



Integrated Arts and Technology School Forum Community Report

We have asked the question and you have responded with enthusiasm and passion as a community. Since April 5th, 2019 staff, parents, grandparents, caregivers and members of the community have provided feedback regarding their what interests them about the concept of an Integrated Arts and Technology School of Choice and what ideas they have to make the concept better?

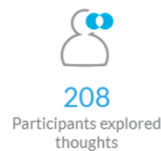
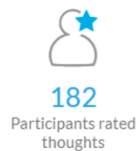
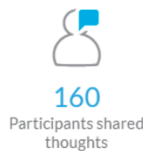
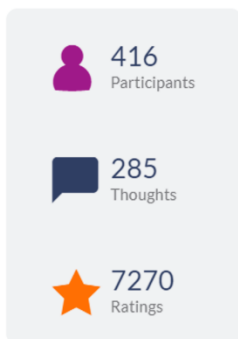
Thanks to your participation in our online platform called ThoughtExchange, we saw 416 participants share 285 thoughts from April 5th to May 3rd. ThoughtExchange allows us to uncover opposing priorities in the conversation, identify gaps in perception, build on areas of agreement among various groups, 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 new Integrated Arts and Technology School that will support student success in the Chilliwack School District.

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/9bd355b50b338a585135cd753be8c9f5>

Participation Statistics are included below in a schematic.



What interests you about the concept of an Integrated Arts and Technology School of Choice and what ideas do you have to make the concept better?

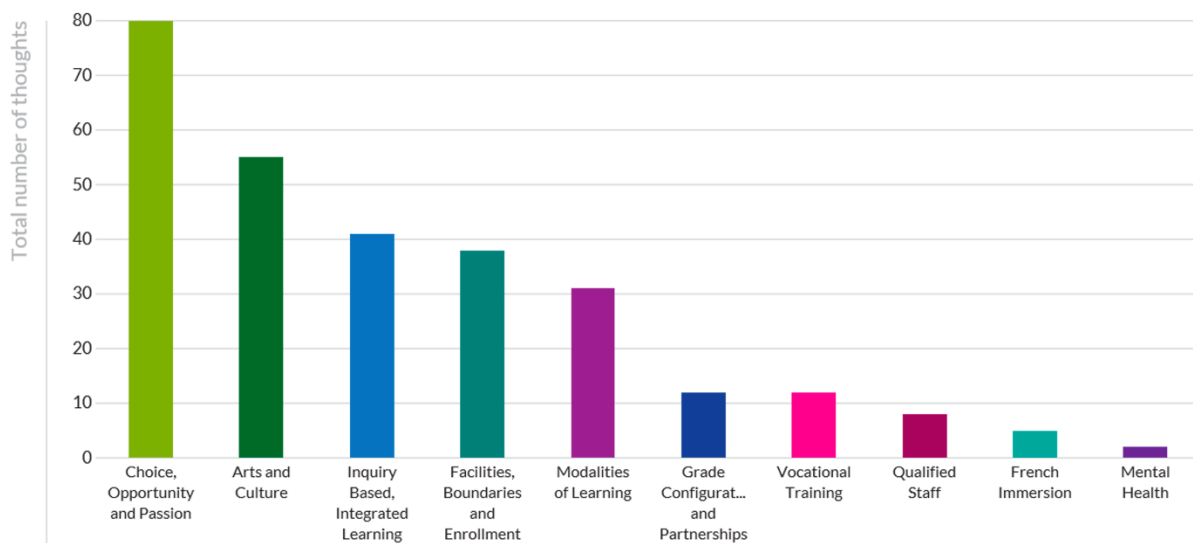


All thoughts were analyzed as per “star” patterns and also by themes, and the following themes emerged as being prominent:



Bar graph based on the number of thoughts by theme:

RESULTS Final Themes

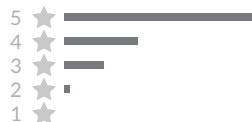


Here are 20 thoughts that received the highest star ratings

The arts are valuable and underrepresented in the public system

Excessive focus on vocational training in the public system discourages students from pursuing arts, leading to a lack of well-roundedness in graduates

4.3 ★★★★★ (38 👤)
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A variety of ways for students to learn and show their learning.

Kids learning styles are different and they should have the opportunities to participate in a variety of ways.

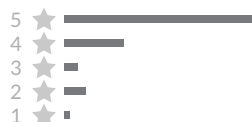
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I'm excited about the inquiry based learning

Inquiry allows students to explore topics and content that interests them and increases engagement with curriculum.

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That it may be more in-depth than regular high school electives

Gives students more options when they understand where their strengths lie.

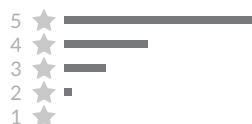
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The idea of a school of choice for arts and technology is an exciting opportunity for students who are passionate about these subjects

Better prepares students for future endeavors related to these fields.

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This is amazing and wish there was something like this when I went to school. Having one child who's mind is very creative would fit into this school.

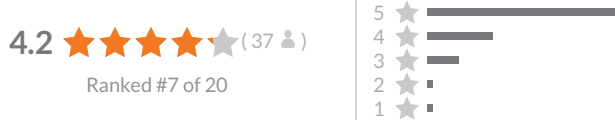
Gives creative minds a different way of learning and allowing students to go after what they really want to learn.

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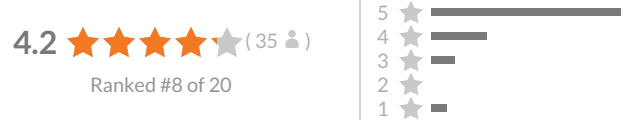
It is excellent use of an already existing space built with advanced facility requirements for an integrated arts school

Keeping and upgrading existing advanced facilities rather than razing it makes fiscal sense and keeps options open for future community use



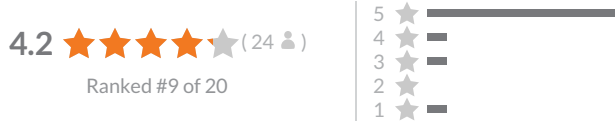
I love that students who have a passion for the arts will be able to incorporate the core competencies within these passions which makes learning...

... exciting and fun! When kids are excited about school, they can accomplish amazing things and reach their highest potential.



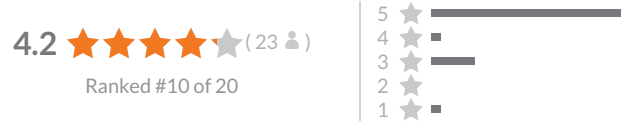
Great as long as you have enough qualified fine arts and tech teachers to staff the school.

Without proper staff it will just become another high school. Wasn't GW Graham supposed to be a fine arts school?



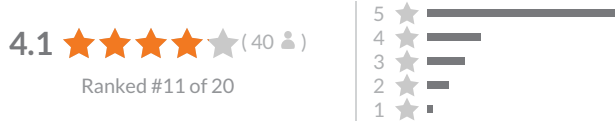
Administration with arts background

If you want a legitimate arts/tech school, the person overseeing it needs to actually know about the arts and believe in their importance

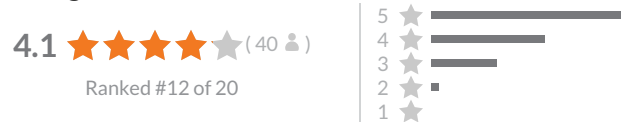


Equal opportunity for attendance.

We need to find a way where all students, regardless of economic barriers, can attend.

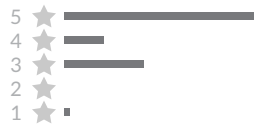
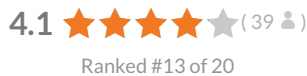


The arts are an incredibly important for our kids to gain confidence and be creative



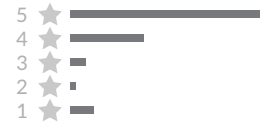
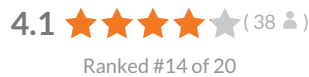
It's about time.

Integrative learning is whole student learning.
Brilliant.



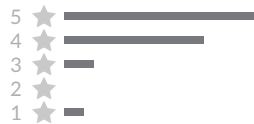
An integrated school may encourage some students to find personal value in education outside of traditional schools

Would increase value of education in the minds of some parents and children that are not suited to/interested in post secondary path for education



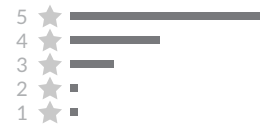
Good opportunity to provide an alternative to traditional block scheduled programming, chance for students to direct their own learning.

Because its 2019.



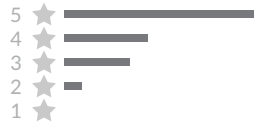
I think that everyone learns in a different way and hand on approach can be very helpful for students that may not always be able to sit for long

this approach is aiming for success with every student as a Inclusive



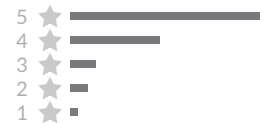
The arts are as important for child brain development as science and math.

As a parent to two wonderfully creative children, it delights me to know that when they're old enough this may be an option for them to explore.



I think it is great and provides creative students a different learning opportunity and to focus on the things that matter most to them

Not every kid learns the same way and education that gears to their specific needs and flourish in their arts and technology only betters them.



It's great to take some pressure off the other high schools and have another options for secondary students



The schools are full and if you have schools that concentrate on different subjects you have happier students and teachers

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Ranked #19 of 20



This forum is a enables youth to tailor their education to meet future success and career goals by providing access to goal specific learning.

It creates room within our education system to enhance fine art and technical training pursuits for our students.

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