



Student Well-Being Engagement Kit

Well-Being in Our Schools, Strength in Our Society

Introduction

Why are we talking about well-being?

Children and students who have strong relationships and a positive sense of self – who can understand and manage their own health and emotions – are in a better position to reach their full potential. Their sense of well-being supports their learning because it allows them to thrive and overcome challenges. Ontario’s education system needs to help students build the knowledge and skills associated with positive well-being and become healthy, active and engaged citizens.

The Ministry of Education is looking to develop a shared vision of how we can best support the well-being of all students in collaboration with parents, students, educators, administrators, counsellors, social workers and community partners across the province. By incorporating your feedback and working with partner ministries, we will develop a provincial Kindergarten to Grade 12 student well-being framework that will reflect our shared commitments and the outcomes we want for all our students.

What is the overall goal for engagement on well-being?

Our goal is to work together to determine:

- What well-being looks like
- What conditions and supports are required to create positive learning environments
- What we will look for to determine if we’ve been successful in promoting and supporting student well-being.

How do engagement sessions fit into the vision for student well-being?

We are looking to capture a wide range of perspectives. In addition to provincial and regional engagements, we’re also encouraging local community discussions.

The thinking and advice gathered from these events can be submitted directly to the Ministry of Education. This will ensure that all those who wish to participate in the engagements can have their opinions heard and included as part of the process.

Why use this kit?

This kit includes a helpful guide and tips, and ready-to-use resources that can help facilitate a productive community discussion.

When should the engagement sessions take place?

We recommend that you hold your community engagements session between November 2016 – January 2017. We ask that you submit feedback from your group discussions through the Note Taker's Template. Remember, participants are encouraged to share their personal insights on well-being at wellbeing.bien-etre.edu@ontario.ca. Please submit all feedback to the ministry by **March 19, 2017**.

You can find more information about Ontario's vision for education at ontario.ca/eduvision.