











New Westminster Schools: Renewing Our Mission, Vision and Values

Survey Results

Overview

The Board of Education has undertaken to renew our Foundational Statements (Mission, Vision and Values) to reflect our schools and communities as of 2017. As part of the renewal exercise the Board of Education requested input from our staff, our parents and our community through a survey that was posted on our website from June 22 until August 25. The draft Foundational Statements were created through a process of dialogue and debate over a series of meetings and based on feedback from the Visions for Learning exercise survey undertaken during the 2015-2016 school year. Once approved, the Foundational Statements will assist in guiding the Board of Education as they develop a Strategic Plan and Direction for New Westminster Schools.

Below are the survey questions and unedited responses:

MISSION STATEMENT

A mission statement best answers the question: "Why do we exist as an organization?" Clarifying our fundamental purpose in this statement will establish priorities and guide decisions. Our mission statement has been narrowed to the two following similar but distinct options:

DRAFT MISSION STATEMENT 1: To enable each student to learn in safe, engaging and inclusive schools.

DRAFT MISSION STATEMENT 2: To enable each student to learn in a safe, engaging and inclusive environment.

VISION STATEMENT

A vision statement answers the question: "What do we hope our District will become in order to accomplish our fundamental purpose?" A vision statement challenges and inspires while describing a realistic and compelling future for our District.

DRAFT VISION STATEMENT: A place where students love to learn.

VALUES

Values help answer the question: "What is important in our School District?" They also guide our actions in creating the school district that is reflected in our Mission and Vision.

DRAFT VALUES:

Diversity	Accountability	Curiosity	Respect
Inclusion	Innovation	Engagement	Empathy
Integrity	Creativity	Collaboration	Equity

VISION STATEMENT

Survey Question #2

Does the draft Vision Statement above capture what you believe is an appropriate vision for New Westminster Schools? (37 responses)

1. Yes (15).
2. No. School is not all about learning, it's about building friendships and creating strong self worth for the future.
3. Seems far too basic, needs more gravitas.
4. No, I feel this is only a partial vision....I think it should add ...love to learn and effectively grow and advance in their education.
5. And feel welcomed.
6. No.
7. Yes. It's also a place my child loves to go everyday.
8. So/so.
9. Yes, because if the students enjoy learning, they ll be more successful!
10. I think students loving to learn is an excellent aspiration, and there should also be part of the

VALUES

Survey Question #3

Does the draft list of values above capture what you believe is important for New Westminster Schools? Please feel free to identify other values that you believe are missing from this list. (39 responses)

1. Yes (19).
2. 12 is way too many. pick 5 or 6.
3. Equity/Diversity/Inclusion are all the same FYI.
4. Should add safety? Missing piece of the mission.
5. Yes possibly adding equality.
6. Yes it does but unfortunately it is hard for schools to maintain these values. I had to pull my child out of Howay Elementary due to bullying. He now goes to a hybrid program called Hume Park Homelearners. There is no bullying at this school and it maintains your draft values. Unfortunately



17. Respect cannot be emphasized enough. It is the underpinning of many of the others values listed and for that reason I thin

