



Focus Groups



O'Leary Middle School Parent Focus Groups 2016-17

Parent voice refers to the values, opinions, beliefs, perspectives, and backgrounds of the parents, guardians, and families of students enrolled in school. Parent focus groups are a guided open forum for parents to constructively discuss ways that they can support the school and the school can support parents and students. It is collaborative effort between the school and parents where parents are actively encouraged to offer suggestions, share ideas, and assist with school improvement strategies. Parent focus groups are not for specific personal complaints, these are best addressed to a relevant staff member or school administration.

Purpose:

- Create a platform for parent's voices to be heard
- Build a parent school partnership
- Create opportunities for parents to be involved in school matters
- Encourage parents as volunteers
- Improve communications between the school and parent/community

Objectives:

- To work proactively with parents to create a welcoming and inclusive environment.
- To gather the views of parents on issues which affect them and their children and to communicate these views to school personnel.
- To promote partnership between parents and school staff.
- To work with parents and the school to support the education and welfare of children.

Participation:

- Contact O'Leary's office and speak with a secretary to sign up to participate in a focus group (208-733-2155).
- 1 Hour will be devoted to each focus group session. Available dates and times are:
 - 7:00 am Tues 10/25/16
 - 3:00 pm Thurs 10/27/16
 - 12:00 pm Fri 10/28/16
 - 7:00 am Wed 11/2/16
 - 3:00 pm Thurs 11/3/16
- Groups of up to 10 parents and 3-4 staff members will participate in each session.
- Information is posted on the O'Leary school website and is also in the office at the school.