



Principal's Report

Windermere Community Secondary School

PAC Meeting

October 5, 2021



Your Schools, Your Voice

Help shape the VSB education plan.

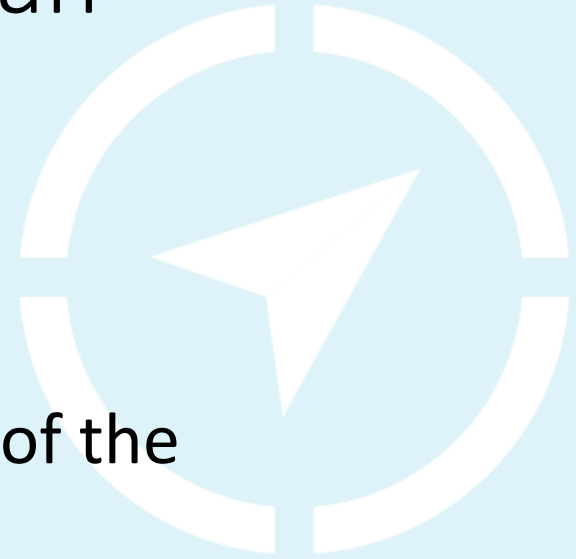
Message from Board Chair





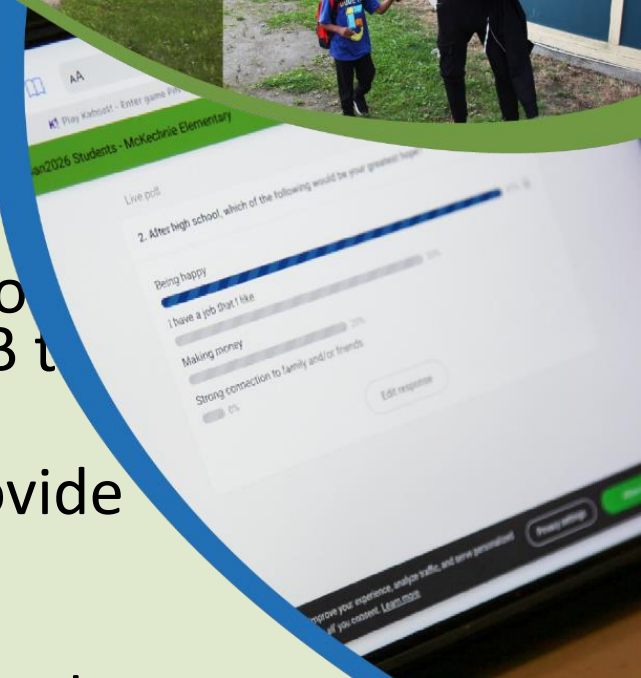
What is the Education Plan 2026?

- The plan will guide the Board for the next five years
- Roadmap to improve outcomes for students
- VSB wants to hear the expectations and aspirations of the people of Vancouver
- Development of the plan must consider and involve the various audiences affected - students, families, teachers, administrators, employers, post-secondary institutions, education partners and Vancouver residents



How can we take part?

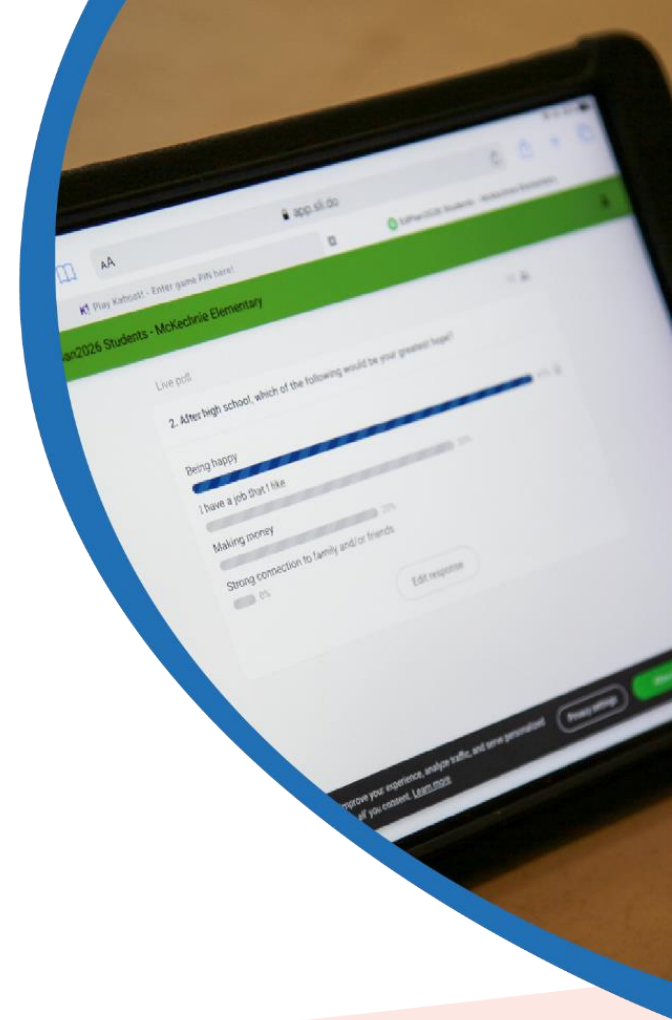
- Round one of knowledge gathering: a short online survey
- It asks some specific questions and provides opportunities to comment about anything they think is important for the VSB to consider in developing the plan
- Participants can also upload documents to the survey to provide further detail about their expectations and aspirations for Vancouver schools
- PACs can submit a 'collective voice' document as well as parents individually completing the survey
- Round two of knowledge gathering: later in year once proposed goals and objectives are developed



How can we take part?

Visit edplan2026.vsb.bc.ca

- Encourage other parents to take part
- Help spread the word #EdPlan2026
- Include in PAC newsletters



New Ministry Reporting Order: Opportunity to Provide Input

- Learn more & provide your feedback: <https://feedback.engage.gov.bc.ca/944758?lang=en>
- Students and parents/guardians/caregivers need to receive regular, clear communication about student learning throughout the school year. To help ensure this information is provided consistently from K-12, the Ministry is replacing three different policies with one, unified K-12 Student Reporting Policy.

This new policy is aligned with the curriculum that was introduced beginning in 2016 and will ensure parents/guardians receive information about:

- student progress in each subject area the student is currently studying,
- areas of significant student growth and opportunities for further development,
- student attendance.

- The policy will also give students a voice in their learning by requiring student self-assessment and goal setting to be included in reports home. In consultation with a diverse range of partners in the education sector, the Ministry of Education has developed a proposed draft of this new policy.
- Then in November 2021, a What We Heard Report summarizing this feedback will be released. The Ministry of Education will then release an updated and final policy in January 2022. Once approved, this final policy is projected to come into effect for the 2022/2023 school year

FIT = Flexible Instructional Time

- Provides flexible learning environments for all, acknowledging that learning can take place in a variety of places in a variety of ways
- Provides students with choice, voice, and flexibility with their learning in order to independently complete assignments, study, collaborate with peers, complete homework, or engage in a personal area of interest
- Provides the opportunity for students to receive support and guidance from staff
- Supports student time management and organization, by providing an opportunity for students to practice these skills with the guidance of staff

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- *Our definition of student choice is informed by the Ministry of Education. “Students benefit from more flexibility and choice of how, when, and where their learning takes place. This will become increasingly important as B.C. takes a more inclusive approach to education, ensuring all students – regardless of ability or background – benefit from a learning environment tailored to maximize their potential.” Student choice means students choosing how, when, and where learning takes place.*

Bell Schedule

Monday, Wednesday, Friday	
Warning Bell	8:35 AM
Block 1	8:40 AM – 10:01 AM
Break	10:01 AM - 10:09 AM
Block 2	10:09 AM - 11:30 AM
Lunch	11:30 AM - 12:15 PM
Block 3	12:15 PM – 1:36 PM
Break	1:36 PM – 1:45 PM
Block 4	1:45 PM - 3:06 PM

Bell Schedule

Tuesday	
Warning Bell	8:35 AM
Block 1	8:40 AM – 9:36 AM
Break	9:36 AM – 9:40 AM
FIT	9:40 AM – 10:30 AM
Break	10:30 AM – 10:34 AM
Block 2	10:34 AM - 11:30 AM
Lunch	11:30 AM - 12:15 PM
Block 3	12:15 PM – 1:36 PM
Break	1:36 PM – 1:45 PM
Block 4	1:45 PM - 3:06 PM

Bell Schedule

Thursday	
Warning Bell	8:35 AM
Block 1	8:40 AM – 10:01 AM
Break	10:01 AM – 10:09 AM
Block 2	10:09 AM – 11:30 AM
Lunch	11:30 AM - 12:15 PM
Block 3	12:15 PM – 1:11 PM
Break	1:11 PM – 1:15 PM
FIT	1:15 PM – 2:05 PM
Break	2:05 PM – 2:10 PM
Block 4	2:10 PM – 3:06 PM

CST Update

- The Windermere CST plays a valuable role in bridging the community and our school and providing out of school time programming for children and youth facing barriers to participation.
- Known as Windermere Community Programs, or “WCP”, last year, the program was terminated due to the pandemic.
- This year we have been given the direction from the VSB Senior Management Team that CST programs are still not possible at this time across the district. We are working on creative ways to support youth leadership development and mentorship opportunities for Windermere students this year.
- In the meantime, the Windermere CST remains a resource for Windermere students interested in connecting with community volunteer or participation opportunities.
- In addition, myself Chelan, and Lisa Litwiller, the Youth and Family Worker, have two rooms at Windermere, room 209 and 124 (oasis room), where we provide free snacks to any students that are hungry and offer an inclusive and fun space for students during break times.
- Students can find out about these opportunities and more by coming to room 209 during break times or the following locations:
 - Instagram: Windermere-cst
 - Website: <https://www.vsb.bc.ca/schools/windermere/Extracurricular/Community-Schools-Team/Pages/default.aspx>
 - The Windermere Student Bulletin
- Also, please reach out directly to me if you would like more information or to provide your feedback. Chelan Wallace 604-713-5885, chwallace@vsb.bc.ca