

# Exchange Summary

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Parents/Guardians: In regard to the implementation of the Lambton Kent District School Board's Reopening Our Schools plan, what is working well and what can the LKDSB improve?



## PARTICIPATION

### Breakdown of Participation



**1,030**

Participants



**871**

Thoughts



**25,468**

Ratings



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Top Rated











## THOUGHTS

### Key Thoughts



**For myself and my household personally we appreciate the ability to still attend school in class.** Interaction. 4.2  (37 )  
Ranked #1 of 845

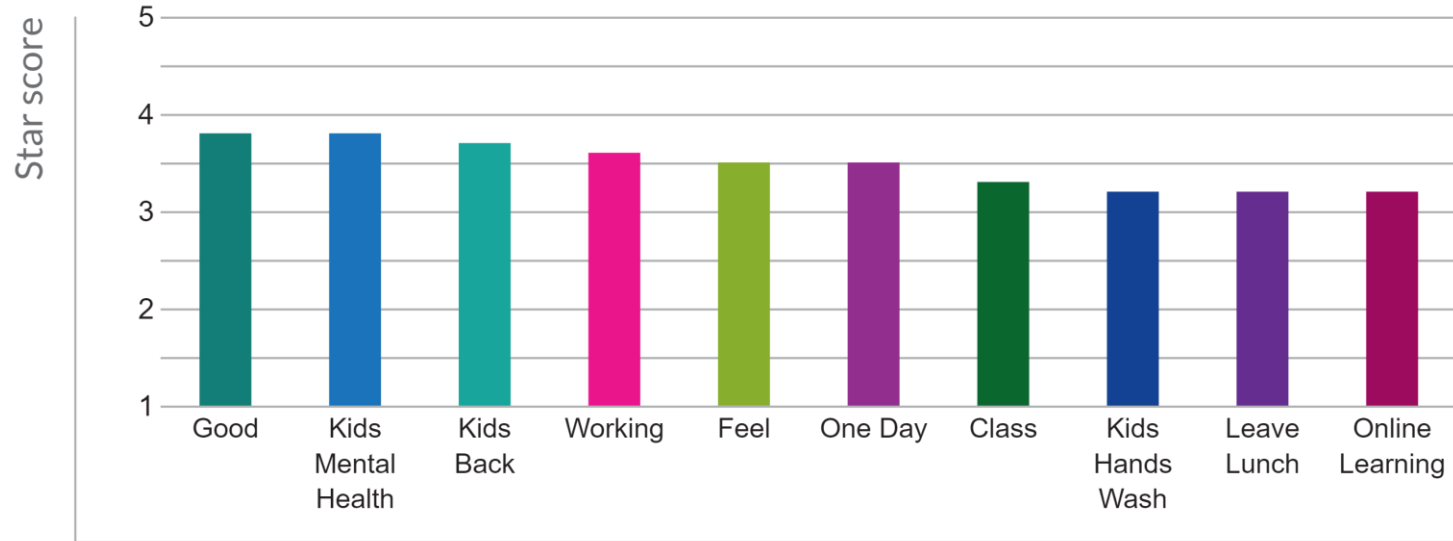
**Generally speaking the kids want to be back at school.** Routine is very important for kids. 4.2  (37 )  
Ranked #2 of 845

**It is important to get the kids back to school** Kids mental health needs social interaction 4.2  (37 )  
Ranked #3 of 845



## AI GENERATED THEMES

### Top Themes





## THEMES

### Good



**Keep schools open** Good for the kids

4.1 ★★★★★ (36 👤)

**A return to structure/routine is good for children** Good for social and mental well being

4.1 ★★★★★ (29 👤)

**I think the school board, teachers and students are doing a pretty good job during these changing and challenging times.**

4.0 ★★★★★ (36 👤)



## THEMES

### Kids Mental Health



- It is important to get the kids back to school** Kids mental health needs social interaction 4.2 ★★★★★ (37 👤)
- My daughter is happier now that shes back in school** helps with her mental health 4.2 ★★★★★ (36 👤)
- Outside time** Teachers are making a point to take students out of the classroom & outside. Good for physical fitness & more importantly, the students' mental health 4.2 ★★★★★ (30 👤)



## THEMES

### Kids Back



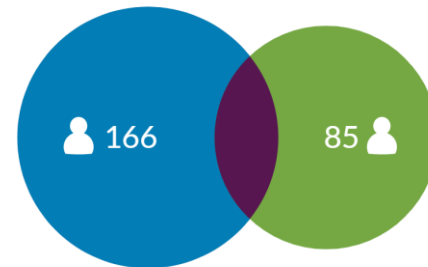
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- kids are out of the house, trying to get back to normal** best thing we can do for the kids is trying to normalize their lives again 4.2 ★★★★★ (36 👤)
- Kids are very happy to be back to in class learning** 4.1 ★★★★★ (36 👤)





## DIFFERENCES

Masks, Wear, Class [Side A: 166 | Side B: 85]



### Side A

All students should be wearing masks, including Grades K-3. It is for the safety of everyone to wear masks and not fair to those students wearing masks that their health and safety is at risk due to others.

★ 4.8 ★ 1.2

**There should be more enforcement of proper mask wearing in school.**

Teachers opinions are impacting when students are and aren't being reminded of the protocol for mask wearing in school.

★ 4.8 ★ 1.0

### Side A/B Common (high)

Generally speaking the kids want to be back at school. Routine is very important for kids.

★ 4.6 ★ 4.4

**kids are out of the house, trying to get back to normal** best thing we can do for the kids is trying to normalize their lives again

★ 4.3 ★ 4.5

### Side B

I am not a proponent of masking and especially for long periods of time. There doesn't seem to be good science behind mandatory masking with regards to its effectiveness. There are negative effects of extended mask use.

★ 1.5 ★ 5.0

**Kids should not have to wear a mask at all in any grade. This COVID stuff is ridiculous and has gone too far!** Kids need normal, we don't need masks to become their new normal

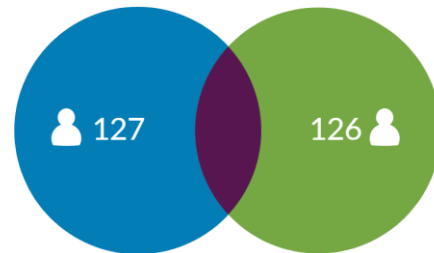
★ 1.3 ★ 4.6





## DIFFERENCES

Wear Masks [Side A: 127 | Side B: 126]



### Side A

**Encouraging Mask Use for K-primary grades** Albeit masks are optional for younger students, I would like to see teachers encouraging mask use for those students who have brought masks.

★ 4.8   ★ 1.3

**Safety** Because the Covid is still here now

★ 4.2   ★ 1.5

### Side A/B Common (high)

**For myself and my household personally we appreciate the ability to still attend school in class.**

Interaction.

★ 4.5   ★ 4.4

**Keep schools open** Good for the kids

★ 4.3   ★ 4.4

### Side B

**I think that students shouldn't be mandated to wear masks** Its important because the longer the children wear these masks the "foggier" their brain gets and the slower and less thinking their brain will do.

★ 1.0   ★ 4.0

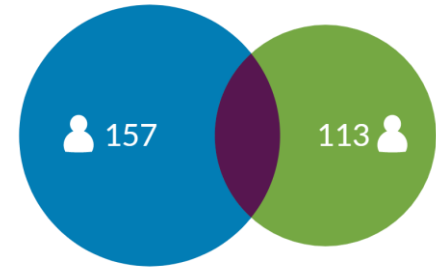
**Elementary students should be able to remove their masks during indoor gym classes. Masks should not be required during exercise, enforce 2m rule.** Gym is meant to be an active period. Mask wearing can inhibit proper breathing during exercise or get sweaty and uncomfortable.





## DIFFERENCES

Class, Working, Kids [Side A: 157 | Side B: 113]



### Side A

**Children are happy for the most part to be back in school** Their mental health and social connection is imperative

★ 4.6   ★ 2.3

**My child's school is doing great with following the COVID safety protocols. I couldn't be happier**

★ 4.6   ★ 1.8

### Side A/B Common (high)

**It is important to get the kids back to school** Kids mental health needs social interaction

★ 4.7   ★ 4.1

**We appreciate how hard the staff is working.**

★ 4.7   ★ 4.4

### Side B

**Volunteer hours** I don't believe that during this time with Covid 19 that the highschool kids should have to complete volunteer hours until there is a vaccine.

★ 1.1   ★ 4.6

**Students should be able to leave highschool at lunch** I feel the reason plan and simple. It should be a right!!

★ 1.4   ★ 4.7





## WRAP UP

### Next Steps



## Thanks for participating

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