

# PEP EXCHANGE #1

## Holy Trinity Catholic School Division

What knowledge, skills, and abilities do students need to be prepared for their future life and learning?

### Q1 What knowledge, skills, and abilities do students need to be prepared for their future life and learning?

#### Problem solving and critical thinking skills

They don't need to know all the answers but they need to know how to find answers and solve problems.

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**Students need to be taught life skills and technology skills in order to navigate the every day world as it is ever changing.** It's important because I find lots of students struggle to function in an everyday society.

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**Students need to understand how to use the information they have access to through the Internet.** Students need to know how to search for, sort through, determine what information is useful, and distinguish truth from deception.

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**Technical "STEM" based skills and strong EQ's. They need the ability to develop and share research based ideas and collaboration skills to achieve.** Collaborative work is the way of the future; problem solving skills, consensus building, thought exchanges - this is how future work will be completed

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**Budgeting** Budgeting is important in real life

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**They need the 3 r's - reading, writing and arithmetic. My fear is the curriculum is being watered down as many students have near 100% averages** When they get to University they will be unprepared as a result of the high school curricula



**They need critical thinking skills. They also need to know how to receive constructive criticism and then how to work with that feedback.**



**Students need to learn how to seek reliable information about health, science, politics, and finance.** There is a glut of useless and dangerous information available and students as citizens need to know how to navigate this successfully.



**Empathy and compassion for others**

Emotional literacy is important throughout life, there will always be a need for people skills



**Students should have the knowledge to balance a cheque book, cook a meal, change a tire.** These are skills that will benefit them through out there life.



**Tolerance** Students need to accept others regardless of social status, sexual orientation, religious background, etc. Don't judge based on others opinions.



**They need to be taught how to intelligently use social media and the dangers of subversive ads and misinformation** The digital landscape has changed how we exchange thoughts and ideas. They need to know how to navigate truths from fiction



**Communication and interpersonal social skills.** We live in a global community and students will need to interact through that lens that emphasizes tone, sincerity and understanding.



**Reading and math are very important skills to have mastered in school.**



**adaptability, organization, punctuality, teamwork** skills that transfer from school into the work place



**Social Behaviour** Kids need to learn how to deal with all kinds of people and connect with others, through dialogue rather than social media



**Schools need to focus on curriculum/ parents, families can also help with the life skills** There are not enough minutes in a school day for teachers to do everything. Families need to teach life skills like many of the ones mentioned



**Students need to learn to take others' perspectives, and engage with diverse people and ideas in order to better understand the world around them.** This is particularly important in a faith-based environment, to help students view others with Christlike compassion and understanding.



**Students need to be more physically active, both at school and at home. This needs to be done in a fun way do that kids will want to be active.** Today, social media and online content competes for their attention. Kids should not be confined to desks to learn, especially rambunctious kids.

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**I feel like students should learn about finances and money.** High school students, maybe gr 7 & 8s too, should maybe have a finance section in the curriculum. Something to teach kids about budgeting, interest..

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**Kids need to learn a sense of pride! what I mean is if they never do things on their own, grow a plant, design a machine, they will never be "Doers" !** They will always be followers! So we need to challenge them more, with hands on projects! Design something, then Build it, now Market it! Engage them!

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**Motivation to learn** Kids seem busier than ever with extra-curricular activities and we need to ensure education is not compromised

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**Students need to learn to be reliable and on time.** More strict attendance policies with real consequences will help them develop better habits.

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**Focus still needs to be on reading, writing, math** Families need to support these at home. Homework and repetition is important

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**Teach them empathy. Teach them to respect themselves, and each other.** Does this REALLY need to be explained WHY?

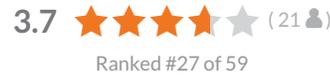
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**Students need to be challenged to solve problems independently, and guide their own learning.** While doing this they still need to be encouraged to achieve excellence.



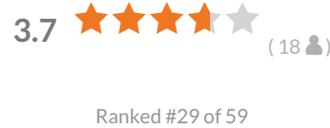
**Confidence** They need to feel valuable and confidence to succeed



**The point of high school should be to prepare kids for life, NOT university. This includes skills like financial literacy, politics, communication.** This is important because there will be fewer jobs due to automation in fields like accounting, radiology, law. We need to bring back the trades.



**Attitude & Perseverance** Working hard, a "Can-Do" attitude, and not giving up are the most important factors in being employable. Skills are less important as tech increases.



**Compassion** The gap between the "haves" and "have-nots" is getting wider. Kids need to realize and understand that, and help others where possible.



**They need to learn how to study effectively and how to prepare themselves for exams, especially if they plan on going to a post secondary institution**



**I believe that kids need to be prepared for life with more life skills, such as Banking, Mathematics', Conflict Management, Accountability!** Employers are looking for more than just a paper to say people are educated, they want people who can integrate into teams and be productive members.



**Male students need to develop leadership skills. We have a culture where it's only cool to be a male leader in sports and athletics.** Male student involvement in student council and student organizations is shockingly low compared to female students.



**Students need to learn how to study properly and meet deadlines are required.** As they reach grade 7 and 8 they need to be prepared for the adjustment that will be required of them in high school.



**Students need to learn tolerance of one another and the ability to navigate peer conflict without always requiring adult intervention.**



**Faith in action** Students need to see the practical application of walking with Jesus in their daily lives. Serving others, love, compassion, self sacrifice, etc.



**Career Education Counselling** It is critical that students know how their decisions in high school impact future decisions.



**Students need to be prepared to make budgets and learn how to stick to them. They need to learn the importance of saving and investing money.**



**respect/ growth mindset** teachers teach this but do students understand it, our health programs in our schools are so under developed and under rated.



**Teach them SCIENCE.** Some say that Science tries to disprove God. I say that Science PROVES that God exists - the Universe is far too complex to be an accident.



**They need basic skills on money matters- credit cards, budgeting, saving money and investing in RRSPs and housing.** The world is much more technical and flawed decisions can be bigger problems than decades ago.



**Be better people, make good decisions! Drug awareness, gang violence, Internet Awareness, STD's!** Are we doing enough to educate kids to make the right decisions and have enough confidence to speak up when they see these types of issues!



**Teach them the basics first: Reading, Writing, Math.** You can't work a computer if you cannot read or write.



**Time Management (and allowing late assignments does NOT prepare students for the real world)** Assignments can be handed in at any time (i.e. months late) and teachers still have to correct & students can receive full marks. This is not reality.



**Schools need to resort to teaching the way they did 20years, students need to be made to understand they need to do more things for themselves** It's important because schools etc have allowed children to have this sense of entitlement and this has done nothing but create more problems.



**Nutrition- With our world going more technological people are becoming lazier and less active, there are lots of obese kids and parents** Its tough to break the cycle of things like laziness and obesity! So we need to educate our kids and provide them the knowledge of how to break out!



**Students need to know how to write resumes, do job interviews.**

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**Students need to become self motivated learners again. Schools teach children to learn only to get a reward, like a good grade or teacher praise. If we want life long learners, we need to help them extend their learning even when their course is over. A major overhaul to education would be nice.**

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**They need to be taught real life skills not just acedamia. Too many things are being tossed into land fills because they have not idea how to maintain Life skills like repair and maintenance help them to problem solve themselfed and it saves the enviroment**

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**Attentiveness To enable kids to focus on tasks, and complete with competence**

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**Students need to learn to code. It sounds like robotics and animation are going to replace many current jobs and shift workers to more computer programming related jobs.**

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**I think today's world schools all over are not doing enough to engage students in programming that actually offers students knowledge, skills, practic This is important because children are going out into the real world with no skills to prepare them for the practical world and without the knowledge**

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**real life skills knowing how to multiply, divide, list solar systems and read are all important but learning how these skills last in the real world is too**

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**Teaching a second language is a gift** It would be nice to have more options of a second language in our schools

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**Life coaching** It is critical that our students learn critical 21st century skills that help them deal with 21st century pressures.

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**Core skills- I speaking mechanically inclined, if you moved out today on your own, can you? Change a light switch, operate lawn mower, repair drywall** They sound simple enough, but do kids understand everything has a process and where to begin? Such as the light, and shutting off the breaker first???

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**I see my own boys learning all about the geography of the USA, which is fine but yet they still don't know all about the Country they live in, Canada!** Most of these kids will never leave Canada, so why are we not teaching them more about our own country! Especially geographically in Saskatchewan.

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**Teach them life skills: How to cook, how to sew, how to change a tire (or oil in their car) how to balance a chequebook.** These are basic skills everyone should know.

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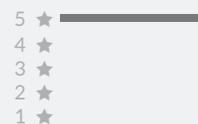
**Understanding of true gender identity not a spectrum of made up ones. Understanding the biology of people that have hormone imbalances.** Kids are confused in life and gender politics are being used to distort turth. The reality is some people are born unbalanced. Fix the imbalances.

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**Students need to be organized, critical thinkers. They need to be resilient, regulated individuals who engage in healthy choices.** They need to possess positive social skills and work habits.

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Not enough ratings to rank



## PEP EXCHANGE #2

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What is working in provincial education & what changes are necessary to ensure students are prepared with essential skills, knowledge and abilities?

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**Prov Ed: conversations about what is needed are taking place** Funding is needed to meet the ever growing needs of the children of Saskatchewan.

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**There is room for change. The government has made cutbacks every year against our school systems and health care systems. Teachers can only so so much** Teachers aides are vital in our class rooms for students that struggle along with sensory rooms need Occupational Therapists. They are our future.

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**Technology is important access to devices is needed. Basics also need to play a part in classrooms. Computers don't teach interactions with people.** Children need to build a solid foundation in human interaction. They have become alienated by tablets and computers. There needs to be a balance.

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**Children are the future and need our full support with education and positive role models teachers are overworked underpaid.** They take from our schools to support the executives so our future is failing. Teachers need help and support. It takes a community to raise kids right

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**What happened to taking notes and having higher expectations in their work done. If they fail tell them, they aren't going to break.**

Our children are not driven to succeed anymore failure doesn't exist and they lose the will to compete in school. Fail them if they need it.

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**Teachers need to be treated like professionals and trusted to provide our children with a high quality education.** Teachers are on the front line, they are working with our children everyday.

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**A child should be held back if they cannot achieve the academic basics to move forward**  
You are not helping anyone educationally if you pass them and they are not fundamentally prepared for the next grade or life for that matter.

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**Balanced literacy is whole language recycled. It's time the school boards retired it and adopted explicit teaching in reading!** Balanced Literacy AT BEST works for 70% of kids. Standardized scores are showing only approx 50% of kids are currently reading at grade level.

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**Kids are getting "some" experiential learning & problem solving experiences in math but they need the foundational skills in order to be successful** Without basic math skills, they lose the ability to visualize, use logic & reasoning, problem solve & estimate. They need to "see" solutions mentally

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**Kids are getting some real life skills in class, but they are missing out on financial literacy and communication skills like public speaking** Public speaking & financial literacy skills are transferrable to any job regardless of the industry or career & indicators of a successful future.

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**Student first is a joke. Cannot truly put students 1st if adequate funding isn't in place and students are competing for limited resources** Having schools as a hub of the community only works when all stakeholders are invested & contributing- not when they back off for Ed. to take it on

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**I think teachers have been trying to engage students in many different ways.** not all students learn the same way, so it is helpful for students to have a variety of learning environments.

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**schools are trying to respond to mental health needs, but have limited resources and at times skills.** schools see children for a large part of their day, trust has been built between schools and students. many youth have significant mental health issue

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**Improve communication between Teachers and Parents.** We as parents want to help our children as much as we can but Teachers need more time to be able to write, email or call parents.

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**Children with learning disabilities need to be screened earlier and provided supports earlier.** The earlier the intervention, the more likely they will succeed.

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**understand the concepts first before pushing them ahead.** You may see the students go to grade 9 and graduate but in reality are they ready for their future. I feel we are setting them up for failure in their future. Yes at the start where they have to repeat a grade will be hard on them personally

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**There are lots of group work & projects, but do kids truly learn communication, problem solving & collaboration & "why" these skills are important** With AI & tech improving everyday, employers want kids with "soft skills" to communicate with others & use their mind to develop ideas.

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**Education sector is getting dumped on for supporting special needs students** Ot, SLP, mental health are all health mandates but services decline greatly once in education system.

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**Technology training for teachers** Teachers need to understand the tech in order to teach safety & responsible use

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**Teachers need more provincial support such as "walk throughs" with curriculum by those who created them.** Funding is important to put back the supports that were once there. Curriculum support by the ministry to clarify interpretations.

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**Teachers need high quality and relevant professional development.** Students are coming to school with more needs than ever and teachers are not always equipped to support these students.

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**students distractions in the classroom and at home is high, we need to teach students skills to deal with their need for social media** social media has a huge impact on students level of happiness.

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**Mental health supports need to be enhanced for children.** Mental health supports in schools are overwhelmed. Kids with anxiety and depression can't get help because they are dealing with self harm and abuse.

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**Teachers should work as a team with parents and other supports to support kids.** Only by sharing info, ideas and solutions can the student be best supported.

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**My thoughts are that students are pushed ahead to the next grade and they haven't caught the concepts of the previous grade. So they struggle at the next level.** And the viscous cycle just digs them further into a place where they can't see a light. I feel they need to be kept back and learn to

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**Take inclusion out of the class room.** If you are not capable of being in a class you taking valuable educational time away from students who can learn better without the distraction

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**Teachers & parents of kids with additional needs must become better teams for child. Too often there is discord and blame on both sided** Lack of empathy, true understanding and system limitations put parents in a position of fighting for service

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**teachers need to be explicitly taught how to teach reading and methods that work best for those with learning disabilities like dyslexia.** Teachers lack the skills to recognize and address learning disabilities. They lack knowledge of methods that work well for those with disabilities.

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**but in the long run I feel we are making the students stronger and accountable for their actions. In life if you are not doing your job to what is expected you will be let go.** And this is what we need to teach the students from Kindergarten to university level.

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**Another thing that I feel needs to be revisited is the integration of First Nations content into various subjects. I get why we teach it in social studies, but why is the science resource full of First Nations content? Leave science as science and please remove the religious beliefs components.**

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Not enough ratings to rank



**BRING BACK SWIMMING LESSONS** This is a skill kids should be learning. Why can't we increase school fees or fundraise for this necessity. Swimming is a life or death scenario

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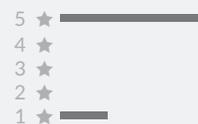
**Classes specifically focused on social media** It's important because kids don't understand the dangers of social media.

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**First Nations beliefs about nature and so on do have a place in the curriculum, just not in science, math, or health.**

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**I also think understanding the laws, your duties as a citizen is very important to understanding citizenship is very important in our changing society** This creates students who understand on how to protect their borders and push governments to protect their country better or not elect someone like Tr

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**I feel that most things are going well with provincial education. A couple of things that I think could be improved would be the way math is taught** less 'discovery based' learning and more direct teaching with a focus on basic facts and tried and tested methods for various operations and procedure

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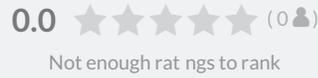


**I like the jump math being brought back in** It's important because it teaches the child the same concept, but in different ways. We really enjoy the jump math

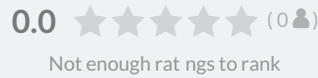
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**I think if schools went back to how they used to teach math which is more practical to an adults everyday use is really important for students.** This is important because students are being taught in my opinion useless math, and most seem not to be able to even retain the math being taught.



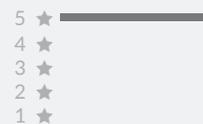
**I think that if there classes on how to get employed, resume making, budgeting money and understanding economics would directly help prepare students** This is important because today's generation have this huge idea that they are entitled to whatever they want and schools help push this agenda.



**Kids are getting basic concepts however there is too much push on things non school related** Sex Ed, gay rights, evolution in a Christian school and injustices to the Natives should not be a focus of schools.



**More support is needed in the classrooms** Older grades lack extra support in the classrooms and students are falling behind



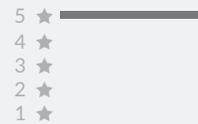
**Motivated speakers** Bring in some motivational speakers for the high schools. Get them pumped up.



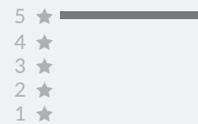
**Native beliefs** Not sure why we teach so much on native beliefs. In the bible it tells us "though shall have no other Gods before me" yet we teach our kids about it.



**Programs exist to help ease the burden on teachers, if only the province would invest in them. Other provinces like B.C. and MB are funding proven evidence-based programs like Roots of Empathy to support by teaching emotional literacy, lowering aggression & raising student's interpersonal skills**



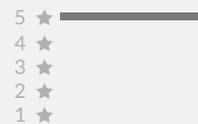
**Stronger partnerships are needed between education and health** Schools are left to deal with physical, emotional and psychological challenges of students that need better support from Health/Mental Health services



**Students need to be held back if they aren't academically ready to move on** It's important because they suffer in the future. The student losing confidence. They are being set up for failure because they will be behind.



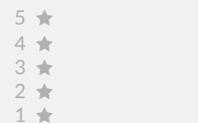
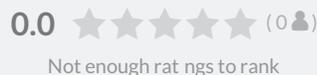
**Teachers need stronger supports in the classroom** We expect teachers to teach the set curriculum in addition to emotional literacy, basic life skills, addressing specific special needs of students...



**Technology** Teachers and support staff need technology lessons. Technology is growing and growing and they need to be in the loop with the technology out there



**There is not enough, creative writing, and actual writing, most students today do not even know how to sign their names, or proper math** It would help teach kids how to better use their and perhaps teach them technology is not always needed or wanted.

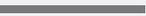
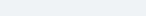


**What is working well? Inclusion of the TRC recommendations; IT/Data literacy, focus on numeracy; including parents/community in guiding education** To build a path forward we need strong relationships, advanced problem solving skills and community participation



You hear time and time again about how poor kids are now a days with basic math concepts. Teach them how to tell time, read a tape measure, etc.

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Not enough ratings to rank

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