

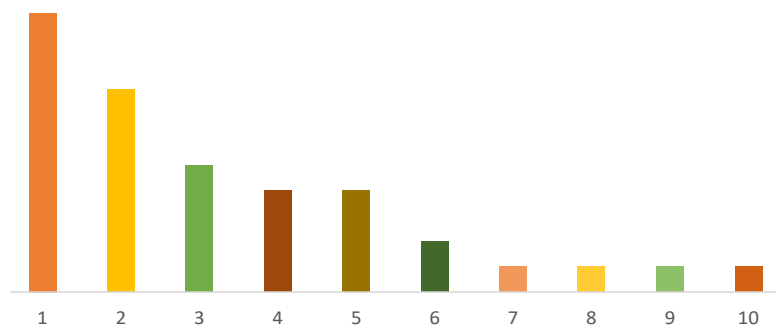


Students - Grades 7 & 8

What we asked: As we continue with learning at home, what are your challenges, successes, questions, and/or suggestions?

What we heard:

Common Themes: The common themes among the thoughts that were rated 4.0 and above



1. Need Teacher-Led Learning
2. Online Platforms/Resources
3. Hours/Volume of Work/Consistency
4. Family Stress/Life Balance
5. Need Instructions/Communication
6. Need Contact/Online is Difficult
7. Access to Technology
8. Assignments/Evaluation
9. French Immersion
10. Stress/Anxiety

Top Thoughts, exactly as they were shared:

1. "Given teachers are still full time there is no reason the technology is not being better utilized for face to face teaching Get an understanding of children's needs. Identifying early when concepts are not understood."
2. "There should be the same schedule each week To keep the routine."
3. "Need supports for math and science Parents don't have skill set to help and leads to frustration."
4. "Education process highly depends on the individual teacher enthusiasm. There are no uniformed materials available covering each course."
5. "I was just wondering if there was any way parents can be aware if the assignments given were received by the teachers. I was also wondering if novels or daily journals can be assigned. I am glad to do it myself, it just makes it more official if done by a teacher."
6. "It's hard for people to do online classes who does not have a computer at home. The kids should be provided with the computer."
7. "It's very difficult doing maths with my son things I don't remember back in the days , needs to understand the equations and needs someone to explain how do math problem,it's really important he keeps asking for help and I feel helpless."
8. "Either instruct teachers to sit in front of a camera in a "Zoom" meeting for 6 hours a day or end the school year. We are not equipped to teach our kids from home. We do not have the background, materials or time to do so. We rely on educators for that role."
9. "more teacher-led lessons via Google Meet not enough teacher-led lessons via Google Meet, kids not clear on what to do."
10. "It would be good to have a set time to hear/get tasks from teachers So parents can sit down with kids at the beginning of the day or week to set goals and timelines for the week and make sure kids stay on track."

Note: Several thoughts in this exchange were evidently shared by parents, but unless removal was requested by a student, the thoughts were retained.

What's Next? We are currently using this feedback in these ways:

- To inform decision-making about next steps for supporting students and families;
- Working with principals to bring clarity to our practices;
- Doing some research to better understand some of the issues raised;
- Updating our FAQs to ensure parents and students have the answers they are looking for; and
- Sharing the key themes and trends as we work with our education partners so that we all benefit from this collective insight.

