

Your input is very important! Survey closes at NOON on Tuesday, February 21...

Education and youth are important to Norfolk County. All residents and business owners of all ages are encouraged to complete the survey.

The survey is designed to gather lots of opinion and information in as short a time as possible. The results of this survey will be shared with the community as well as education and municipal authorities.

Please participate. Thank you!

*How old are you?

- 13 or under
- 14 to 17
- 18 to 29
- 30 to 49
- 50 to 69
- 70 plus

*Which community do you live in or live closest to?

- Delhi
- Hagersville
- Langton
- Port Dover
- Port Rowan
- Simcoe
- Tillsonburg
- Waterford
- Other (please specify)

High School Affiliation

***Which high school are you affiliated with? (e.g. your child attends it, you attend it, you graduated there, you work there, you live in that town, etc.)**

- Delhi District Secondary School
- Glendale High School
- Hagersville Secondary School
- Holy Trinity School
- Port Dover Composite School
- Simcoe Composite School
- Valley Heights Secondary School
- Waterford District High School
- Other or more than one (please explain)

School System Affiliation

*Which school system are you affiliated with?

- Public
- Separate
- Both (e.g. have children in both systems)
- Christian School (but not a Separate School)
- Private School
- Other (please explain)

*Do you own or operate a business in a community with a high school?

- Yes
- No

Business Questions (Page 1 of 2)

*What kind of business do you operate?

- Restaurant
- Retail
- Other (please specify)

*How many employees do you have?

of Part-time high school student workers during school year

of Part-time high school student workers during summer

of Full-time adult workers

of Part-time adult workers

of Seasonal adult workers

of Other

*As a business owner/operator in a community with a high school, how important to your bottom line are revenues from high school students and staff?

- Very Important
- Important
- Unimportant
- Very Unimportant

Business Questions (Page 2 of 2)

***If the high school in your community were to close, how would this affect your business?**

- The business would probably close
- The business would probably relocate to a town with a high school
- The business would suffer, but would likely remain open
- The business would miss the extra revenue, but we would eventually cope
- The business wouldn't suffer in any way

***If high school students work for you, what kinds of workforce issues would arise due to bussing them out of town? (Check all that apply)**

- Students would not get back in time to work for us
- Students who wanted to keep their jobs would need to get a ride back early
- We would not be able to keep our store hours without students
- We could find others to do the work
- We employ students, but don't anticipate any problems
- We don't employ students

Other (please specify)

Are you student?

*Are you a high school student or elementary student in Norfolk County?

- Yes - High school student (Grade 9 to 12)
- Yes - Elementary student (up to Grade 8)
- No - I am a student, but not in Norfolk elementary or high school
- No - I am not a student

Student Questions (Page 2 of 2)

What do you want to do as a job when you graduate?

What could your community do to make it a better place for young people?

To get more info about things for young people, enter your email or text# here

Who are you?

*Are you...?

- Parent of student
- School staff
- Norfolk resident with an interest in education
- Someone from outside Norfolk
- None of the above

Keeping All Schools Open

***Do you support keeping all high schools in Norfolk County open?**

- Yes
- Maybe
- No

Options

***Of all of the options being considered for high schools within the Grand Erie system in Norfolk County, which option do you favour?**

- Status Quo - Keep all schools open, as is
- Close PDCS and return Grade 7s and 8s to Doverwood
- Close PDCS, send students to SCS, re-purpose PDCS as JK-8 school
- Close WDHS and PDCS
- Close PDCS, operate as satellite campus of another high school offering specialty/magnet programming
- None of the Above - There must be another alternative

Focused Schools Concept

*** Another idea is to turn a high school into a "focused school" (e.g. arts, technology, science, etc.) focusing on a specific theme that still allows students to graduate with all necessary credits.**

Do you think the "focused school" would be a good option for the high school you are affiliated with?

- Yes
- Maybe (with more information)
- No

If your high school were to become a focused school, please PICK up to 3 of the following focuses that you support:

- Arts / Theatre / Culture / Culinary / Creative Economy
- Business / Entrepreneurship / Agriculture / Tourism
- Health Sciences / Social Services / Aging Population
- Innovation / Technology / Engineering / Transportation
- International Program / Languages / Global Studies
- Sport / Athletics
- Year Round Schooling
- Other (different from any of above)

Which organizations or businesses in your community could contribute assistance, expertise or funds to make the focused school idea work?

Central High School Concept

*** Another idea is to build a central high school for Simcoe, Port Dover and Waterford, and close the existing high schools in those towns.**

Are you supportive of this option?

- Not supportive - don't even explore a central high school
- Neutral - I would need more information to express my opinion
- Supportive - the idea of a central school should be explored

If a central high school were built, where should it be located?

What other thoughts do you have on the idea of a central high school?

Youth in our Community

*How supportive is our community to its youth, compared to other communities?

- We are very supportive - kids want to move here
- We have a slight edge on other places, but we're not perfect
- We are as supportive as any other community
- We are less supportive than others, but we're not that bad
- We are not at all supportive - kids can't wait to leave here

*Do you think a Youth strategy or committee would help our community?

- Yes - one should be set up in each community (Port Dover, Simcoe, etc.)
- Yes - one should be set up for all of Norfolk County
- I don't know
- No need to set up a Youth Committee

Comments

***How confident are you in the current Accommodation Review process for high schools in Norfolk County?**

- I have no confidence in the process
- I am unhappy with the process but hopeful it will produce an appropriate result
- I am neutral
- I am pleased with the process but remain concerned about the outcome
- I have full confidence in the process

Optional Final Questions

***Would you like to answer 6 extra questions about related issues?**

- Yes, I will answer them
- No, let's wrap this up

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A couple questions about bussing...

***What do you think about the amount of time students spend on buses? (Check all that you agree with)**

- Riding a bus is a fact of life - kids will get used to waiting
- If kids need to be somewhere, their parents can make arrangements
- Direct express buses should take kids to their towns as soon as possible
- Community groups could fund special buses for teams, clubs, etc.
- Other (please explain)

***Elsewhere in the world, rural high schools closed and students are now bussed to the largest nearby city. What do you think about closing high schools in Norfolk County and bussing students to Brantford?**

- No - I do not support this idea
- Maybe - I am willing to consider it
- Yes - This option should be explored now

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International Students pay more than \$10,000 to the School Board to attend high school from countries like China, India, etc. These funds help make a high school more viable. There are additional costs related to recruiting and administering the International program, which used to operate at PDCS.

Should the School Board bring back the International Student Programme to a Norfolk high school?

- Yes
- Maybe
- No

How beneficial would it be for Norfolk students to interact with International students?

- It would be beneficial
- I am neutral on the issue
- It would not be beneficial
- Other (please specify)

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Faith-based funding is a contentious issue. The United Nations has called on Canada to "adopt steps in order to eliminate discrimination on the basis of religion in the funding of schools in Ontario".

***If the Provincial Government were to reconsider how it runs the education system, which option do you support?**

- Ignore the UN, don't change a thing
- Keep existing public and separate systems and also publicly fund all other religious schools
- Keep current board boundaries, merge public system with separate system in each area
- Merge public and separate system and split up school boards into former geographic areas (Norfolk, etc.)
- Your Idea

***How do you think a merger of the public and separate systems would benefit communities and students?**

- Merging the systems would free up funds to keep small high schools open in all communities
- Merging the systems would not change funding challenges, we would still need to close schools
- Merging the systems is not a good idea; don't do it
- Other (please specify)

Final Page

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