

In order to ensure our priorities are based on the needs of our community, we need your input. Parents, employees, community members and students (grades 7-12), will be invited to share their thoughts on the things they appreciate about our schools, what challenges might exist and other relevant information.

In early December, SD5 will begin public consultation using an on-line platform called Thoughtexchange. This is an interactive process which encourages participants to share thoughts and ideas providing us with a broad range of perspectives. It is a three-step process.



Step One – SHARE - December 8-16

Stakeholders will receive an email inviting them to participate. Click on the link in the email to answer three open-ended questions. Everyone is welcome to participate – if we don't have an email address for you, there is a simple self-registration process.



Step Two – STAR - January 5-11

Stakeholders will receive an email inviting them to help set priorities. Click the link in the email to see the input received during the SHARE stage and help prioritize ideas by starring those they like best. Everyone is welcome to participate whether or not you shared thoughts.



Step Three – DISCOVER – January 26

All the information learned will be shared with stakeholders in a detailed report. Results will be posted on our website at [www.sd5.bc.ca](http://www.sd5.bc.ca)

### **How can I participate?**

At each stage, stakeholders will be invited to participate through email. Watch for an email with Every Student, Every Voice in the subject line. Staff, parents/guardians, and students in grades 7-12 will receive an email directly.

### **What if I don't receive an e-mail invitation?**

No worries - there is a simple self-registration process. Parents, if the school has your current email address then you will receive an email invitation. If you don't receive an invitation via direct email, you can easily self-register from our website at [www.sd5.bc.ca](http://www.sd5.bc.ca). Self-registration begins December 8th.

### **How does the SHARE stage work?**

Whether you start via email or self-register, it's easy. You will click on the link and will be asked whether you are a student, parent or employee. You will then be asked three questions. For each question, you can share as many thoughts as you like.

**What are the questions?**

The questions are pretty straightforward – they ask stakeholders to provide examples of challenges, examples of things you appreciate and to share any other relevant information.

**Will I be able to see other people's thoughts?**

During the SHARE stage, thoughts are collected and assembled. You can see your thoughts as you input them, but not the thoughts of others. The sharing begins during the STAR stage when participants will receive an email with a list of thoughts and will be asked to star those that they like best. In the DISCOVER stage a full report about all the thoughts received will be made available at both the school and the district level.

**Can I respond more than once?**

Ideally, you will participate once at each stage. However, the results are collected by school, so if you have children enrolled in more than one school, you will receive more than one invitation. Similarly, if you are an employee and a parent, you will also receive two e-mails. The input is sorted by school, so you can share your thoughts for each school that you belong to.

**Need More Information?**

To learn more or if you have questions about this process, please contact your school principal or the Office of the Superintendent at 250-426-4201 ext. 2052.

To learn more about the Thoughtexchange platform, visit [www.thoughtexchange.com](http://www.thoughtexchange.com)

*Please SHARE your thoughts with us!*