

EICS TALKS ... Join the Conversation!

EICS' Board of Trustees invites and encourages you to participate in EICS TALKS. The purpose of EICS TALKS is to create ongoing dialogue with our stakeholders about the future of our Division. Our shared goal is to ensure the highest quality 21st century Catholic education for students, while utilizing facilities and resources as effectively as possible.

We are using an on-line engagement tool, called Thoughtstream, to gather feedback. Thoughtstream creates a link on EICS TALKS by which stakeholders can respond to open-ended questions. Each round of Thoughtstream has an opening date and a closing date for participation. After the closing date, Thoughtstream facilitators 'converge' the feedback into themes, or like thoughts, which will be shared with the community for viewing and prioritizing to develop a shared understanding of what is important.

For example, in [Thoughtstream 1](#) (November 1st – November 30th), we asked for feedback about the process EICS TALKS is using. During the week of December 10th, the themes resulting from that feedback will be shared with the community for viewing and prioritizing.

[Thoughtstream 2](#), open from December 10th – December 21st, invites feedback about our schools. Each school has a designated Thoughtstream facilitator to receive feedback from the parents, staff members and *students** of that school. After December 21st, the facilitators will converge the feedback from their designated school into themes. Facilitators will then share the resulting themes with the parents, students and staff members for prioritizing to develop a shared understanding of what is important at each school.

Thank you for taking the time to participate in EICS TALKS. Let's start the conversation!

God Bless,

Michael Hauptman

**Throughout December, I am hosting Focus Groups with junior high and senior high students at schools across the Division. Their responses to the above four questions will be passed on to the Thoughtstream facilitator for each respective school.*

[Thoughtstream 2](#) – How does it work?

Staff members and parents of students attending EICS schools will receive an email on December 10, inviting you to participate in Thoughtstream 2 on EICS TALKS. Details and helpful instructions will be provided and you may choose to participate or to opt out. If you choose to participate, these are the four questions you will be asked to respond to:

1. What are some of the key challenges facing our young people today?
2. What are some examples of physical changes to our school that would make a meaningful difference to the success of our young people?
3. What are some things you would like your child to be able to achieve or experience that they currently cannot?
4. Do you have anything else to add at this time?