

## APPENDIX A: Summary of Top Themes and Sub-themes topics

### Theme descriptions

#### Teaching and Learning

**Class size** - class size

**Technology** - related to technology, access to technology, policies, google accounts

**Instructional Practice** - related to instructional practices in the classroom

**Instructional Quality** - related to quality of teaching

**Learning Environment** - related to how teachers interact with students in the classroom

**Differentiated Learning** - related to diverse learning needs in the classroom.

**Reporting** - related to reporting and marking

#### Curriculum

**Arts** - related to arts, music

**Career Pathways** - related to employment, diverse pathways, university pathway

**Core Curriculum** - related to core, learning fundamentals, overall curriculum

**Electives** - related to course variety

**Equity and Standardization** - related to equal access and standardization of curriculum across school sites

**French Immersion** - related to French Immersion

**Indigenous History** - related to Indigenous History

**Kindergarten** - related to kindergarten curriculum

**Learning Skills** - related to how students learn, critical thinking, problem solving, growth

**Life Skills** - related to finance, home ec., time managements, etc.

**Math** - related to math, no mention of other subjects

**Modernize Curriculum** - related to updating the curriculum (includes sex ed)

**Resources** - related to learning resources, textbooks, tools

**Special Education** - related to special ed

**Specialty Programs** - related to alt programs, some gifted thoughts when included with other programs

#### School Environment

**Class Level Communication** - related to student learning, success, parent-teacher communication

**School Level Communication** - related to school communications

**Board Level Communication** - related to board communication, engagement

**Communication Tools & Events** - related to specific tools, effectiveness, events

**Aggressive Behaviour** - violent and aggressive in-class behaviour

**Equity and Diversity** - diversity and acceptance

**Facilities** - related to facilities, air conditioning

**Culture** - overall culture of the school, values, welcoming

**Safety** - related to safety

**Gender Inclusive** - LGBTQ+

**Schedule** - related to scheduling

**Transportation** - related to transportation

**Student Support**

**Assessment & Testing** - psychological testing

**Mental Health Professionals** - employ / make accessible Social Workers & Psychologists

**IEP** - support related to IEPs

**Wellness Strategies** - implementing strategies to increase student and staff well-being

**Mental Health** - general thoughts about mental health and its importance

**Learning Support Programs** - any programs relating to learning support

**EAs & Support Staff** - related to EAs and support workers specifically

**Classroom Supports** - thoughts about general supports in the classroom

**Extended Day Programs** - related to extended day programs and after school care

**Extracurricular and Physical Activities**

**More Physical Activity** - advocating for more physical activity/physical education and emphasizing the importance

**Outdoor Activity** - thoughts about learning, play and activities that take place outdoors.

**Variety of Clubs and Activities** - General thoughts about the variety of extracurricular activities and clubs available

**Benefits of Extracurricular Activities** - explaining why the extracurricular activities are beneficial

**Sports** - related to sports programming

**Field Trips** - related to field trips

**HR & District Level**

**Professional Development** - related to professional development

**Staffing** - related to staffing across schools

**Workload** - related to workload

**Staff Mental Health** - related to staff mental health

**District Level Administration** - related to the board and leadership

**Funding** - related to funding