



Dress Guideline Forum Community Report

We have asked the question and you have responded with enthusiasm and passion as a community. Since April 11th, 2019 staff, parents, grandparents, caregivers and members of the community have provided feedback regarding their considerations as we review dress guideline for the Chilliwack school district.

Thanks to your participation in our online platform called ThoughtExchange, we saw 1269 participants share 1275 thoughts from April 11 to April 30. ThoughtExchange allows us to uncover opposing priorities in the conversation, identify gaps in perception, build on areas of agreement among various groups, and discern key themes to understand what’s important to our whole Chilliwack community. We want to take this opportunity to thank you for taking the time to share your thoughts as we collectively work towards co-creating a dress guideline that supports student success in Chilliwack Schools.

This summary report was shared with members of the [Education Policy Advisory Committee](#) at their meeting on May 2nd, 2019. The role of the Education Policy Advisory Committee is to review all of the new policy ideas and existing policy changes and make recommendations to the Board of Education at a future meeting. As part of completing the conversation, the summary report is also shared with the community for consistency, clarity.

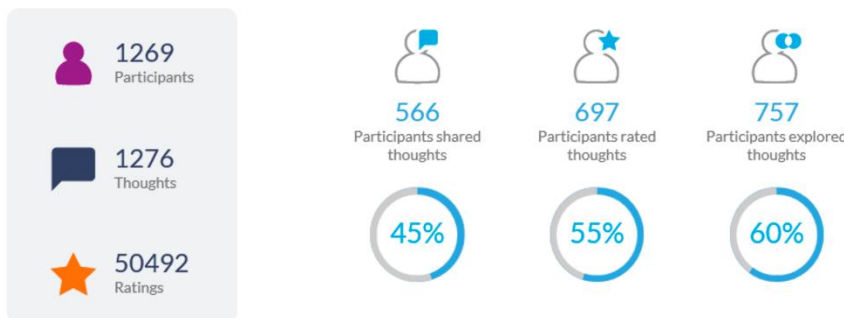
Here is the summary of the results:

Theming is done by the Artificial Intelligence of the software as well as by the moderator of the forum. It is key to note that the analysis done multiple times should result in the same general key themes. On top of the information presented below, a further summary of the information is included at the following website: <https://my.thoughtexchange.com/report/65751b8cb5632b5833360ddff934d008>

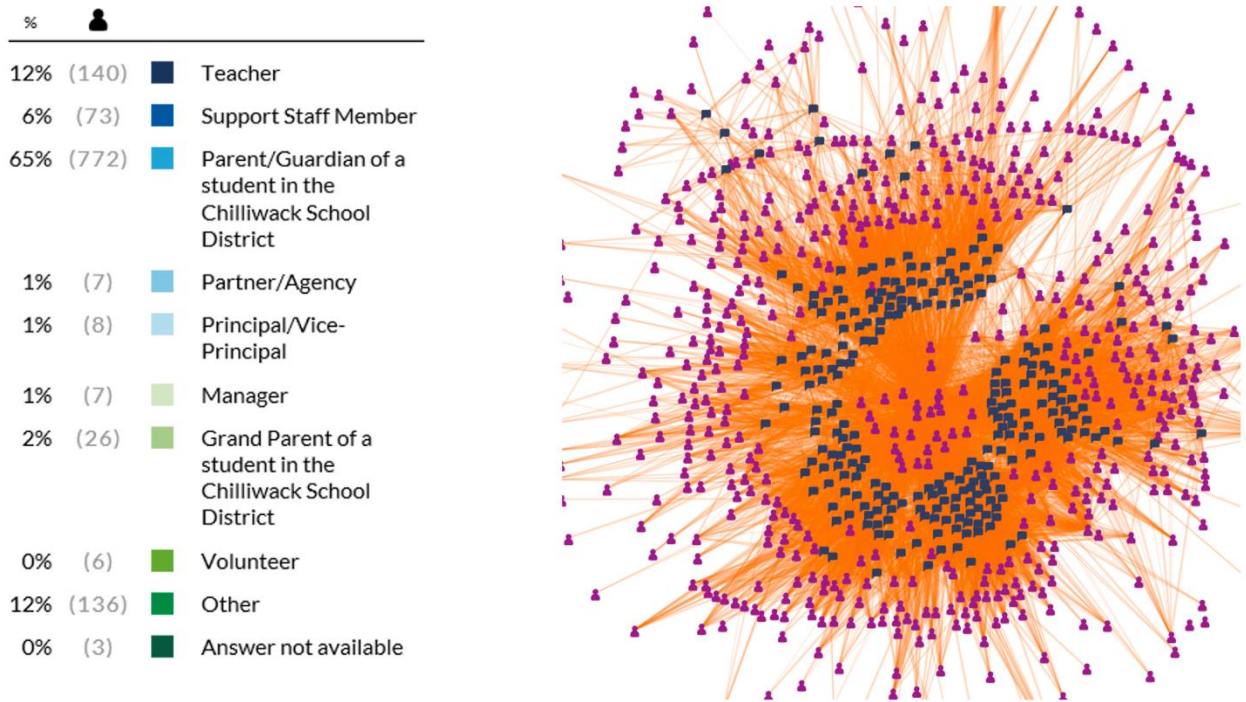
Participation Statistics are included below in a schematic.



As we review the guidelines for a Chilliwack School District Dress Code, what are the most important things we should consider?



Demographic information, as well as the Exchange connection map are included below in a schematic.



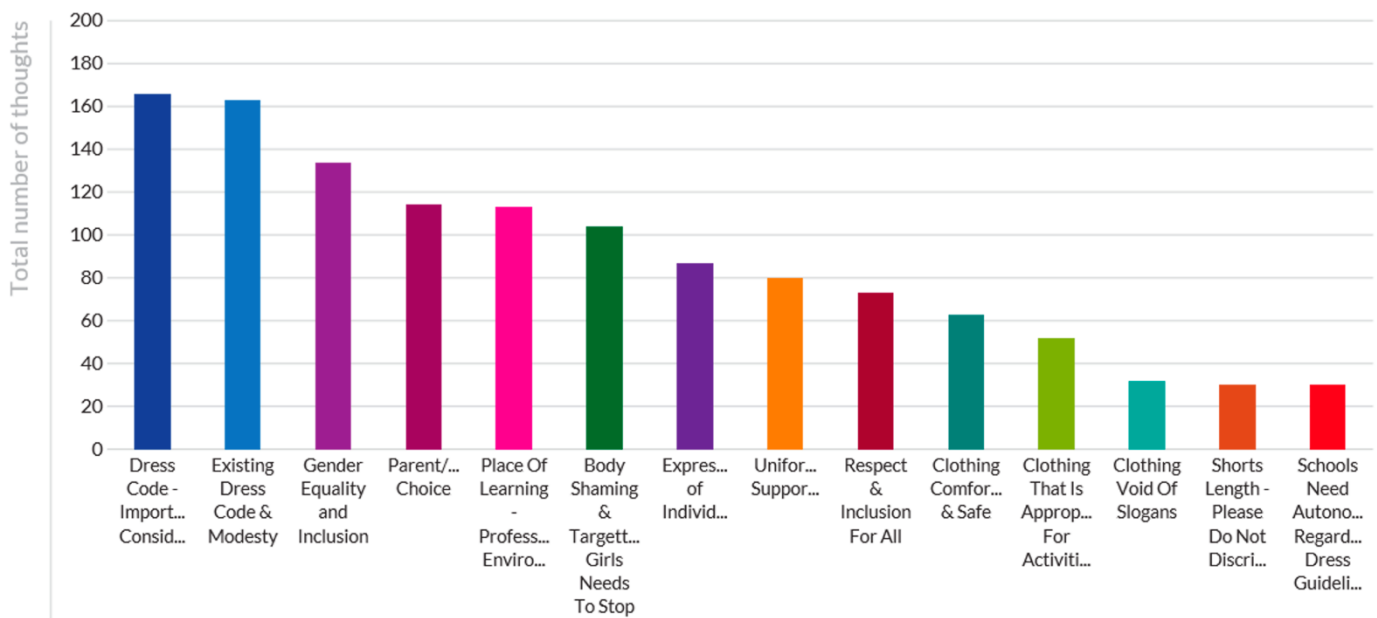
ThoughtExchange forum “word map” generated by the system software:



All thoughts were analyzed as per “star” patterns and also by themes, and the following themes emerged as being prominent:



Bar graph based on the number of thoughts by theme:

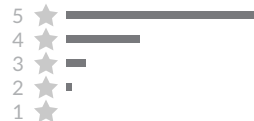


Here are 10 thoughts that received the highest star ratings

Clothing that promotes language/drugs/booze

Its not appropriate or respectful to wear clothing like this

4.4 ★★★★★ (43 👤)
Ranked #1 of 10



If there are concern about what a student is wearing, this needs to be handled in a private way and not in front of other students and staff.

Shaming a student in front of their peers is not a safe way to address a concern. This can be done properly with the child and their parent in private

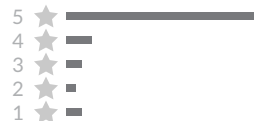
4.4 ★★★★★ (41 👤)
Ranked #2 of 10



Students need to learn that everyone deserves respect, regardless of what they are wearing.

This is a fundamental.

4.3 ★★★★★ (48 👤)
Ranked #3 of 10



Profane or vulgar shirts etc should still not be allowed

It is still a place of learning

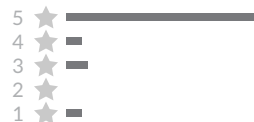
4.3 ★★★★★ (43 👤)
Ranked #4 of 10



That it be fair to both genders and non discriminatory to female students based on outdated theories that male students may be distracted etc

It puts the needs of one gender's education ahead of another. Children should not be sexualized at a young age anyway. Ei: 6yo in a sundress

4.3 ★★★★★ (43 👤)
Ranked #5 of 10



We are also in agreement that nothing a child wears to school supports discrimination or hate towards any group of people.

Hate and racism need to be interrupted and this is one way to keep schools safe and inclusive.

4.3 ★★★★★ (39 👤)
Ranked #6 of 10



If my daughter wants to wear a sleeveless (not strapless) shirt to school, this shouldn't be an issue to you. This shouldn't be a cover your shoulders

Situation. She is 6 for goodness sake.

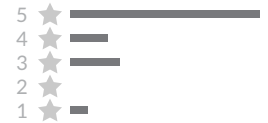
4.2 ★★★★★ (48 👤)
Ranked #7 of 10



The dress code applies equally and fairly to everyone.

The dress code should not be directed at girls but rather all students.

4.2 ★★★★★ (47 👤)
Ranked #8 of 10



If a six year old boy can wear a tank top to class, a six year old girl should be able to as well.

Shoulders are not unsanitary or distracting

4.2 ★★★★★ (45 👤)
Ranked #9 of 10



To include non-genderized language or examples.

It's frustrating to read a dress code and to know that everything in it applies to my daughter but my son doesn't have to worry about it.

4.2 ★★★★★ (45 👤)
Ranked #10 of 10

