

# Ontario-Montclair School District

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James Q. Hammond, Ed.D.  
*Superintendent*

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Dear OMSD students, parents, staff, and community:

I want to thank all of you for participating in OMSD's *ThoughtExchange* survey regarding returning to school this upcoming fall. Your participation and responses were critical in helping identify a number of important preferences of our stakeholders as we begin to make decisions on how best to return to school on August 6, 2020.

After a 2-week survey period, which ended yesterday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, I want to share the survey results with you. I am extremely proud that 3,530 participants shared 5,138 thoughts and ranked 76,095 thoughts.



%	Count	Stakeholder Group
61%	(2,086)	Parent/Family
1%	(46)	Community Member
26%	(873)	Certificated Personnel
8%	(257)	Classified Personnel
4%	(127)	Management

During this unique *ThoughtExchange* survey process, participants were able to contribute opinions and rank thoughts in order to identify the highest priorities among all of the responses. Below is an overview of **top ranking thoughts** from all participants:

When kids are sick with any sickness, they should stay home period so we won't get sick	4,6 ★★★★★ (18 🗳️) Ranked #1 of 4780
If we do Distance Learning again (or staggered schedule (1/2 in class and 1/2 DL), can each school have a TOA that focuses on Distance Learning? Teachers need support.	4,5 ★★★★★ (21 🗳️) Ranked #2 of 4780
Getting all students the necessary tools. All kids need a chrome book issued. They should bring it to school and take it home for homework This will allow for them to understand the various programs and become more proficient in using the technology	4,5 ★★★★★ (20 🗳️) Ranked #3 of 4780
Cleaning Custodial staff should continue to disinfect door handles, restrooms, common area on a regular schedule throughout the day.	4,5 ★★★★★ (17 🗳️) Ranked #4 of 4780
Making sure parent don't take sick kiddos to school! Some parents use school as their day care so they can provide for their families and they take kids to school sick. This can't happen!	4,5 ★★★★★ (17 🗳️) Ranked #5 of 4780

This effort was the first of two important surveys included in a plan to gather valuable stakeholder input in order to make a final decision on how we will return to school.

**“Our Community, Our Children, Our Commitment, Our Future”**

As a result, I am again requesting your input on this second survey. This survey which will ask additional questions based on the preferences of the recent *ThoughtExchange* along with valuable input received from our Return to School Subcommittees and Superintendent's Advisory Group. Your participation will provide additional beneficial data to inform my pending decision, which I plan to make by June 19.

Parents/Families and Community Members: [Please click here to begin the survey.](#)

OMSD Staff Members: [Please click here to begin the survey.](#)

Any decisions regarding school calendars, flexible schedules for teaching and support staff, impacts to any current job descriptions/conditions that relate to a return to school plan will be discussed collectively and collaboratively with our association partners.

Thank you in advance for taking the time to participate in our second survey. The OMSD Board of Trustees, our distinguished staff and myself truly value your input.

Sincerely,

James Q. Hammond, Ed.D.

Superintendent