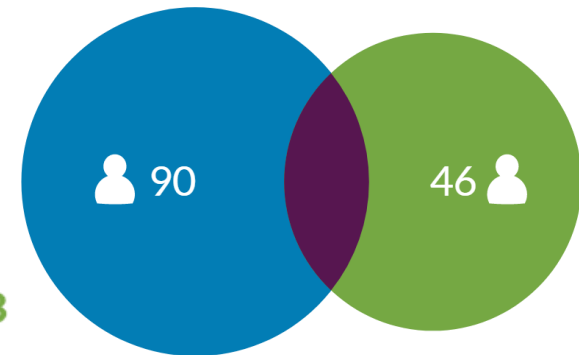
**The quarter system is terrible; you'll end up forgetting 50% of what you learned by next quarter. In heavy classes like calc or physics the amount of** homework is essentially unbearable when you learn two lessons a day, 5 days a week. u have little time to do hw, and then u learn a new thing nxt day 3.8 ★★★★★ (19 👤)

**I have really enjoyed the quarter system. It isn't ideal that some of the curriculum has been cut but only having two classes has been less stressful.** Having less stress is very important to me because it will be easier to hold a job and start applying to post-secondary. 3.8 ★★★★★ (14 👤)



## DIFFERENCES

Classes, Work, Think [Side A: 90 | Side B: 46]



### Side A

2.5 hr long classes are too long Too long

★ 4.9 ★ 2.0

**The timetable is not made considering the students well being** It's nice that school starts at 9am but each block is 2 and a half hours long. That's honestly cruel. Now that the blocks are so long lunch is too short

★ 4.7 ★ 1.9

### Side A/B Common (high)

Students need somewhere to eat with their friends that isn't outside. Everyone hangs out with people outside of their cohort anyways so people should get to spend lunch indoors with their friends when it gets cold.

★ 4.5 ★ 4.4

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### Side B

Although classes need to go quickly, I am not as overwhelmed with work due to having only two classes for the first 10 weeks. The quarter system definitely makes sense and is a good substitute to the two semester system.

★ 1.6 ★ 4.4

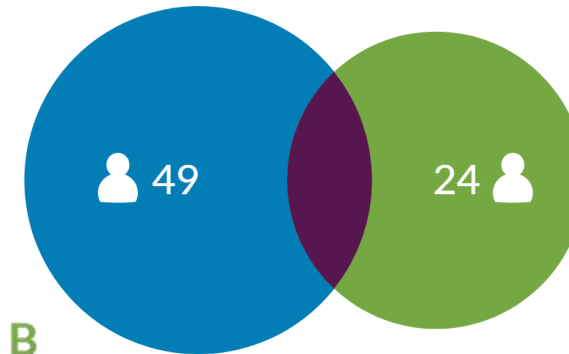
**The class schedule is working well and idk**

★ 1.8 ★ 4.2



## DIFFERENCES

People, Like, Time [Side A: 49 | Side B: 24]



### Side A

having only 2 classes and not being able to make new friends or see friends at all i feel like with the cohorts and only having 2 classes is really had to see and make new friends i feel like im not actually apart of the school

★ 4.5 ★ 1.7

I think the bubbles and "zones" are working well for distancing, but I wish there was more interzonal meeting to get to know people from other classes

★ 4.3 ★ 1.4

### Side A/B Common (high)

Masks are important and should be worn as much as possible. It's impossible to wash your hands for 20s if the faucets don't last 20s. Were masks in the classroom, there is no reason not to.

★ 4.6 ★ 4.7

I don't really like the lack of care for the protocols put in place. It's pretty uncomfortable when practically no one is wearing a mask in class, walking freely and not covering their cough.

★ 4.2 ★ 4.5

### Side B

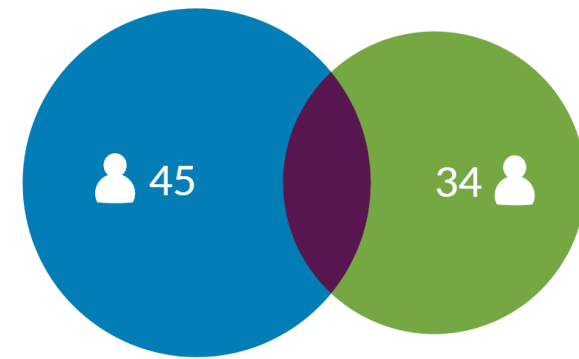
Cohorts are too big This isn't safe. Someone is going to get sick. Or get a teacher sick.

★ 1.9 ★ 4.8



## DIFFERENCES

Time, Mental, Lunch [Side A: 45 | Side B: 34]



### Side A

My mental health is better in school than it was with distance education. Even from behind masks, I am happy to be able to see ppl!

★ 4.4 ★ 1.7

since we have less time in class we now have more time to study and do homework which is very helpful

★ 4.3 ★ 1.9

### Side A/B Common (high)

I feel that we should improve on the class structure and course outlines There is so much to be taught in such a short amount of time and without more adaptations students are going to be overwhelmed and stressed

★ 4.4 ★ 4.2

Students need somewhere to eat with their friends that isnt outside. Everyone hangs out with people outside of their cohort anyways so people should get to spend lunch indoors with their friends when it gets cold.

### Side B

Stop trying to scare students into behaving. Whether it's about corona or the real world. Students are real people that are learning how to live don't put thoughts into their head just because you have "authority"

★ 1.3 ★ 4.7

I don't understand why we aren't full time when everyone else is

★ 1.6 ★ 4.2



## WRAP UP

### Next Steps



## Thanks for participating

We'll be carefully considering what we learned and sharing our actions back with you.