Community Consultation Kit Introduction

What are the consultations?

Jurisdictions around the world are exploring ways to improve their education system. In May 2013, the Minister of Education released a document as a starting point for discussions about the next phase of Ontario’s education strategy. Through a series of in person, online and written consultations, our many stakeholders and education partners across the province will have the opportunity to explore the 7 questions featured in the document.

We’re looking for a made-in-Ontario approach which benefits from a wide range of opinions about the best way forward. The consultations will give us a chance to look upon our past successes, and redefine our vision, not just for the system, but for our students. This is also a unique opportunity for people from across Ontario to contribute to a vision for the future of our children and our province.

How do the community consultations fit?

In addition to provincial and regional consultations, we’re also encouraging local community events. The feedback gathered from these local consultations can be sent directly to the ministry via an online submission form.

Why use this kit?

This community consultation kit contains helpful guides and tips, as well as consultation resources that can help facilitate a community discussion.

What format is recommended for community consultations?

We encourage you to determine a format that best reflects the needs of your community. In some cases, this might include one or more specific meetings across a region to examine the questions. In other cases, the consultation might be part of regularly scheduled community meetings. The consultations will be greatly enhanced by including voices from the education and early learning communities, as well as business, research and innovation, not-for-profit and Aboriginal communities, just to name a few.

When should the community consultations take place?

Ontario will host provincial and regional consultations in September and October. We recommend that you hold your community consultations and submit your feedback to the ministry before November 30, 2013 by following this link www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/about/excellent.html.

If you have any questions about Community Consultations contact the ministry at GreatToExcellent@ontario.ca

For more information, please visit www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/about/excellent.html