Dear Parents,

In early February we sent out a letter describing a Proposed Board Strategic Direction. The purpose is to implement efficiencies across the Division, providing high quality learning opportunities while ensuring financial sustainability.

The purpose of this proposed strategic direction is to implement efficiencies across the Division, providing high quality learning opportunities while ensuring the Division is financially sustainable. The proposed plan includes:

- Reconfiguring schools east of Hwy 2 to K-8 (Centennial, Norwood, Parkdale, Clear Vista, Gwynne) and 9-12 (Wetaskiwin Composite High).
- Reconfiguring Queen Elizabeth as a dual-track K-8 school offering French Immersion and Year-Round programs while providing a CTS Centre.
- Consolidating Millet and Griffiths Scott into one K-8 school with the closure of Millet School.
- Repurposing C.B. McMurdo School. Possible uses may include: housing off-campus, system programs, centralized programs (Home Ed, District Principal, OH&S Coordinator) and community programs/partners (Boys & Girls Club, Hope Mission).
- Future efficiencies may be found in the reconfiguration of schools west of Hwy 2 (Alder Flats, Buck Mountain, Winfield, Lakedell, Pigeon Lake, Falun, Pipestone).

We want to know what you appreciate as well as your concerns. We encourage sharing your opinions and please note that all responses will be moderated and thoughts will be removed if they:

1) Are rude or hurtful to a person or a group of people
2) Do not answer the question

In a few weeks, you will be invited to join the second step in this process - to review and help prioritize the thoughts that are most important to you. Please note that during this step, your thoughts will be shared with others but your name will be kept confidential.

Your time spent engaged in this process is very much appreciated. Please join the conversation!

Sincerely,
Barbara Johnson
Board Chair, Wetaskiwin Regional Public Schools

Please Note: You are not required to submit either your name or your email address if you are concerned with confidentiality.

Please return your hand written Thought Exchange surveys to your school or Division Office @ Wetaskiwin Regional Public Schools 5515 47 A Avenue Wetaskiwin AB T9A on or before March 11, 2016.
CONFIDENTIALITY NOTICE: Thoughtexchange enforces confidentiality instead of complete anonymity to promote social civility and to reduce rude responses. Participant thoughts are shared with others in the second step (Star) and third step (Discover), but your names are not. Thoughtexchange’s corporate policy is to not release the association of names to thoughts or stars to anyone, including the School District, unless legally required to do so.

Name: __________________________ Email Address: __________________________

School Name: __________________________

Questions (please enter the question number in the space provided just below)

1. What are your concerns about the proposed strategic direction?
2. What do you appreciate about the proposed strategic direction?
3. What are your questions about the proposed strategic direction?
4. What are some things you would like students to experience that they currently cannot?

Write Your Thoughts Below – Share each thought separately and with a short summary or title; provide details if you need to expand on the summary.

Question #____

Summary:

Details:


