



Strategic Plan 2019-2023: Pre-consultation Guide for Meeting with Stakeholders October-November, 2018

Background:

The OCDSB current strategic plan is scheduled to expire in August 2019. Over the next 3 months, the district will be actively consulting with stakeholders in order to gain input into the development of priorities for the next strategic plan. The consultation process has four stages:

- i. Pre-consultation (October/November 2018)
- ii. Idea Exchange (November/December 2018)
- iii. Developing Strategies and Action (January 2019)
- iv. Feedback on Draft Plan (May 2019)

These are explained in the following diagram.



Figure 1: Strategic Planning Consultation Process

Action: The pre-consultation stage is an opportunity for the district to get feedback from our most engaged stakeholders about strategies that could help to increase participation in the consultation

process. In particular, what strategies could help to engage members of school communities who might be traditionally less engaged? The following guiding questions will help to facilitate discussions:

1. What might be some barriers to participation in this consultation?
2. What strategies could be used to overcome these barriers and increase participation?
3. Can you suggest tools/resources/supports that might be helpful to participants?
4. During the Idea Exchange, we will invite stakeholders to respond to three questions in an online forum. What are your thoughts about the following three (3) questions?
 - What do you think are the key issues facing the OCDSB?
 - What should be the priority areas of focus for the OCDSB for the next 4 years?
 - What are the ways in which you would like to be involved in supporting the OCDSB over the next 4 years in achieving these goals?
5. In January, during the Strategies & Actions stage, we will host forums/focus groups. Do you have any thoughts about the format, location and/or timing of the forums/focus groups?

During the pre-consultation stage, feedback will be collected through discussions at committee meetings and through email. Please feel free to share your feedback with Michèle.Giroux@ocdsb.ca or Halcian Joseph-Clost at: shareyourthoughts@ocdsb.ca.

The current strategic plan 2015-2019 is provided below as background information.

Figure 2: Current Strategic Plan

