

Q2 AGGRESSIVE BEHAVIOUR

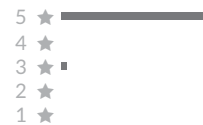
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Q2 What are some ways that the OCDSB could improve how we support learning and well-being?

All children deserve to learn. Children with Behaviours often dominate classes and the other students ability to learn is negatively impacted. The needs of one child must be balanced with the needs of the other 25 children in the class who also deserve to have their learning needs met.

Elementary Staff

4.6 ★★★★★ (23)



Deal with the violence in schools properly. Everyone , staff and students, need to feel safe to work and learn.

Elementary Staff

4.5 ★★★★★ (30)



We need to eliminate violence, aggression, inappropriate language in all classrooms. Students and staff should have a right to learn and work in a safe environment. Currently that is not the case. It creates stress and anxiety.

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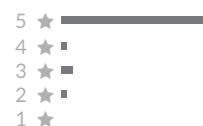
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Get back to suspending students , or at least excluding them, for inappropriate behaviour. Students learn by watching what happens to their peers. Actions should have consequences! Students feel safer when they know inappropriate behaviour won't be tolerated--especially when they are bullied.

Elementary Staff

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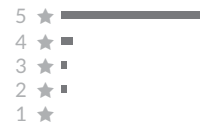


Keep violent students out of regular classrooms. Fast-track their placements.

Experiencing violence vicariously affects the entire school, renders children unable to learn and negatively affects teacher's mental health.

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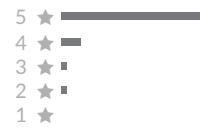
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The board must address the growing violence and disruptive behaviours that are occurring in classrooms Teachers are wasting valuable instructional time addressing instead of teaching the students who are ready to learn.

Elementary Staff

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Violent, abusive, disruptive students need to be removed from the class completely, and for more than just a few minutes. The other children are suffering. The students who are physical and violent do not belong in the regular classroom.

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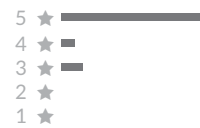
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Discipline At the admin level, there seems to be a board-wide lack of consequences for student misbehaviour. Consequences must be applied consistently.

Elementary Staff

4.4 ★★★★★ (24)



Not enough system classes and spec ed teacher support. Violence in classrooms is partly a factor of inadequate support. French immersion classes do not get resource support in classrooms.

Elementary Staff

4.4 ★★★★★ (24)



Teachers need better and faster support for kids with special needs. We often wait for months to get help with a student who has severe behaviour. In the mean time we are experiencing violence and complete disruption in our classroom. The other students are suffering. We are getting assaulted.

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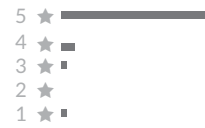
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The OCDSB needs to address the violence that we experience in our schools. Our students and staff are essentially being held hostage in one of the places where they should feel the safest.

Elementary Staff

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More support for students with disruptive and dangerous behaviours.

Elementary Staff

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Provide support for violent students in classrooms How can students feel safe and learn when they are constantly worried about getting hurt or having their material being destroyed.

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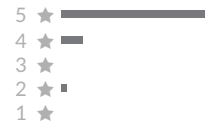
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Solve the problem of extreme behaviour Students who exhibit unsafe behaviour are hijacking classrooms and leaving very little time for learning for the rest of the students.

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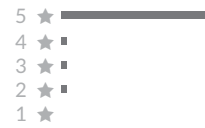
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The board and Ministry need to address violence in schools. There is far too common even in primary classrooms. Learning cannot happen in a toxic environment.

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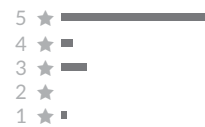
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Teachers need support to handle disruptive and violent students. Students have learned that if they don't want to listen to teachers, they don't have to. Teachers are given much responsibility, but no authority.

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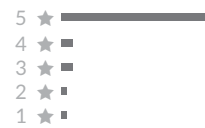
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The process for applying for systems classes especially those for behaviour is too long, there is a daily risk from violent and abusive students. E

Elementary Staff

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Learning Disruptions Learning disruptions caused by explosive/violent students seems to become common place. Admin must find a way to minimize these disruptions.

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Elementary Staff



The boards approach to discipline is not working. Students and parents run the school. Having no consequences is ridiculous. As it stands, students who are here to learn get almost no attention while those that are disruptive take up a majority of the time.

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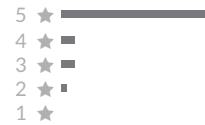
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We need more support (EAs, congregated classes) for violent students. No one learns when everyone is worried about when a student will become violent. Everyone is traumatized by violence in the classroom.

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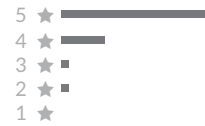
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Respond to the mounting violence and aggression in some of our schools. The number of daily responses are now outstripping the work of teaching and learning.

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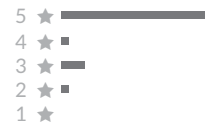
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There needs to be more help for teachers/ staff/ admin in dealing with the increasing violence directed at them and other students. Because trauma and ptsd is being created in classrooms everyday. There needs to be more transparency about what is really happening.

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Develop a board-wide policy for violence and aggression. Classes are being evacuated daily as a result of violent students. EAs are being attacked, yet not compensated with danger pay.

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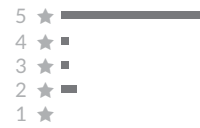
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We have ZERO access for kids in crisis. Classes are not safe. Children and teachers are not safe due to to overwhelming mental health needs of many difficult and violent kids in our classes.

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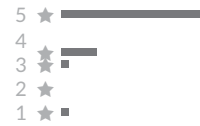
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mental health support for students in classrooms with aggression Students without exceptionalities are witnessing violence and hearing extreme swear words at a very young age with no assistance as to how to process

Elementary Staff

4.3 (22)



Violence and aggression the classroom. Both against staff and other students. No learning can happen if people don't feel safe.

Elementary Staff

4.3 (21)



Increasing occurrences of violence in school. Teachers and students are being threatened and hit with very little response from administration. Wellness starts with some very basic needs - Safety

Elementary Staff

4.2 (25)



Parents should not be able to refuse a behavior class placement and impose their violent child on staff and students in a regular class. Staff and students deserve to work in a safe environment free of potential assault and class evacuations.

Elementary Staff

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mental health support for all teachers as we have so many violent students in our classroom

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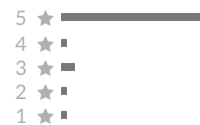
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Violence Against Staff Visible, swift, significant, escalating consequences must to be applied when staff is egressed upon on a regular basis.

Elementary Staff

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We need more classroom support for students with special needs, increasing violence and behaviour and the growing ELL population It is important to improve safety, decrease violence, improve staff and student wellness; and allows us to actually teach

Elementary Staff

4.2 ★★★★★ (23)



Students who are in a class with a seriously disruptive child are not in a safe or healthy environment There needs to be serious consequences in place to deal with violence, the thread of violence and verbal abuse in the classroom.

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 3

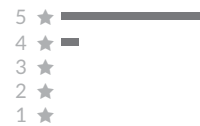
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More special classes to remove violent and disruptive students from regular classes So every student feels safe and the learning of the majority is not compromised

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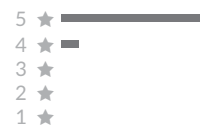
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To support learning, behavioural issues and problems (violence/aggression) must be dealt with or there is no learning that takes place period. Teachers cannot teach with constant behavioural issues in class. Students are not safe and able to learn unless they are in a safe environment.

Elementary Staff

4.2 ★★★★★ (9)



Realistic consequences for violent behaviours. It's frustrating to be sent for BMS training when the students don't receive the mental health supports they need to regulate their behaviours.

Elementary Staff

4.2 ★★★★★ (7)



Remove more disruptive students. Violent and disruptive student create havoc for the rest of the class and the staff. \$250 000 worth of salary monitoring 1 student every day.

Elementary Staff

4.1 ★★★★★ (29)



Violence and Abuse policy needs to be reworked and Principals should have more authority to bring cases for investigation. Stress and sick leave cost Many teachers being investigated at Board expense and time for actions which any caring parent would have taken with children who have lost control.

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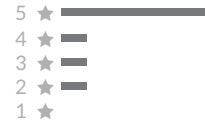
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better protection for students from violent classmates

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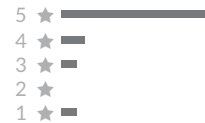
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Please put SOME conditions back on kids and parents. If kids are not potty trained they should not be in school. If someone stabs someone with a pen cil they should not be outside at the very next recess.

Elementary Staff

4.1 ★★★★★ (24)



Schools need a better balance for discipline models that reflect the need to nurture students and the need to have appropriate consequences. Our students need to be held responsible in defined ways that are not just taking a time out and then heading back to class

Elementary Staff

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better protection for staff so that they don't get hurt by students

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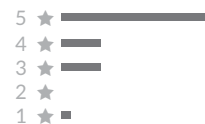
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Address issues of bullying To make a safe environment

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 4

4.1 ★★★★★ (23)



Recognizing that currently in every school, there is student violence and aggression and very few means of supporting/addressing core issues By not getting to the root of the issues and investing heavily into getting all the supports needed to remediate, we are missing opportunities to help

Elementary Staff

4.1 ★★★★★ (22 👤)



Improve the understanding of the reasons why a student is misbehaving Misbehaviour usually occurs in response to some unmet need, and addressing that need can go a long way to helping the student.

District Office and Centrally Assigned Staff

4.1 ★★★★★ (17 👤)



Teachers need more resources to support behavioural needs of students. Due to a lack of resources, entire classes are being disrupted and evacuated from classrooms because of the behaviour of one child.

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 3

4.1 ★★★★★ (17 👤)



Something needs to be done about the violence in classrooms. It is impossible to learn when the students and teachers are in fear of being hurt.

Elementary Staff

4.1 ★★★★★ (11 👤)



The inclusive model is becoming detrimental to the learning and safety of students and teachers. Children with behavioural issues are controlling the classroom and holding teachers hostage because there aren't enough supports in place to help them

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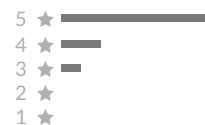
4.1 ★★★★★ (11 👤)



Have intervention programs set up for our explosive, aggressive, disruptive students. It affects the mental well being of not only the teachers, but most importantly, the other students.

Elementary Staff

4.1 ★★★★★ (10 👤)



To support the well being of teachers and for their safety, when dealing with flagged behavioural students, there should always be two staff present. Teachers should not have to worry about behavioural students on their own. The board protects children and not staff members. It's not ok.

Elementary Staff

4.1 ★★★★★ (9)



provide adequate individual support for integrated students with serious behaviour issues. oppositional, disruptive or violent behaviour makes it difficult teach or meet the needs of other students.

Community Members

4.0 ★★★★★ (29)



More options for children with behavioural challenges These kids feel like outcasts already, and then they need to wait forever to get the support they need -ending up so far behind academically.

Elementary Staff

4.0 ★★★★★ (25)



Students who display violent behavior in the classroom need to be disciplined and/or removed Violent behavior puts other students at risk of harm, both physically and mentally. They need to feel safe.

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 3

4.0 ★★★★★ (25)



Zero tolerance for violence in the classroom. School need to become safe again. This business of progressive discipline is hurting more than helping. Students don't face real consequences.

Community Members

4.0 ★★★★★ (25)



Making sure that progressive discipline is actually progressing. So students know there are consequences to their actions - both for those who need the consequences and those who have been hurt by others

Elementary Staff

4.0 ★★★★★ (23)



If a student is being visibly bullied, help them out. Sometimes children don't know how to speak up for themselves.

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 1

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More consequences for bullies So they stop hurting other kids, the teachers have no power to stop it

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 2

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Bullies continue to NOT get addressed I don't CARE what underlying issue of a bully is if he REGULARLY punches mine (not talking expected 'normal' boy stuff here).

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 3

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Have programs, processes, or classes that support behavioural needs that compromise the learning of the majority in the class.

Students and teachers carrying stress due to violent, aggressive or very disruptive classroom outbursts is not conducive to learning or mental health

Elementary Staff

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When a student hits or threatens another student and leaves for ten minutes and is then returned and the behaviour starts all over all day. No one can

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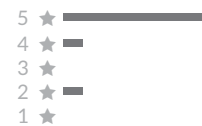
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Children with behaviour problems must be better monitored to ensure safety of others.

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 3

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OCDSB needs to improve mental health supports & address the increasing violence in the class so we can teach effectively & students are able to learn. Many children are not getting what they need because teachers must first support children in crisis. ALL children & staff have a RIGHT to feel safe!

Elementary Staff

4.0  (9 )



Bullying is still pervasive in schools. Having a zero tolerance policy is not enough. It needs to be put into action. Bullying is a scarring experience and our children deserve to be safe from being bullied at school.

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 2

3.9 ★★★★★ (28)



Deal with violence and disruptive behaviours in the classrooms. Many kids are losing out on teaching time and attention from teachers because teachers are being forced to deal with ridiculous behaviours.

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 3

3.9 ★★★★★ (27)



Adopt more policies to deal with violent elementary students Act quicker to protect other children and get the students the help they need.

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 2

3.9 ★★★★★ (26)



Be very aware of bullying and EXCLUSION of students.90% of bullying happens when no adult is present, but the effects should be visible to an adult To understand as a child what it means to bully, really learn the meaning in class, not just words (inclusion), but how it applies IN the day school.

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 3

3.9 ★★★★★ (24)



Create an atmosphere where "friendly" bullying is discouraged, monitored and have consequences Students should not feel bullied or labelled as it creates anxiety and contributes to low self esteem

Secondary Parents and Guardians - 2

3.9 ★★★★★ (23)



Better monitoring of violent behaviour on the school yard. So children will feel safe.

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 3

3.9 ★★★★★ (18)



We need better anti bullying responses both to prevent and to address and mitigate.

Children should feel safe at school and those targeted aren't seeing appropriate response from admin at Alta vista ps.

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 1

3.9 ★★★★★ (18)



Teachers and administration that calls out bullying, harassing behaviour when and where it starts.

Classes, teams, extracurriculars can be a place where bullying behaviour manifests. It is important to express zero tolerance from the beginning.

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 4

3.9 ★★★★★ (16)



Provide the proper support for kids with high behaviour

Some kids cant be intergrated and bevaious occur violently raises the increase of anxiety in kids and decrease learning in the mainstream kids

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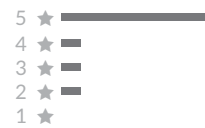
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Lack of consequences for disruptive behaviour & for students who challenge the authority of OTs is needed. Some schools are on my "No Teach" list.

Elementary Staff

3.9 ★★★★★ (10)



Caring for the majority of students and staff when behavioural students are involved.

Students and teachers should not be afraid in their classroom

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 3

3.8 ★★★★★ (27)



finding ways to stop and prevent bullying, bad habitats like drugs and harassment that will make healthy learning environment and put the students on the RIGHT track

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 4

3.8 ★★★★★ (22)



Ensure all students feel safe at school No one should be scared or feel unsafe at school

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 3

3.8 ★★★★★ (19)



My child's class evacuates regularly because of one violent/explosive student. Violent and aggressiv children do not belong in the regular classrooms. student/teacher safety & student learning time is important!

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 3

3.8 ★★★★★ (19)



There should be zero tolerance for violent children (children are regularly punched, attacked), even if they have an identification. my child deserves to feel safe at school

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 3

3.8 ★★★★★ (19)



My kid constantly complains about being bullied by others. He says he's not being singled out, that these particular kids bully everyone. Kids should be happy at school, not worried about getting hurt.

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 4

3.8 ★★★★★ (18)



Zero tolerance for negative behavior should be just that. Teachers need more support and training in this area. Stronger discipline is needed. Continuously being at the receiving end of negative behavior of other students has a negative impact on mental health.de

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 3

3.8 ★★★★★ (18)



Be more proactive with progressive discipline
My son was beaten by a bully at school. This should have been an automatic suspension. The bully was "spoken to" and taunts/teasing continue.

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 4

3.8 ★★★★★ (17)



Enforce your zero-tolerance policy on bullying, for a start.

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 2

3.8 ★★★★★ (17)



All school staff (teachers, monitors, etc.) need to be better equipped to foster respectfulness and inclusiveness Bullying and physical aggression is still a reality, and it seems that it isn't always addressed immediately.

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 2

3.8  (16 )



Being proactive about bullying. The schools say that they are anti-bullying, but concerns are often dismissed or ignored. It is all lip service. My dd was bullied from gr 3- 6! It was not deemed bullying, and nothing was done. She now has terrible anxiety and poor attendance.

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 4

3.8  (10 )



Students who lash out in violence and make students who are ready to learn fearful and having to leave the classroom. Where are the rights of students who are ready to learn in these situations?

Elementary Staff

3.8  (7 )



Supports for students who are at risk before evacuations and violent incident reports occur. Important for struggling students to have school-based teams which are proactive in engaging home, school and student in support of them.

Elementary Staff

3.8  (7 )



Acknowledge that witnessing student violence against teachers has an effect on the other students. Violence in schools is an epidemic problem. Some classes of children witness it day after day, having to be evacuated from a space that should be safe

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 2

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Handling aggressive kids in the classroom Having all kids evacuate instead of evacuating the troubled child constantly disrupts the other children.

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 2

3.7  (27 )



School Rules Need to be Applied and Upheld in EDP EDP has had a school-wide negative effect on students behaviour. Admin needs to get involved and make sure school rules are in play during EDP.

Elementary Staff

3.7 ★★★★★ (25)



Student Not Ready to Learn When students are so unready to learn that their behaviour deters from others' learning, they need to be removed from the class until ready to learn.

Elementary Staff

3.7 ★★★★★ (25)



Get rid of congregated gifted classes and use the money to support students with behavioural needs and learning difficulties My child has experienced being in a classroom with a violent child and now is extremely anxious about school because he no longer sees it as safe

Community Members

3.7 ★★★★★ (24)



Deal with bullying Suspend kids, expel kids. Make it clear to parents and students that bullying behaviour will not be tolerated at school.

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 1

3.7 ★★★★★ (21)



Staff needs to really listen seriously to children when they come forward with situations of bullying. Children need to feel safe at school first, then they can learn.

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 4

3.7 ★★★★★ (21)



Consistent consequences for student misbehaviour in class and on the yard. Frequent flyers get too many chances and not really a next level of consequence. My child who is a kid that quietly gets her work done, gets lost

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 3

3.7 ★★★★★ (18)



Stronger discipline for students with aggression / behavioural problems. I have had enough of this "re-set" language. Students with behavioural problems need to be dealt with: discipline; counselling; psychologists; etc.

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 4

3.7  (18 )



The school board needs to do more to protect kids who are repeatedly victimized by children struggling with behavior issues. The kids who are not struggling feel they are not valued and totally negates your "safe school" promise.

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 4

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Bullying needs to be addressed. Kids are still bullied despite efforts. Why not provide an online OCDSB tool for kids to report their situation giving a heads up to monitor the issue

District Office and Centrally Assigned Staff

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Schools are not dealing with bullying adequately. They should call the parent of bully after first incident. Too much onus is placed on bullied child to advocate

Secondary Parents and Guardians - 2

3.7  (16 )



Teachers need to have more tools to address aggressive or violent behaviour in the classroom Removing all the other children from the class sends the wrong message about tolerance of behaviours that make other students feel threatened

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 2

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Collective punishment is used too often when teachers are overwhelmed. Please provide teacher with training to avoid this situation. It hurts and discourages the well-behaving kids and doesn't do anything for the misbehaving kids.

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 2

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More clear planting deal with bullying Kids are being bullied, and teachers and principals don't know how to help, and are sometimes causing more damage

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 2

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Raise the bar on the demand for respectful behaviour that promotes civility and learning. Rowdy classrooms are tough to learn in, and to teach. Basic requirements for polite manners and civil behavior should be strictly enforced. Swearing, active disrespect, & disregard for learning= not ok

Secondary Parents and Guardians - 4

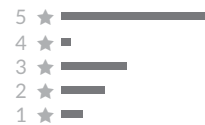
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Getting violent and disruptive students out of the classroom and into systems classes

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 3

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we need to bring back more enforced rules as i find the children are getting away with more then they should. Discipline, manors, respect, bullying

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 3

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Bullying happens as early as JK. Principals/teachers need to be open to intervening quickly (responsibility shouldn't fall on the child to stop it).

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 2

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Identify and intervene in bullying. We are ignorant if we beleive that bullying no longer exists. Kids need to feel welcome and safe at school

Community Members

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More EA Aggressive behaviour is out of control!

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 4

3.6  (24 )



The current policy of "evacuating" classrooms when a child is misbehaving instead removing the child is, in my view, detrimental to learning. This policy does not support the child who is misbehaving and punishes the rest by diminishing their learning time and creates stress and fear.

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 2

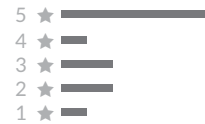
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Zero tolerance for violent behaviour. There are so many repeat offenders, and kids are eventually going to be badly hurt.

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 1

3.6 ★★★★★ (23)



Higher expectations for student achievement and behaviour

Elementary Staff

3.6 ★★★★★ (22)



Concerned with the volume and approach in relation to student behavioral lock downs. continuous interruptions which leads to students exiting room. Students learning is being disrupted with constant exits from the classroom. Students continuously having behavioral issues need an alternative.

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 3

3.6 ★★★★★ (20)



Stronger and more comprehensive zero tolerance anti bullying policy. Kids need it feel safe at school in order to learn. Although the board has policies, kids are often unsupervised or consequences not implemented.

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 1

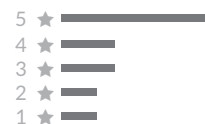
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Remove kids with problem behaviours which endanger other students Students need to be safe and feel safe at school. Give principals some solutions to remove violent or racist kids from attending.

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 2

3.6 ★★★★★ (18)



investigate bad behaviour teachers should find the root/cause of a conflict before blaming/punishing someone who was not acting inappropriately

3.6  (16 )

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 3



Help support administrators to discipline student behaviours Remove the red tape and let admin respond quickly and freely to students with repeated behaviour issues.

3.6  (13 )

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 1



Bullying could be addressed as early as junior kindergarten. My son is frequently sharing stories of kids' behaviour and it starts as young as this. This age could also benefit from having more adult support in the classroom and schoolyard. It's important to catch and correct this behaviour early

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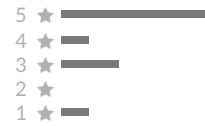
Elementary Parents and Guardians - 3



Kids should have cool off and time out/consequence due to not using manners. This would promote proper respect to authority and would show the child who the leader is and to follow rules and manners.

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Elementary Parents and Guardians - 3



Tougher penalties for kids who are bullies or for fighting on the school yard The progressive discipline, when it stays at conversations and positive reinforcement does not work. Repeat offenders need to have a penalty.

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Elementary Parents and Guardians - 3

