

Q2 FACILITIES

Ottawa-Carleton District School Board
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Q2 What are some ways that the OCDSB could improve how we support learning and well-being?

Improvement on environmental

sustainability Increase the percentage of recycling, self sustainable energy supplies, they are all important

Students Grades 9 to 12

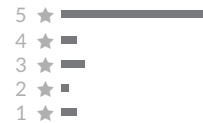
4.2 ★★★★★ (26)



Air conditioning. Please. Honestly, I can't learn properly in the summer because I'm hot to the point where I can't focus. My school performance suffers because of the heat.

Students Grades 9 to 12

4.1 ★★★★★ (26)



We need air conditioning in the summer air conditioning would help students focus in the summer and allow students to feel comfortable obviously this is not a priority but it would be nice

Students Grades 9 to 12

4.1 ★★★★★ (24)



Air Conditioning Several student have stated that they are unable to focus in class during days of summer and high heat.

Students Grades 9 to 12

4.1 ★★★★★ (21)



Add more than one playground. One is not enough for 900 kids, many kids don't get a chance to play. Equal opportunities, keep them active.

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 3

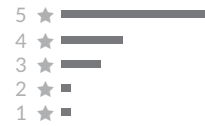
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AC+HEAT guys it was -20 today and the AIR CONDITIONING was turned on. but in the summer when it's +30 the HEAT is turned on. i literally cant focus in class

Students Grades 9 to 12

4.0 ★★★★★ (26)



Get air conditioning for all schools in the school board if temperatures rise above 25 degrees Celsius. It's hard to focus on lessons when you're melting into your chair.

Students Grades 9 to 12

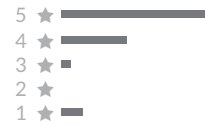
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Air conditioning in the schools and portables The climate is changing and high temperatures in classrooms are not conducive to learning.

Secondary Parents and Guardians - 4

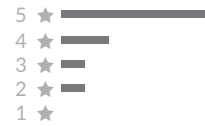
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Keeping soap stocked in bathrooms People are always sick and this is one of the reasons why. My school hasn't had soap for over 2 and a half weeks right now and this happens often.

Students Grades 7 to 8

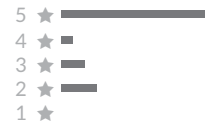
4.0 ★★★★★ (20)



Focus on the physical elements of the learning environment: heat, fans/air conditioning, working blinds, comfortable work stations, desks that are comfortable for students, more outlets in classrooms

Secondary Staff

4.0 ★★★★★ (18)



So people were not provided with presto even though they lived far from school Please improve it and my friend is paying for his presto when he should have a card from school

Students Grades 9 to 12

4.0 ★★★★★ (16)



In the case of our school, there is no air conditioning. Fainting, getting dizzy and not focusing is the result of overheated classrooms. No one wants that to happen.

Students Grades 9 to 12

4.0 ★★★★★ (14)



Buses! The closest way to my school takes me 40mins to walk, so I have to pay for a presto pass. Either get more buses or pay for my presto. my school just got 4 new portables, so instead of overcrowding the schools, GET MORE BUSES for the students actually within the boundaries

Students Grades 9 to 12

3.9 ★★★★★ (25)



Old buildings without air conditioning is a Health and Safety problem for both staff and students Old buildings might be difficult and costly to renovate, but working in 30+ degrees all day is difficult and unhealthy for students and staff alike.

Elementary Staff

3.9 ★★★★★ (23)



Improve the facilities and resources for student learning (renovating old buildings, air conditioning, quiet rooms, green spaces, more computers/iPads) Our students and teachers deserve better facilities to promote learning.

Secondary Parents and Guardians - 1

3.9 ★★★★★ (20)



Cleaner bathrooms. WAY too many times I see a pee-pee drawn on the bathroom door, or toilets with overflowing poo. Also, no more 1ply toilet paper! I'm sick of being disgusted when going to the bathroom.

Students Grades 7 to 8

3.9 ★★★★★ (16)



Cleaning the schools. Some schools are really dirty. Even though I know that most schools are old, they can still be cleaned to make them look nicer.

Students Grades 7 to 8

3.9 ★★★★★ (5)



some schools need to improve how welcoming a school is to all who enter it - this involves the actual physical space, first point of human contact First impressions are important, languages, signs, office and custodial staff, teaching staff, admin, etc.

District Office and Centrally Assigned Staff

3.8 ★★★★★ (17)



Improving the infrastructure in older schools

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 3

3.8 ★★★★★ (17)



Library Facilities There should be a minimum standard of furniture, facilities & tech in every library. Put aside budget for this specifically.

Secondary Staff

3.8 ★★★★★ (14)



Air conditioning uniformly It is not equitable for new schools to have it, and old buildings to not be retro-fitted.

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 3

3.8 ★★★★★ (6)



Better Facilities for older High Schools

Secondary Parents and Guardians - 4

3.7 ★★★★★ (27)



Air Conditioning!!! The temperatures in my school have been as high as 34 in Sept and June and we have summer school in the building. I can't focus when it's that hot!!

Students Grades 9 to 12

3.7 ★★★★★ (21)



Better equipment and learning conditions The teachers don't have functional technology and my school is falling apart. There is asbestos in our walls. I don't want cancer.

Students Grades 9 to 12

3.7 ★★★★★ (21)



I would love to see the younger children have a play structure so they can climb and swing and hang. Lots of energy to get out. Physical activity is so important

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 1

3.7 ★★★★★ (20)



Better physical infrastructure at the schools

Many of the schools are out of date in classrooms and outside in the yards. Improvements need to be made

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 1

3.7 ★★★★★ (18)



Reduce Overpopulation New suburbs are taking the brunt of this, feeding into old schools with large capacities and old facilities.

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 3

3.7 ★★★★★ (18 👤)



Better/Updated school infrastructure School that have rodents, or creepy bathrooms from the 1950's not really conducive to positive learning environment.

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 3

3.7 ★★★★★ (16 👤)



Classroom furniture Many HS school classrooms have 50yo desks w/ attached chairs - no flexibility for furniture arrangements - mismatched in height. Some with ink wells!

Secondary Staff

3.7 ★★★★★ (14 👤)



Lack of school and facilities causes students to not be able to sign up for classes based on their schedule. What's the use of asking a student to plan the school year if the classes requested cannot be accommodated?

Secondary Parents and Guardians - 1

3.7 ★★★★★ (7 👤)



Improve parent drop-off infrastructure Parents are left to park illegally on side streets, or be honked at by school bus drivers. Let's be more resourceful at better solutions.

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 3

3.7 ★★★★★ (6 👤)



school maintenance my school is sweltering in the summer and freezing in the winter. the temp has affected our learning, i'm actually begging for this to be fixed

Students Grades 9 to 12

3.7 ★★★★★ (6 👤)



A big thing is that there is no public high school in Stittsville. People from here have to go to South Carelton or to Sacred heart. This has to change so that the students here don't have to go as far for school.

Students Grades 9 to 12

3.6 ★★★★★ (26 👤)



Crack down on false addresses Lisgar is over capacity. There are students from Kanata, Quebec, all over Ottawa attending there with false addresses, not fair to community students

3.6 ★★★★★ (25)



Secondary Parents and Guardians - 4

Class Room Air Conditioners With global warming, classroom temperatures are increasing, resulting in decreased learning, and less safe learning and working environment.

3.6 ★★★★★ (23)



Elementary Parents and Guardians - 3

Revitalize learning spaces in older schools (most of the inner city schools). Students will take more pride in their school if it's better cared for. Give older schools the same benefits as newer spaces (learning commons, etc.)

3.6 ★★★★★ (23)



Elementary Staff

Do NOT make high schools gr.7-12. It creates a power imbalance between ages and makes things more difficult for teachers due to union issues. Gr9s are puny enough. Gr7s would feel out of place among older grades and would be exposed to things beyond their age level, ex. cigs/vape/sex/drinks.

3.6 ★★★★★ (19)



Students Grades 9 to 12

Clean the washrooms The toilets are just so gross, they really just should hire more janitors to clean the toilets, at least in Glebe :D

3.6 ★★★★★ (17)



Students Grades 9 to 12

No portables. For security and health reasons

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 2

3.6 ★★★★★ (17)



Get rid of portables! Children are the most precious resource for our future, we cannot dump them in portables with limited space, no proper ventilation, no running water.

3.6 ★★★★★ (15)



Secondary Parents and Guardians - 4

Have a budget for machine shop maintenance. It enables teachers to deliver the curriculum. It is a health and safety priority.

Secondary Staff

3.6 ★★★★★ (15)



Building improvements and maintenance. Learning should take place in spaces that are comfortable and inspiring. Paint, furniture, lockers, air conditioning, stage equipment go a long way.

Secondary Staff

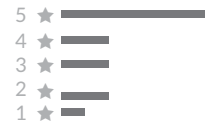
3.6 ★★★★★ (13)



Facilities need love! Repairs to buildings and grounds are on unacceptably, and sometimes dangerously, long waiting lists. This directly impacts learning and well-being.

Secondary Staff

3.6 ★★★★★ (13)



7&8 students at Merivale are treated as second class. They don't even have a gym. The board should have had the school ready BEFORE moving them.

Elementary Parents and Guardians - 3

3.6 ★★★★★ (9)



Toilet paper. it's crappy.

Students Grades 7 to 8

3.6 ★★★★★ (9)



Put air conditioning in all schools. Students cannot learn in +30 and even +40 degree buildings. It's unacceptable. Show students we care about them; it supports learning and well-being.

Community Members

3.6 ★★★★★ (7)



School buildings cannot accommodate the number of students, please update and get rid of portables. Portables are put-together class rooms, never as good as an actual class room with proper facilities and heating/cooling.

Secondary Parents and Guardians - 1

3.6 ★★★★★ (7)



Continued support of schools such as Canterbury. If possible additional funding for these types of schools would be beneficial for students.

3.6 ★★★★★ (6 👤)



Secondary Parents and Guardians - 1