

Q1 Which teachers' convention did you attend this year? (Conventions are listed in chronological order.)

Answered: 733 Skipped: 0

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
North Central Teachers' Convention (held in Edmonton, February 8-9, 2018)	100.0%	733
Calgary City Teachers' Convention (held in Calgary, February 15-16, 2018)	0.0%	0
North East Teachers' Convention (held in Edmonton, February 15-16, 2018)	0.0%	0
Central Alberta Teachers' Convention (held in Red Deer, February 22-23, 2018)	0.0%	0
Palliser District Teachers' Convention (held in Calgary, February 22-23, 2018)	0.0%	0
Southeastern Teachers' Convention (held in Medicine Hat, February 22-23, 2018)	0.0%	0
South Western Teachers' Convention (held in Lethbridge, February 22-23, 2018)	0.0%	0
Greater Edmonton Teachers' Convention (held in Edmonton, March 1-2, 2018)	0.0%	0
Central East Alberta Teachers' Convention (held in Edmonton, March 8-9, 2018)	0.0%	0
Mighty Peace Teachers' Convention (held in Grande Prairie, March 8-9, 2018)	0.0%	0
TOTAL		733

Q2 Which of the following best describes your employer? (Student teachers, please identify which of the following best describes your degree-granting institution.)

Answered: 733 Skipped: 0

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Public School Board or District	68.3% 501
Separate School Board or District	17.9% 131
Francophone School Board or District	8.0% 59
Charter School Society or Foundation	0.1% 1
Private School Society or Foundation	0.1% 1
Band-Operated or Reserve School	1.9% 14
Other (please specify)	3.5% 26
TOTAL	733

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Outdoor Recreation Facility	3/7/2018 9:55 AM
2	Exhibitor - Box Cars And One Eyed Jacks	3/5/2018 3:36 PM
3	Educational Company	3/5/2018 9:53 AM
4	Secodeded sexins	3/3/2018 8:50 PM
5	Catholic	3/1/2018 11:34 AM
6	Informal Education	3/1/2018 10:05 AM
7	Capital Estate Planning - Providers of the ATA Voluntary Benefits	2/28/2018 4:13 PM
8	Catholic School Board	2/28/2018 12:49 PM
9	Catholic School Board	2/28/2018 11:51 AM
10	Non for profit	2/28/2018 9:17 AM
11	I own my own business	2/27/2018 7:33 PM
12	ASEBP	2/27/2018 4:45 PM

13	Catholic School Board	2/27/2018 4:44 PM
14	Alternative School	2/27/2018 4:34 PM
15	catholic school board	2/27/2018 12:59 PM
16	University	2/27/2018 12:04 PM
17	Substitute Teacher in Public and Separate School Boards	2/27/2018 12:01 PM
18	Catholic School Board STAR	2/27/2018 11:20 AM
19	post-secondary institution	2/27/2018 11:19 AM
20	exhibitor booth display	2/27/2018 11:11 AM
21	Charity	2/27/2018 10:29 AM
22	Catholic School Board/District	2/27/2018 10:10 AM
23	Non-Profit Organization serving at risk youth in Edmonton	2/27/2018 10:06 AM
24	Beaverhill Bird Observatory	2/27/2018 10:03 AM
25	Catholic	2/18/2018 11:19 AM
26	Living Waters catholic school board	2/9/2018 11:12 PM

Q3 Which of the following best describes your current position? (Please check all that apply.)

Answered: 733 Skipped: 0

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Teacher (including Substitutes)	84.2%	617
School Leader	11.7%	86
Central Office Staff	2.0%	15
Undergraduate Education Student	0.1%	1
Other (please specify)	5.3%	39
Total Respondents: 733		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Education Consultant and Author	3/5/2018 3:36 PM
2	Consultant	3/5/2018 9:53 AM
3	Seconded to Alberta Ed. Manager	3/3/2018 8:50 PM
4	Coordinator of Special Education	3/2/2018 4:05 PM
5	School counselor	3/2/2018 2:38 PM
6	School Counsellor	3/2/2018 10:57 AM
7	Secondee	3/2/2018 9:16 AM
8	Communications & Marketing for Capital Estate Planning	2/28/2018 4:13 PM
9	Counsellor	2/28/2018 1:41 PM
10	Presentator	2/28/2018 9:17 AM
11	Learning Support Facilitator	2/27/2018 9:45 PM
12	Student services facilitator	2/27/2018 9:21 PM
13	Counselor	2/27/2018 7:51 PM
14	I attended convention as a presenter	2/27/2018 7:33 PM
15	benefits provider	2/27/2018 4:45 PM
16	music/art	2/27/2018 2:44 PM

17	UNder contract with Alberta Education (secondee)	2/27/2018 2:39 PM
18	Mentor coach	2/27/2018 1:11 PM
19	Special Education Coordinator	2/27/2018 12:43 PM
20	School Counsellor	2/27/2018 12:29 PM
21	Graduate Student	2/27/2018 12:04 PM
22	Substitute Teacher	2/27/2018 12:01 PM
23	Alberta education secondment	2/27/2018 11:39 AM
24	Vice pricipal	2/27/2018 11:38 AM
25	professor	2/27/2018 11:19 AM
26	Facility General Manger	2/27/2018 11:11 AM
27	Sub	2/27/2018 10:51 AM
28	educator providing school programs	2/27/2018 10:29 AM
29	GoA Secondement	2/27/2018 10:20 AM
30	School Counsellor	2/27/2018 10:19 AM
31	Retired substitue	2/27/2018 10:15 AM
32	Student Services Facilitator	2/27/2018 10:14 AM
33	counsellor	2/27/2018 10:14 AM
34	Development Officer	2/27/2018 10:06 AM
35	Biologists and Natural World Educators	2/27/2018 10:03 AM
36	Learning Support Facilitator/Learning Coach	2/13/2018 9:39 AM
37	Guidance Counselor	2/12/2018 11:15 AM
38	Collaborative Teaching Partner	2/11/2018 9:16 PM
39	Counselor	2/10/2018 8:46 PM

Q4 Which of the following categories best describes the subject areas that you primarily teach or support in your current role? Please check all that apply. (Student teachers, please indicate the subject areas of your major and minor.)

Answered: 733 Skipped: 0

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Art	26.2%	192
Career and Technology Foundations/Studies	12.6%	92
Counselling/Guidance	6.8%	50
Drama/Dance	6.5%	48
English Language Arts	38.5%	282
English Language Learning	8.6%	63
Enviromental and Outdoor Education	4.1%	30
Faith and Religion	11.2%	82
First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Education	8.2%	60
French Language Arts/Français	11.1%	81
Inclusive Education	15.6%	114
International/Second Languages	2.2%	16
Health/CALM	21.6%	158
Learning Commons	2.6%	19
Mathematics	41.9%	307
Makerspaces	5.6%	41
Music/Band	8.3%	61
Physical Education	24.4%	179
Resource/Student Support	6.8%	50

Science (Including Bio, Chem, and Physics)	37.2%	273
Social Studies (Including Social Science Courses)	37.5%	275
Special Education/Student Support	13.2%	97
Technology	17.2%	126
Not Applicable- Your position is not linked to any particular subject(s)	8.2%	60
Other (please specify)	11.5%	84
Total Respondents: 733		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Kindergarten	3/9/2018 6:43 PM
2	I work with all our Independent Study students over a variety of curriculums	3/8/2018 11:18 AM
3	French Immersion	3/5/2018 11:41 AM
4	Consultant	3/5/2018 9:53 AM
5	Grade 2 all subjects except music plus grade 1 Christian ethics	3/4/2018 12:24 PM
6	School leadership	3/3/2018 8:50 PM
7	Yearbook	3/3/2018 4:33 PM
8	Elementary French Immersion	3/2/2018 7:45 PM
9	Leadership	3/2/2018 5:10 PM
10	Early Learning, French Immersion	3/1/2018 4:46 PM
11	Cree and Cultural Education	3/1/2018 2:50 PM
12	Early Education/Early Intervention	3/1/2018 12:16 PM
13	Principal	2/28/2018 11:27 PM
14	elementary teacher	2/28/2018 9:01 PM
15	School principal. I support all the subjects.	2/28/2018 6:01 PM
16	Early Learning	2/28/2018 3:42 PM
17	Film and Media Art	2/28/2018 3:00 PM
18	lifeskills	2/28/2018 11:51 AM
19	Kindergarten	2/28/2018 11:48 AM
20	lower elementary generalist	2/28/2018 9:48 AM

21	Grade 2/3 French Immersion	2/28/2018 9:45 AM
22	Early Childhood Education - PUF	2/28/2018 9:26 AM
23	Early Childhood - headstart and kindergarten	2/27/2018 11:49 PM
24	ECS	2/27/2018 11:24 PM
25	Outreach, Distance Education, Independent Learning, Inreach	2/27/2018 11:00 PM
26	Hey	2/27/2018 8:39 PM
27	Wellness - focusing on the educator	2/27/2018 7:33 PM
28	Film Studies / Production	2/27/2018 7:08 PM
29	School leadership	2/27/2018 6:59 PM
30	early learning/K	2/27/2018 6:19 PM
31	Robotics	2/27/2018 6:13 PM
32	General	2/27/2018 5:22 PM
33	Preschool	2/27/2018 4:51 PM
34	Life Skills - functional math, reading, cooking, etc.	2/27/2018 4:18 PM
35	Kindergarten	2/27/2018 3:28 PM
36	Off-Campus Education including Work Experience, RAP and Green Certificate coordination	2/27/2018 2:58 PM
37	Assessment	2/27/2018 2:39 PM
38	off-campus	2/27/2018 2:32 PM
39	Mental Health	2/27/2018 2:28 PM
40	Kindergarten	2/27/2018 2:15 PM
41	Distance Education	2/27/2018 2:13 PM
42	Early Education Pre-Kindergarten	2/27/2018 2:03 PM
43	Trauma informed practices; early childhood learning experiences through play	2/27/2018 1:53 PM
44	Kindergarten Generalist	2/27/2018 1:29 PM
45	Études sociales	2/27/2018 1:03 PM
46	Language Learning Intervention	2/27/2018 12:43 PM
47	Instructional support for teachers and educational assistants	2/27/2018 12:17 PM
48	Substitute Teacher	2/27/2018 12:01 PM
49	K&E	2/27/2018 11:47 AM

50	Curriculum Consultant - early childhood science	2/27/2018 11:39 AM
51	teacher education	2/27/2018 11:19 AM
52	Field Trip / Educational experience provider	2/27/2018 11:11 AM
53	Leadership	2/27/2018 10:55 AM
54	Online	2/27/2018 10:54 AM
55	Early Education generalist.	2/27/2018 10:52 AM
56	Off Campus Education	2/27/2018 10:47 AM
57	Adminstrator	2/27/2018 10:38 AM
58	Slam Poetry	2/27/2018 10:23 AM
59	Administrator - linked to all subjects.	2/27/2018 10:20 AM
60	Early Childhood Services	2/27/2018 10:19 AM
61	distance learning	2/27/2018 10:15 AM
62	Early intervention	2/27/2018 10:13 AM
63	Distance Learning	2/27/2018 10:04 AM
64	Health and well being	2/27/2018 10:03 AM
65	General homeroom teacher teaching all subjects.	2/27/2018 10:03 AM
66	Student Leadership	2/27/2018 10:02 AM
67	outreach	2/20/2018 7:34 PM
68	Fsl	2/18/2018 11:19 AM
69	Early childhood	2/16/2018 4:24 PM
70	Outreach Educator - if it is high school, I teach it!	2/14/2018 4:29 PM
71	Early Childhood	2/12/2018 3:06 PM
72	Foods CTF	2/11/2018 10:39 AM
73	Outreach	2/11/2018 10:09 AM
74	Elementary	2/10/2018 2:55 PM
75	Primary school	2/10/2018 11:29 AM
76	Pre-.k	2/10/2018 8:29 AM
77	Early education	2/10/2018 1:19 AM
78	Construction identitaire	2/9/2018 11:05 PM

79	All aspects	2/9/2018 9:29 PM
80	Distance Education	2/9/2018 9:10 PM
81	CTF	2/9/2018 3:58 PM
82	FSL	2/9/2018 3:55 PM
83	Leadership	2/9/2018 2:31 PM
84	Early education	2/8/2018 2:43 PM

Q5 Which of the following categories best describes the students that you primarily teach or support in your current role? Please check all that apply. (Student teachers, please indicate the categories of students you are hoping to teach.)

Answered: 733 Skipped: 0

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Early Childhood/Kindergarten	19.4%	142
Gr 1	23.1%	169
Gr 2	22.8%	167
Gr 3	22.5%	165
Gr 4	23.1%	169
Gr 5	23.6%	173
Gr 6	23.6%	173
Gr 7	27.7%	203
Gr 8	28.6%	210
Gr 9	30.3%	222
Gr 10	34.5%	253
Gr 11	33.2%	243
Gr 12	31.4%	230
Special Education	10.1%	74
Adult Education	2.6%	19
Undergraduate Education	0.4%	3
Graduate Education	0.4%	3
Other (please specify)	4.1%	30
Total Respondents: 733		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	K-9	3/4/2018 9:27 PM
2	Grades 1-12; more senior high	3/2/2018 4:05 PM
3	K-6	3/2/2018 2:38 PM
4	At Capital Estate Planning we provide insurance and financial strategies for teachers and their families	2/28/2018 4:13 PM
5	all grades	2/28/2018 1:41 PM
6	Split Grade 2 and Grade 3	2/28/2018 9:45 AM
7	N.a.	2/28/2018 9:17 AM
8	graduated students before they turn 20 years of age	2/27/2018 11:00 PM
9	k-6 music	2/27/2018 9:52 PM
10	I present to educators	2/27/2018 7:33 PM
11	Not teaching full time admin	2/27/2018 6:59 PM
12	Administrators	2/27/2018 6:35 PM
13	We provide services for teachers	2/27/2018 4:45 PM
14	Parent Education	2/27/2018 2:28 PM
15	Support teachers of all students.	2/27/2018 2:12 PM
16	Teachers and EAs	2/27/2018 12:17 PM
17	Substitute Teacher	2/27/2018 12:01 PM
18	English and French Immersion	2/27/2018 10:55 AM
19	Francisation et ALS	2/27/2018 10:54 AM
20	Online	2/27/2018 10:54 AM
21	Administrator	2/27/2018 10:38 AM
22	1-3	2/27/2018 10:29 AM
23	K-university	2/27/2018 10:29 AM
24	All levels	2/27/2018 10:20 AM
25	1 to 12	2/27/2018 10:15 AM
26	returning grade 12 upgrading	2/27/2018 10:15 AM
27	youth between the ages of 15-24	2/27/2018 10:06 AM
28	Seniors, adults, the entire public	2/27/2018 10:03 AM
29	Learning Support	2/9/2018 6:34 PM

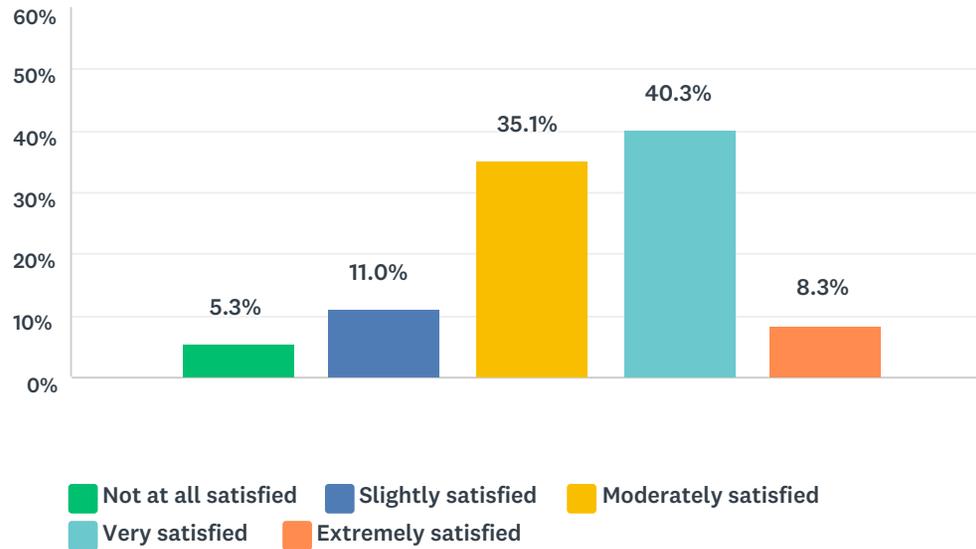
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2/9/2018 3:55 PM

Q11 Overall, how satisfied were you with the program of the teachers' convention that you attended this year?

Answered: 683 Skipped: 50



#	IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO EXPLAIN YOUR ANSWER, YOU MAY DO SO HERE.	DATE
1	There needs to be breaks between the sessions so one can get to their next session. 5-10 minute breaks scheduled in.	3/17/2018 8:21 AM
2	3 different courses I attempted to attend were full. For the first course I arrived 20 minutes early and still could not get a seat.	3/13/2018 11:28 AM
3	Went with middle ground as with some I was Very, very satisfied with, while other areas only slightly	3/12/2018 5:10 PM
4	There were not enough sessions that were related to my grades and subjects. it was hard to find sessions to attend and some were disappointing.	3/11/2018 10:12 AM
5	There could be better quality programs. I prefer to learn from the people who directly created the programs not from someone who learned it from someone who new someone who went to the original. Also rarely what you go to can be used in the classroom asap	3/10/2018 12:50 PM
6	There were sessions that had high interest offered in small rooms so it was full and closed well before start time. There was very little to support new administrators. Parking is a nightmare downtown.	3/8/2018 11:22 AM
7	I was unable to gain entry into over half of my sessions even when early, because the rooms were too small to accommodate and the people who were in there from the previous session stayed.	3/7/2018 4:47 PM

8	I find that there aren't a lot of sessions that are geared towards my curriculums. Those that are, are often repeats from previous years	3/7/2018 11:34 AM
9	While I understand responding to trends in education (Reconciliation and Wellness) to do so at the expense of pertinent, inspiring subject focused sessions is problematic.	3/6/2018 10:06 AM
10	the hands on baking one was very good. Unfortunately it was a full day so I wasn't able to attend any more sessions day one. I felt the convention could have had more hands-on workshops the second day. I would have liked to attend the tshirt printing workshop or a quilting one. It would have been nice if the sessions were more spread out	3/6/2018 9:20 AM
11	While I did see some more beneficial sessions this year, I do feel like we're lacking sessions that help support technology, and classroom specific resources.	3/5/2018 11:52 AM
12	I recognize that it is a challenge to organize - but it seemed many key sessions overlapped on Thursday, and Fri PM was very light.	3/4/2018 9:35 PM
13	There was nothing for my level of science or new for me. I would much prefer to do my own PD than have to do these two days.	3/4/2018 2:44 PM
14	The last couple of years all the kindergarten specific sessions are available on Friday afternoon when I need to be on my way home. It is a 3 hour drive. The couple sessions I attended went way over my head because they were really for high school. The sessions said general but definitely not for my age group. I have found with all the PD available to teachers 'now-a-days', Teacher Convention is just a huge expense out of my pocket and I don't get much out of it.	3/4/2018 2:03 PM
15	Love Kim Sutton! I wish you could stagger speakers so many elementary math and language arts do not overlap.	3/4/2018 12:30 PM
16	Great variety	3/3/2018 8:51 PM
17	I enjoyed most of the sessions I went to were good and I learned something from them. The keynotes I attended were very good! I really enjoyed them!	3/3/2018 4:59 PM
18	The room were the sessions are held are often to small and I couldnt always see.	3/3/2018 8:05 AM
19	There was a great selection of Bible sessions and the speaker Mike Landry was excellent. It was wonderful that he was at the Shaw too. The number of FNMI sessions was also great. Health Canada's Nutritionist session was so good as well. I loved the free massage too.	3/2/2018 8:36 PM
20	There are good workshops, but more theories, what I'd learned at the university. I was hoping workshop wth practical activity that we can used in class	3/2/2018 7:54 PM
21	There were many relevant topics on mental health- really applicable to my role.	3/2/2018 4:07 PM
22	Not to much this year for Counselors.	3/2/2018 2:45 PM
23	Great "big name" speakers this year, and nice to see big dollars invested in topics around inclusion and student well-being.	3/2/2018 2:26 PM
24	Senior high English could always use more presenters.	3/2/2018 12:32 PM
25	Rooms were closed too early and were locked. I missed two sessions because of this. I arrived 3 minutes late and the door was locked.	3/2/2018 10:59 AM
26	The drama session held at Festival Place was incredible. Other than that, I felt that there was very slim pickings as far as other fine arts sessions.	3/2/2018 9:26 AM
27	Most of the sessions I attended were fantastic. There was only one that I was disappointed with.	3/2/2018 9:11 AM

28	I enjoyed Brian Keating, but other than that, there was very little for me.	3/1/2018 6:48 PM
29	Too many people. The sessions are overflowing. Never enough seats unless you show up an hour early, therefore giving up going to a prior session.	3/1/2018 5:23 PM
30	There were a lot of repeat sessions/speakers from previous years. Lots of things pertaining to early learning either overlapped or were small sessions that filled up quickly.	3/1/2018 4:50 PM
31	Dr Jody Carrington was an excellent speaker to get! However, I did take away something of value from every session I went to.	3/1/2018 4:46 PM
32	There were some that turned out to be different than their descriptors.	3/1/2018 4:31 PM
33	The sessions I preregistered for were very good. I found not much selection in the open sessions	3/1/2018 3:58 PM
34	I was, for the 3rd year in a row, disappointed in what sessions were made available for high school science teachers compared to other programs. It is disappointing to know first hand that relevant presentations for senior high science educators were denied, while there were handfuls of sessions at any given time available for elementary, art, personal wellness ect. As a convention board it is your responsibility to ensure that my convention experience as a senior high math/science educator is just as valuable as other specialties. I have felt continually ignored in the 3 successive years I have attended this convention.	3/1/2018 3:50 PM
35	There was not a lot in means of CTS Foods.	3/1/2018 2:56 PM
36	I mostly go to the keynotes and they were good this year.	3/1/2018 12:46 PM
37	As an elementary music specialist, there were *very* few applicable sessions to attend. Denise Gagne is an excellent presenter, but as a veteran teacher, I am more than familiar with her materials and tools. Her sessions were geared to brand new teachers or generalist teachers who get "stuck" teaching music for the year. I find convention to be beneficial largely for the networking possibilities and as an opportunity to get connected with the politics around education (ATA, ministry, etc), but the program this year did nothing to further my professional growth goals.	3/1/2018 11:30 AM
38	There wasn't a lot of CTS workshops offered.	3/1/2018 8:31 AM
39	There were a lot of really good sessions listed this year, moreso than in past years. Unfortunately, many of them overlapped in time, so I had to pick and choose.	3/1/2018 7:38 AM
40	THE SHORT SESSIONS OFFERED WERE AWESOME!! EVERYONE RAVED ABOUT THEM AND I WENT TO TWO!! WONDERFUL!!	3/1/2018 12:28 AM
41	There didn't seem to be a big headline speaker like Todd Whitaker	2/28/2018 11:32 PM
42	A couple of the sessions I tried to get into, was so full. They were obviously of a popular subject matter and the rooms were not big enough.	2/28/2018 11:08 PM
43	I found each of the sessions I went to this year to be relevant and useful.	2/28/2018 8:46 PM
44	I think teachers convention should be 1 & 2 workshops. Some that come to mind are anything that has to do with CRM, First Aid, Literacy, LLI training, Level B Testing, Writing & implimenting IPPs, writing and implementing Behaviour Plans, to name a few.	2/28/2018 8:28 PM
45	It would be nice to have speakers in rooms that can handle the number of attendees.	2/28/2018 6:56 PM
46	Hardly any sessions specific to music specialists. In adequate tech support for some of those sessions.	2/28/2018 4:11 PM

47	I feel as though there are not enough sessions for each specialization, and they tend to be so spread out across all the buildings that I was unable to attend all of the ones I needed, or it would be full before I got there. I ended up attending many keynotes to make up for this. The keynotes were good speakers, but I did not feel as though I was able to walk away with information that is useful for my classes.	2/28/2018 4:03 PM
48	I really enjoyed the 2017 sessions that were focused on diversity, and LGBTQ2S+ issues. These issues are very prevalent and important and I feel it was a giant missed opportunity to not have more of these sessions this year.	2/28/2018 3:30 PM
49	I loved all the sessions I chose.	2/28/2018 2:59 PM
50	Quite a few of the sessions I chose were cancelled at a late date, making it hard to find replacement sessions that still had space in them.	2/28/2018 2:59 PM
51	I did not find as many sessions that were primary based this year. A lot of sessions were levelled from K to 6. This is hard to get ideas for small children for it is very broad.	2/28/2018 2:48 PM
52	Many different sessions	2/28/2018 1:54 PM
53	Same old same old, year after year.	2/28/2018 1:51 PM
54	The rooms in which some sessions were held were too small.	2/28/2018 1:42 PM
55	I very much appreciated that there were so many sessions relating to mental health. It is such an important topic. I hope there will be more next year on this subject.-	2/28/2018 1:38 PM
56	Same ones every year or any new ones fill up so fast and never enough seating.	2/28/2018 12:43 PM
57	The sessions are too close together. It be nice to have transition time warranted to help feel less rushed.	2/28/2018 11:57 AM
58	Nothing for me as a CTS teacher. Amateur at best. Some that may have held good information were overcrowded. Many not signed up for the event showed up and took the seats and tables.	2/28/2018 11:50 AM
59	My Thursday all day CTS specific program was amazing, however my Friday at the convention was less fruitful	2/28/2018 10:26 AM
60	I liked the variety. I was disappointed that some of the amazing technology speakers like Scott Hebert and his gamification were slotted early in the day and not made key notes.	2/28/2018 12:01 AM
61	I find that the sessions that primary teachers are interested in are always way too full. If you haven't arrived super early you don't get a chair .. or even get in. This seems to be the case with all elementary literacy and math sessions. I am not sure if their are not enough presenters available or are not enough sessions being planned.	2/27/2018 11:50 PM
62	A variety of relevant and excellent choices.	2/27/2018 11:15 PM
63	Lots of math sessions were at the same time and then there was no math sessions at other times. This should be balanced. Also, the GMAC Alberta College location is too far away and not practical for people to come too when it is the middle of winter.	2/27/2018 11:11 PM
64	I attended 6 sessions which were all good	2/27/2018 11:11 PM
65	There were only a few religious sessions and I couldn't attend all of them because they overlapped.	2/27/2018 10:41 PM
66	I would like to see more music sessions that are different than just having Denise Gagne. Maybe more First Nations music sessions.	2/27/2018 10:34 PM

67	I went to 7 sessions. All of the primary (Div 1) LA sessions were amazing and had a lot of practical information to share. The 60 formative assessments in 60 minutes... the presenter didn't get through 1/2 of the material but thankfully there was a booklet included that went through the presentation. The K-3 focused Math Subtraction Strategies session was an abysmal failure. The presenter did not go through ANY strategies, or even covered what was promised in the session description and complained about how she had wanted a smaller room to hold less people and she got up on a soapbox saying that the "equals" sign does NOT mean to solve a question (which I can agree with) and basically degraded Div 1 teachers for instructing students to provide a numerical answer to a mathematical question (heaven forbid we ask the students to solve for an answer). I was hugely disappointed and felt that my time was wasted when I could have attended a session that would have actually benefited me but I have a math/science major so her ranting didn't affect me but it sure didn't help me in any way to support my students in learning strategies to help them subtract. It was a colossal waste of my time and of everyone else who was in that room. Many people left the session early into it.	2/27/2018 10:12 PM
68	I had a couple fantastic sessions and wish there were more that were as interesting.	2/27/2018 10:11 PM
69	The sessions I wanted to attend were either often overlapping with other sessions I wanted to be at, or they were in rooms far too small to accommodate the demand.	2/27/2018 10:04 PM
70	I would love to hear a big name on pedagogy, someone inspirational but who would challenge my teaching beliefs and practices.	2/27/2018 9:53 PM
71	I enjoyed the convention, but I arrived early to certain sessions and still couldn't get in which was frustrating.	2/27/2018 9:49 PM
72	Very few sessions relate to high school mathematics.	2/27/2018 9:44 PM
73	Organized well and registration opened early, providing lots of time for planning organization of a teacher's day.	2/27/2018 9:25 PM
74	Good selection	2/27/2018 9:22 PM
75	Session were great but I had a hard time getting to them and registered for them. Pre- registration is always an issue for me then there are location issues. It's hard to find the location or sessions are far apart and getting to them is stressful.	2/27/2018 8:49 PM
76	very limited number if pre-regisyered sessions and many sessions were full	2/27/2018 8:41 PM
77	Cancellations of sessions	2/27/2018 8:40 PM
78	Some of the sessions were so bad I needed to walk out. I find that I don't get much out of convention. I LOVE learning about how to teach my kids best, however, the money that it costs for convention could be better used for each individual teacher's professional development.	2/27/2018 8:40 PM
79	Many of the presentations I was interested in were scheduled at the same time.	2/27/2018 8:39 PM
80	Sessions I had planned to go to were suddenly changed ex. Math Alive	2/27/2018 8:19 PM
81	Not very much for CTS teachers in my area. The one offering was full and I helped facilitate for the am.	2/27/2018 8:05 PM
82	The preregistered sessions are always hard to get into. Why not offer more sessions of the same. Sessions of most relevance for me are often offerred at overlapping times.	2/27/2018 7:53 PM
83	I love the new sessions and a variety of topics. I just wish so many weren't scheduled so close to the lunch hour.	2/27/2018 7:41 PM
84	Over all there seemed to be a good variety for participants	2/27/2018 7:37 PM
85	Sessions were over crowded and stuffy difficult to breathe and stay awake	2/27/2018 7:30 PM

86	I found there wasn't much for choice for sessions that had a more General feeling - as a substitute it was frustrating because there were a lot of great ideas but very little I can use at the moment. I didn't even find out I could go until after the paid sessions were closed, and there were a couple I had an interest in attending.	2/27/2018 7:25 PM
87	Great variety of sessions	2/27/2018 7:02 PM
88	Great variety of informative sessions!	2/27/2018 6:51 PM
89	Sessions were too spread out. Rooms were too small.	2/27/2018 6:37 PM
90	I went to the Saville center and all sessions were very practical and active.	2/27/2018 6:30 PM
91	I do not like the venue, never have. There is a lack of parking around the Shaw Conference center, some of the rooms are too small and you cannot get in to see the session you were hoping to see as they fill up so quickly, and the elevators are broken down every year. Having some of the sessions off campus makes it difficult to get around and back in time for another session. It would be wonderful if we could find a better venue for the convention.	2/27/2018 6:29 PM
92	There was not a lot of choice in certain areas for lower elementary teachers especially the sessions offered in French this year.	2/27/2018 6:20 PM
93	There were not very many sessions or workshops applicable to junior high math or science teachers.	2/27/2018 6:15 PM
94	poor choice of sessions with the needs of change that upon us in education	2/27/2018 5:49 PM
95	I did not feel that there was a lot I wanted to see and the things I did want to see were running at the same time or full by the time I made it out of the previous session	2/27/2018 5:42 PM
96	I loved the addition of the wellness focused area in Hall D, and the wellness session. However, they were often full before the doors even opened. It would be great to see the teacher wellness courses in a bigger room. As well, it would be great to see repeat sessions of Jane Felling's literacy and math games.	2/27/2018 5:42 PM
97	I thought that the convention offered more various conferences the previous year.	2/27/2018 5:28 PM
98	I wish there was a greater variety of sessions offered. Many sessions were repeats from previous years. I'd like to see more outdoor education, SmartBoard/tech, science, math, and literacy with new ideas.	2/27/2018 4:26 PM
99	with mental health being such a prominent issue with students (i'm specifically talking about teenagers that I work with), it was useful to go to the different sessions on understanding mental health and such.	2/27/2018 4:20 PM
100	I enjoyed the keynotes, but did not see much subject/grade specific material that was useful.	2/27/2018 4:13 PM
101	It was nice to finally have a meaningful drama/theatre workshop on location. I hope to see it similar/an extension of it offered again in the future.	2/27/2018 4:10 PM
102	There were not many sessions available that targetted or focused on Social Studies and the First Nations, Metis and Inuit sessions were held at conflicting times.	2/27/2018 3:41 PM
103	The keynote addresses were timely, bold, interesting, informative and though provoking. I appreciate leaving convention this year feeling like I didn't hear repeat session or 'old news'.	2/27/2018 3:02 PM
104	I found Teacher Convention not overly inspiring this year.	2/27/2018 2:45 PM
105	I was disappointed with the short wellness sessions that were in the tiniest rooms at the conference center. There were always around 100 teachers lined up to get into a room that could hold 25-30. The short time frame did not allow the presenters to complete their sessions-so we did not feel "well" in the end. The math sessions that I went to were great though.	2/27/2018 2:45 PM

106	The sessions were not relevant to any of my field Nothing in French about High school, and this for many years now....	2/27/2018 2:43 PM
107	There are not enough sessions for music/drama	2/27/2018 2:29 PM
108	Seemed like there was less to choose from, and from the sessions that I wanted to attend most were at the same time.	2/27/2018 2:28 PM
109	There weren't many options for Junior high teachers... especially on site.	2/27/2018 2:25 PM
110	The first session was cancelled the day of the session - understandable but frustrating. Every session I WANTED to go to was TOO FULL when I got there, even when I went early.	2/27/2018 2:18 PM
111	Very few Early Education session options.	2/27/2018 2:06 PM
112	There was very little that I wanted to attend. The teachers I attended with all felt the same.	2/27/2018 2:01 PM
113	There is not a lot of choice for ECS / Primary teachers	2/27/2018 1:56 PM
114	Nearly every session I went to at the Westin had technical difficulties.	2/27/2018 1:41 PM
115	There were not many sessions for Pre-Kindergarten/Kindergarten.	2/27/2018 1:40 PM
116	I felt there were very few applicable sessions for early childhood teachers, and the ones that were available seemed to be in conflicting time slots.	2/27/2018 1:32 PM
117	Some of the sessions that I would have liked to attended were very packed, without any standing room available - even with arriving early. In particular a session on Regulating Beyond the Zones.	2/27/2018 1:29 PM
118	Not nearly enough relevant sessions for specialties. The relevant sessions for classroom teachers were also so full you had to be there 45 minutes early to even get a seat.	2/27/2018 1:15 PM
119	The Phys. Ed. programs on Thursday were great, but not much worth while down town.	2/27/2018 1:15 PM
120	Having 2 excellent keynoters at the same time was a huge disappointment. Shelley Moore is an excellent speaker who I have heard before but would have liked to hear again and she was scheduled at the same time as Subann.	2/27/2018 1:14 PM
121	Loved the Pysanka decorating and tour of Roger's place!!!!	2/27/2018 1:03 PM
122	Good variety of sessions that applied to admin role	2/27/2018 12:58 PM
123	Lots of the sessions weren't of interest to me being an early educator, also the ones I did want to attend were in a small room and already full.	2/27/2018 12:56 PM
124	I would prefer to attend a conference in the Treaty 8 area. Travelling during the winter is stressful.	2/27/2018 12:55 PM
125	Although it is no longer practiced, I would have appreciated a paper copy of possible seminars/speakers with an attached map showing the locations of the different venues.	2/27/2018 12:37 PM
126	I know that not a lot of Substitute Teachers attend teachers' convention (one reason is that many Substitute Teachers don't think they can attend) , but there should be one or two sessions made just for Substitute Teachers. That would be great	2/27/2018 12:37 PM
127	Some sessions were in very small spaces and hundreds of people were waiting outside. Then I would go to another session in a huge room and it would be half empty.	2/27/2018 12:35 PM
128	Some good sessions geared toward inclusion & school Counselling. But I always want more!	2/27/2018 12:33 PM

129	Each session was vibrant!dynamic and allowed me to take relevant lessons back to the classroom. This was not always the case in past conventions.	2/27/2018 12:23 PM
130	There was only 1 main music session, by Denise Gagne, and I have seen her present multiple times, over the years.	2/27/2018 12:21 PM
131	The sessions have three basic themes and all wrap around that	2/27/2018 12:21 PM
132	After teaching for 30+ years, feels repetitive Would rather have the money to choose my own PG	2/27/2018 12:19 PM
133	I mostly attended keynote sessions this year - and found that there were not too many sessions specific to my grade level (kindergarten). I really enjoyed my sessions and felt inspired to return to my kids!	2/27/2018 12:15 PM
134	At the end a lot of sessions got cancelled meaning that a lot of sessions were filled and I was unable to find room in any of them.	2/27/2018 12:14 PM
135	There wasn't a lot that I was interested in. The sessions that I was interested in were so crowded or I couldn't get into.	2/27/2018 12:11 PM
136	I would have liked some more Language Arts-specific sessions, especially for junior high students, but the sessions I did attend, while not directly applicable to my job, were excellent.	2/27/2018 12:10 PM
137	A good selection, but I noticed a number of same sessions from last year.	2/27/2018 11:43 AM
138	Hardly any early childhood presenters	2/27/2018 11:42 AM
139	As always, session spaces are too small, overcrowded and often inaccessible.	2/27/2018 11:39 AM
140	Most of the sessions ran late, therefore created a ripple effect that would run into the other sessions that I wished to attend but could not because they were full by the time I got out of the session prior to it. There were not many sessions at the Shaw centre that I found valuable. Most sessions sounded extremely appealing, but once you were there they were just reiterating things that you as a teacher should already know. I went to this convention as a student teacher and attended as many sessions as I could and was deeply disappointed in the quality of the speakers and knowledge that they portrayed.	2/27/2018 11:36 AM
141	I found that this year's convention to be the best in terms of choice, times of sessions and overall quality. This was the best convention I attended in 10 years.	2/27/2018 11:31 AM
142	The full day at Saville with active sessions was phenomenal. The half day Friday for the Ever Active symposium was perfect.	2/27/2018 11:30 AM
143	I would like to see some sessions for band teachers, as the music sessions were primarily for elementary specialists. Even if it was a round table discussion type setting.	2/27/2018 11:28 AM
144	Best sewing session ever in St. Albert! Great networking!	2/27/2018 11:27 AM
145	I feel many of the rooms are too small for the amount of interest. I am getting really tired of these packed sessions. You can turn up 45 min early and you are still sitting on the floor. There are many people who just stay in the room so there is no room for new people to enter. I feel the rooms are just too small for many of the high interest sessions. Year after year all of the math and language sessions are in tiny rooms and are way too packed. Is there anyway to find larger rooms?	2/27/2018 11:24 AM
146	There were very few music specific sessions, and only one that was not elementary based. I am mostly a junior high band teacher.	2/27/2018 11:16 AM
147	Always lacking in CTS sessions.	2/27/2018 11:15 AM
148	Friday was a tougher day, could not find something exciting to go to especially in the afternoon	2/27/2018 11:13 AM
149	One-off PD opportunities are not effective.	2/27/2018 11:11 AM

150	So few sessions for early education Sessions of interest all ran at the same time or over lunch Crowded sessions	2/27/2018 11:09 AM
151	Great keynote speakers and sessions (if you got a seat!). Just wish I'd gone to more networking events that were offered.	2/27/2018 11:02 AM
152	Wish there was more music options.	2/27/2018 11:02 AM
153	Some sessions were in rooms that were too small and I couldn't attend.	2/27/2018 11:02 AM
154	2 of the sessions I went to, were not engaging at all, so I walked out 25 minutes in.	2/27/2018 10:58 AM
155	Some of the keynotes were good, but it was difficult to find other sessions that were relatable and fit with my teaching needs.	2/27/2018 10:56 AM
156	not many applicable sessions and those that were applicable overlapped in the schedule.	2/27/2018 10:55 AM
157	I felt that there were not enough choices for teachers in grades 4-6 (English)	2/27/2018 10:53 AM
158	many of the programs were cancelled. While I understand the weather was bad, something else should have been in place. Many of the sessions were not Special Education like focused.	2/27/2018 10:53 AM
159	Not enough sessions on early learning	2/27/2018 10:52 AM
160	It was hard for me to find different interesting sessions to attend. I didn't attend the key note speakers and I regret it now. When we shared experiences about the Convention with my fellow teachers at school, I found I wan't alone in my experience, but some teachers attended the key note sessions instead of workshops. Their experience was more positive.	2/27/2018 10:51 AM
161	There were NO sessions provided in either of the two areas that I teach. So frustrating!	2/27/2018 10:49 AM
162	Not many science sessions. Interesting session like "Fake news" was a great session, but the room was too small. I think that new sessions/speakers should start in a larger room.	2/27/2018 10:49 AM
163	I have been going to conventions in various forms for about 20 years, and in general love the experience. I appreciate the motivational-type keynotes, but I would like to see more speakers who focus on education, and or issues. Loved Shelley Moore and Farah Khan, not sure that Mr. Subban adds as much to our work.	2/27/2018 10:44 AM
164	I loved the many sessions on self-regulation and emotional development in children.	2/27/2018 10:35 AM
165	As an English teacher, it would be nice to see more sessions in this subject area as we are constantly looking for new materials, resources, methods and insights into our craft.	2/27/2018 10:32 AM
166	Edmonton Public hosted their languages matter conference which is fabulous and that is where all the good speakers for Immersion were.	2/27/2018 10:31 AM
167	I found that there weren't many interesting sessions to choose from. I really enjoyed the 20-minute wellness series but wish that the room would've been larger (we stuffed 70+ people in a room for 40) as these were incredibly popular. Otherwise I found myself attending General Interest sessions.	2/27/2018 10:31 AM
168	Very well organized, many good sessions to choose from, lots of great after conference events.	2/27/2018 10:30 AM
169	I did not find many topics that covered my needs or interests. The ones that I did were either all at the same time or ended up being cancelled. I did however like that some sessions were both in French and in English, this made me be able to go to one of the two if I had another session at the same time. I did enjoy the key note speakers. I also enjoyed the fact that there were many wellness sessions, stress management and such. Unfortunately, they were almost all at the same times.	2/27/2018 10:29 AM
170	I would like to see more guided reading sessions available as well as larger rooms provided for Kim Sutton and jane Felling.	2/27/2018 10:25 AM

171	I always feel like there are not enough secondary specific sessions (jr high and high school). I also feel like there are never enough subject-specific sessions, which leaves me choosing sessions that I am not particularly interested in nor sessions that may not particularly be helpful to me in my classroom.	2/27/2018 10:23 AM
172	There were some amazing ones that i attended this year	2/27/2018 10:19 AM
173	There needs to be more sessions focused around teaching high school	2/27/2018 10:18 AM
174	Very few quality keynotes. Very few relevant sessions.	2/27/2018 10:18 AM
175	I was a little disappointed by the lack of early education/special education sessions. I teach at an early intervention program and find there wasn't a lot that was relevant to me or went in depth enough.	2/27/2018 10:18 AM
176	Not as many sessions for second language teachers.	2/27/2018 10:16 AM
177	Many common themes overlapped time slots, so you had to choose which session to attend out of all your first choices (ex: FMNI all overlapped in separate buildings. I would have preferred to attend them all).	2/27/2018 10:15 AM
178	Still looking at and thinking that you have to come "from away" to be an expert to present a feature session.	2/27/2018 10:15 AM
179	The descriptions of sessions were off from the reality of what they were presenting.	2/27/2018 10:14 AM
180	It was very evident that there was a bias against the religious sessions, with them being scheduled concurrently - creating lower attendance in each session.	2/27/2018 10:14 AM
181	Often the sessions that interested me were held at the same time which made it frustrating. For example, there may be 2-3 Elementary Language Arts based sessions but they seemed all be at the same time or overlapping.	2/27/2018 10:13 AM
182	Keynotes weren't the strongest this year. I also haven't found much for high school Social Studies sessions in the past few years. The odd session that was directly on curriculum was put on by groups like the Aspen Foundation attempting to push a certain unit.	2/27/2018 10:13 AM
183	Not relevant any longer. This convention format is so outdated and not in step with the site based PD we are all doing. Give us more autonomy.	2/27/2018 10:12 AM
184	Preferred sessions were always packed and difficult to get into. I wonder if it would be beneficial to bring in subject matter experts - looking at quality of sessions vs. quantity. Many sessions are designed for early introductions into new learning activities and ideas (makerspace, tech, etc.). Would be interested in more depth.	2/27/2018 10:12 AM
185	All of the high interest sessions were offered at the same time. Only one "band" session.	2/27/2018 10:11 AM
186	I very much enjoyed the two presentations from Shelley Moore that I attended. Other than that, I had difficulty finding anything relevant to my teaching practice.	2/27/2018 10:10 AM
187	There was a strong elementary focus. The conference was strongly lacking in options for junior/senior high. There were almost zero workshops/speakers for specialists (Art, music, drama, band) and the ones that were available were in french or for elementary. The speakers I attended were not a first choice, but rather, something to attend. I did not find it valuable for my professional development.	2/27/2018 10:10 AM
188	I do not find the majority of the presentation applicable to my teaching assignment. The English options tend to be elementary and I would like to see more religion options.	2/27/2018 10:10 AM
189	There was not a lot of relevant high school CTS content, Friday should have more keynote speakers and less sessions.	2/27/2018 10:09 AM

190	For the cost, to teachers in membership dues and for convention particularly, the North Central Teachers Convention offerings were embarrassingly uninspiring	2/27/2018 10:08 AM
191	I particularly enjoyed all the sessions on mental health.	2/27/2018 10:06 AM
192	It seemed like all of the sessions I was interested ran at the same time.	2/27/2018 10:05 AM
193	Although there is a tendency to have similar subject areas booked at the same time, making it difficult to attend both.	2/27/2018 10:05 AM
194	very little in the way of Social studies and applicable technology use (coding, robotics, etc)	2/27/2018 10:05 AM
195	There were some interesting sessions available; however, many of the English Language Arts ones I wanted to attend were full. We even arrived at a session ten minutes early Thursday afternoon to find it had began already because the room was full. When there aren't significant numbers of high-school appropriate sessions on language arts to attend and they begin early because they fill up so quickly, it is very frustrating.	2/27/2018 10:04 AM
196	Very little that was useful to my practice, and I found that the popular sessions were heavily scheduled around lunch time, meaning rather than getting multiple sessions worthwhile, I instead had to choose only one out of three, simply because of time conflicts. Also, the fact that some start times were on the quarter of the hour, while others were on the half hour, and yet still others were on the hour also made it near impossible to get from one session to the next, as a session may end at 2:15, while the next session I was hoping to go to had started at 2:00, so I was very limited in what sessions I could attend after going to only my first session of the day. Also, I found the location in downtown Edmonton poor. Teachers are paying out of pocket to be here, and it is held in the most expensive area of the city, as well as in an area where parking comes at a premium.	2/21/2018 10:17 AM
197	I felt that there wasn't as much for high school teachers as there was for elementary teachers. When it came to exhibits as well, I was hoping to find more useful ideas/items to buy that would be geared towards more high school students. For example, I was hoping to get some writing posters for my classroom about comma use and semi colon use, but every poster I looked through while I was there was geared towards elementary. I also found that a lot of the seminars I went to sounded like they could be good for high school and elementary, but were still more elementary focused.	2/20/2018 8:49 PM
198	Venues too small for popular sessions, preregistrred sessions filled up so quickly no chance to register, program looked promising but unable to get into several sessions.	2/20/2018 7:33 PM
199	BEST Convention speakers in a long time! :)	2/17/2018 3:03 PM
200	Need to be able to have more choice as to our PD. Not always need to be at expensive venues downtown.	2/16/2018 4:28 PM
201	Very few choices for my subject area, very few choices for general interest & a lot of the times of sessions I would attend overlapped.	2/15/2018 11:30 AM
202	There weren't enough sessions in my areas to go to	2/15/2018 10:33 AM
203	A lot of the programming I was interested in overlapped, so I was not able to attend all of the sessions I was interested in. I also found that when I initially looked at the programming for pre-registered sessions that there wasn't many options but then I looked at it closer to convention and it seemed like there were more offerings, but I had missed out on them because they were full.	2/14/2018 8:39 PM
204	A lot of the session are like introductions to current trends in Education. My school is involved with High School Redesign and so I know a lot about it but would like an intermediate or advanced level of presentation on it. Same with Curriculum Development, or UDL etc	2/14/2018 5:09 PM
205	There were some very good choices for sessions this year. I am looking for more challenges, and don't find that sessions developed by other teachers are pushing the boundaries.	2/14/2018 4:36 PM

206	Always enjoy the key note speakers, this year found some were not really attached to education but still very interesting. Prefer more of these rather than small room breakouts at the Westin or other locations. So frustrating to be running around Shaw and leaving Shaw, only to find some sessions filled. Maybe it's time to move to one day conventions?? We have opportunity to get great PD, sometimes without leaving our building through the web, so convention might be better set up as general support (key notes) and a time to gather, socialize & connect and move through exhibits.	2/13/2018 9:46 AM
207	Glad to see a couple grade 10-12 math offerings. Would have liked to have seen something with the Math 30 diplomas and the written component coming in.	2/12/2018 1:52 PM
208	Living outside of the area. The sessions are getting spread around not only in but also out of the city. Making it very difficult for people who car pool to travel 2 1/2 hours away to attend session that they have an interest in. I think that with all the opportunities teacher have now to get useful PD that this convention needs to stop. It is a big expense that we have to endure. Sessions of interest being cancelled with no way of contacting the speaker to get the information on that session.	2/11/2018 6:08 PM
209	The Makokis family of presenters were awesome. I listened and spoke with all 3 of them afterwards.	2/11/2018 3:27 PM
210	The sessions I attended at the Westin were informative, and space was great with plenty of seating for everyone. The support staff in the building were courteous and very welcoming.	2/11/2018 3:26 PM
211	I think that there was a wide variety of sessions and it was fairly easy to select sessions that were interesting.	2/11/2018 10:09 AM
212	Disappointed with cancelled sessions and lack of variety	2/11/2018 4:01 AM
213	It was unfortunate that all the religion sessions were held in the same 2 blocks. Only a few session I was unable to get from venue to venue before they were full.	2/10/2018 11:33 PM
214	Better than past years as far as offering sessions that actually pertained to what I was currently doing and what I wanted to move towards	2/10/2018 9:02 PM
215	The sessions that I did attend were excellent. However it was very difficult to find relevant sessions.	2/10/2018 8:49 PM
216	There were not enough sessions for hs English.	2/10/2018 1:44 PM
217	I am a Music teacher and for the last few years there are on average a few of music sessions applicable to my job at convention. Not sure how hard it is to get good presenters but the same presenter is often repeated and session topics are often a repeat from year to year. It would be really nice to have some different topics and different presenters. (ie. one of the 3 music sessions for elementary teachers was the same topic as last year; I attended the session hoping there would be different things but they used the same books and same ideas.) Is there any way we could get some FNMI music sessions.	2/10/2018 11:34 AM
218	There were very few sessions that seemed interesting or seemed to apply to me. Of the 4 tech sessions, there was 2 robotics sessions scheduled at the exact same time.	2/10/2018 10:45 AM
219	Sessions were oddly timed - many popular options all at the same time.	2/10/2018 9:59 AM
220	The speakers were entertaining and also gave information that actually made you think! It was easy for me to get to everything I wanted to see in the order I picked . I was a bit worried when I had to leave the Shaw to go elsewhere.	2/10/2018 9:49 AM
221	Always look forward to Friday's Willie Wong watercolour session. It wasn't offered this year. Very happy with the knitting session.	2/10/2018 8:52 AM
222	Bring back the ukulele sessions! I'll present them! ??	2/10/2018 8:33 AM
223	There were some sessions I was very excited to attend. I even went in and planned my schedule early. When I got to convention I couldn't even get in the door of some sessions. It was frustrating. In fact on the Friday I tried to get into 2 different LA./Math sessions and they were full. This was after my original session even had people blocking the doorway.	2/9/2018 11:59 PM

224	There was not enough offered in French for a lower elementary level. Many English sessions were full so it was difficult to get in.	2/9/2018 9:42 PM
225	Lots of good sessions this year.	2/9/2018 9:30 PM
226	Timing of events seemed to flow with little overlap. Easy to attend several sessions.	2/9/2018 9:29 PM
227	If additional tours of the Rogers Centre had been organized, I would have been interested in attending.	2/9/2018 9:19 PM
228	Not that many options for early education specifically Kindergarten.	2/9/2018 9:04 PM
229	Didn't quite have enough time to complete a project in one session.	2/9/2018 7:21 PM
230	I usually look forward to the keynotes but even their topics didn't excite me.	2/9/2018 6:47 PM
231	The sessions I went to were informative and provided me with information and reinforced the importance of teacher wellness.	2/9/2018 6:45 PM
232	Some of the sessions I attended were wonderful, some did not match their description and were poorly put together.	2/9/2018 6:31 PM
233	It was difficult to transition between sessions because they began and ended at the same time. For example, my session ended at 10:00 at the conference Center. The next one began at 10:00 in the Westin. I began to plan based on what I could get to rather than based on what truly interested me.	2/9/2018 6:15 PM
234	The lecture method of PD has its limitations, and I believe that we should move towards a edcamp style of PD that better engages teachers (perhaps even in an uncomfortable way). That said, the caliber of presenters was excellent and I took a lot from each of the sessions I attended.	2/9/2018 5:41 PM
235	The sessions I attended were fantastic. The speakers were engaging, relevant and interesting.	2/9/2018 5:40 PM
236	The sessions offered were much better than in previous years!	2/9/2018 5:39 PM
237	Specifically the Drama option in Sherwood Park was fantastic!	2/9/2018 5:34 PM
238	My first session each day was full. I was unable to get in despite being early. More sessions for High School Science would be helpful.	2/9/2018 4:50 PM
239	This was a good one this year. Great key notes and lots of applicable sessions.	2/9/2018 4:46 PM
240	Best convention I remember for science and technology.	2/9/2018 4:30 PM
241	I liked the fact that wellness and TRC and FNMI content was featured prominently. However, there is a serious lack of subject area sessions.	2/9/2018 4:19 PM
242	It was my best conference in a long time - speakers I selected just echoed what I needed to hear - I have been coming for 15 years to NCTCA - this was the best year !	2/9/2018 3:59 PM
243	Some of the social issue that present in our present society was not covered and there is an issue in Inclusive education at a secondary level in Immersion. Also, the LGBTQ2 information for English speakers so we can address a culture of discrimination in smaller districts. As I walked through the booth hall there wasn't a large visual diversity in the booths nor in the attendees. How does one help the visual minorities in the classroom. There is diversity in our classrooms with non-visual.	2/9/2018 3:42 PM

244	Some sessions overlapped that I wanted to go to and were in very different locations. Off campus locations are not a consideration for me.	2/9/2018 2:58 PM
245	Friday sessions were awful... the keynotes were not good. Alex Russell made the same speech almost word for word - please do not spend our member funds on bringing back a speaker who has no new material. However I did notice that his conference description was different, he just chose to give the same speech. Thursday was a much better program. Shelley Moore in particular was a great speaker with an important message.	2/9/2018 2:17 PM
246	So much overlap between sessions and small spaces made attending the sessions I was interested in very difficult. I arrived at one session 25 minutes early and it was already too full for even standing room.	2/9/2018 2:15 PM
247	Many sessions were repeats from previous years, or very similar. I had to search to find anything that I found that would be relevant and practical for my current teaching practices. Most sessions that I was interested in were running at the same time.	2/9/2018 2:10 PM
248	SHELLY MOORE GIVE ME SOME MORE OF HER!!!!	2/9/2018 11:32 AM
249	I appreciated all the wellness sessions which reminded me how to take care of myself so i can be more effective.	2/9/2018 10:02 AM
250	Not enough variety of sessions available, hard to attend a session at Shaw and then be at grant MacEwan 15 minutes later	2/8/2018 11:31 PM
251	There were good high school science sessions, but they were mostly on Thursday	2/8/2018 10:13 PM

Q12 How much do you agree with the following statements regarding the program of the convention you attended this year?

Answered: 683 Skipped: 50

	STRONGLY DISAGREE	DISAGREE	NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE	AGREE	STRONGLY AGREE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
The program included keynote speakers that I wanted to hear.	3.5% 24	12.2% 83	22.8% 156	45.5% 311	16.0% 109	683	3.58
The program included sessions and workshops that I wanted to attend.	2.9% 20	10.5% 72	13.0% 89	58.1% 397	15.4% 105	683	3.72
The program included a variety of opportunities for me to develop/enhance my professional knowledge, skills, and attributes.	5.1% 35	11.0% 75	16.4% 112	54.0% 369	13.5% 92	683	3.60
The program included a variety of opportunities for me to develop/enhance my professional efficacy.	4.8% 33	11.1% 76	19.3% 132	52.1% 356	12.6% 86	683	3.57
The program included a variety of opportunities for meaningful professional conversations and networking.	3.7% 25	11.3% 77	20.5% 140	51.2% 350	13.3% 91	683	3.59
The program included a variety of opportunities for my colleagues and I to work together to develop/enhance our collective efficacy.	7.2% 49	20.4% 139	30.2% 206	35.3% 241	7.0% 48	683	3.15

Q13 Are there any speakers that you highly recommend for next year's convention?

Answered: 279 Skipped: 454

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	The clinical psychologist who spoke on anxiety - I forget his name, but he was FANTASTIC!	3/13/2018 2:40 PM
2	Kurt Browning George Couros Sandra Herbst Kelly Gallagher Henry Winkler Penny Kittle	3/12/2018 7:28 AM
3	More comedy, excitement. The hoop dancer or a children's author. Someone who can make us laugh and love our jobs instead of making us feel inadequate. More elementary curriculum specific. Demonstrations of science and social studies projects. Things to experience, not just sit and listen to lectures.	3/11/2018 11:29 PM
4	Adrienne Gear; Debbie Kohn; Tony Robbins;	3/11/2018 6:39 PM
5	P Gail Whiteford	3/11/2018 10:12 AM
6	Yes, more in the line of learning through nature. i.e. Jane Goodall, Richard Louv, George Kouronos etc.	3/10/2018 12:50 PM
7	Bigger Names	3/8/2018 2:33 PM
8	I really enjoyed the learn to weld session. Excellent experience.	3/7/2018 10:20 PM
9	Shelley Moore was very good. Unfortunately, many of the people who wanted to attend her second session were unable to.	3/7/2018 4:47 PM
10	Dr. Alex Russell was a revelation. I could've listened to him all day.	3/6/2018 10:06 AM
11	n/a	3/6/2018 9:20 AM
12	David Irvine	3/4/2018 10:02 PM
13	Penny Kittle - focus on adolescent literacy	3/4/2018 9:35 PM
14	Anyone who works in current research in the science disciplines that can give up-to-date information that can be used in the classroom.	3/4/2018 2:44 PM
15	Kim Sutton	3/4/2018 12:30 PM
16	Lisa Murphy "The Ooey Gooey Lady"	3/3/2018 10:08 PM
17	Alex Russell was excellent. I also really enjoyed Zarqa Nawaz! Both were informative and excellent speakers. I really enjoyed them.	3/3/2018 4:59 PM
18	I've only attended session in French with good speaker. The one that I like but still didn't receive the email with all needed info is Patricia Giguere	3/2/2018 7:54 PM
19	Simon Sinek Josh Shipp Dr. Martin Brokenleg Kurtis and Lorna Hewson (Jigsaw Learning)	3/2/2018 5:32 PM
20	Tanya Frigault- spoke at the Westin re: OCD. Also the Child Psychologist (female-can't recall her name...) was very good!!	3/2/2018 4:07 PM

21	Dany Beaulieu	3/2/2018 4:00 PM
22	Gordon Neufeld (Working with stuck kids)	3/2/2018 2:45 PM
23	I would love to see the same lady that did a keynote speech about the power of relationships in the classroom Dr. Jody Carrington. She was funny and relatable.	3/2/2018 1:52 PM
24	Renee Michaud	3/2/2018 11:46 AM
25	Black gold sessions were great, the breakout sessions were fun and informative,	3/2/2018 9:29 AM
26	No	3/2/2018 9:11 AM
27	Shelley Moore	3/1/2018 10:04 PM
28	Aboriginal Language Teachers have a tremendous need to be supported in classrooms with effective strategies for second language learning. No one at this time is meeting this need and there is at least one language teacher in every First Nation school in the north. In the spirit of Reconciliation this district should be working to support Aboriginal Education. Quite often how you handle traditional knowledge is that you get someone to offer tobacco to the presenters to come and present and then you pay them an honorarium. I will attach a list of possible presenters. Lillian Gadwa Crier - Moss Bag Teachings 587-988-6170 Margaret Cardinal - Traditional crafts 780-863-7597 Pearleen Kanewopasikot - Cree with Smartboard Activities and basics for editing 587-989-7213 Daphie Pooyak - Traditional Knowledge and Medicines 306-480-0238 Jason Semaginis-Johnson - Traditional Knowledge, Medicines and Teachings - 306 307 3562 Cindy Jim - Songmaker and Ceremonial Knowledge 360-510-4987 Roxanne Tootoosis - Traditional Women's Teachings, Ribbon Skirt Making 780-668-3268 Delia and Brian Waskewitch - Traditional Teachings, Songs, Puppets, Language Methods 639-343-7568 Ken Saddleback - Traditional Teachings, Tea Dance teachings, 780-362-2059 Celia Deschambeault - Classroom Essentials - Cree Language Methods - 306-888-7390 Richard Van Camp - Aboriginal Literature - He needs to be a keynote he is fantastic!!! He's on facebook I don't have his personal cell number. Janet Fox - Women's Teachings and Traditional Parenting - she's on Facebook Kevin Lewis - Land Based Learning and Camps - He needs to be a keynote theislander@me.com Glenda Abbott - Traditional Plants and Uses, Traditional Womens' Knowledge 306-930-5531 Darlene Auger - Wewepison - Traditional Swing Therapy 780-915-2395	3/1/2018 5:16 PM
29	Tiffany Goulet out of Ontario	3/1/2018 4:50 PM
30	Dr Jody Carrington	3/1/2018 4:46 PM
31	Ulana SOletsky, the one who did the expressive book making	3/1/2018 3:58 PM
32	-You need to consider Dr. Greg Thomas from the University of Alberta as a keynote speaker. His presentations on metacognition in the past 2 years have been incredible and well received by the entire audience. Every attendee should have the opportunity to learn about this valuable field of study by hearing him in a keynote presentation.	3/1/2018 3:50 PM
33	Karl Subban got raves.	3/1/2018 2:04 PM
34	The francophone key note speaker needs to be much more motivating and leave us with a sense of "I can change the world" instead of showing us how we are failing at managing a family and full time career. Karl Subban gave me that sense at the end of his session...	3/1/2018 12:06 PM
35	Sherryl Sewepagaham, Ardelle Ries, Scott Goble, Peter Gouzouasis, Peter Boonschaft, Anita Perla, Kim Eyre, Jan Dammann, Heather Johnson, Dallas Arcand.	3/1/2018 11:30 AM
36	No	3/1/2018 10:12 AM
37	Dr. Jody Carrington	3/1/2018 9:59 AM

38	No	3/1/2018 8:42 AM
39	I would love to see Dr. Gabor Mate speak again.	3/1/2018 7:38 AM
40	Yes!! Wade on "Unsocial Media"!!!! He needs a larger room!!!!!!	3/1/2018 12:28 AM
41	Marie-Lafleur Marie-Josée Verra	2/28/2018 9:30 PM
42	Shelley Moore Lenee Fyfe	2/28/2018 8:46 PM
43	Minister of education.	2/28/2018 8:14 PM
44	Pensions	2/28/2018 6:56 PM
45	Shelley Moore	2/28/2018 6:55 PM
46	Adrienne Gear	2/28/2018 4:40 PM
47	Anyone from Palix Foundation, Wanda Polzin - CASA	2/28/2018 3:44 PM
48	Kris Wells, The Altview foundation, DEHR committee's	2/28/2018 3:30 PM
49	Shelley Moore Kim Sutton Alex Russell Marian Small	2/28/2018 2:12 PM
50	Jody Carrington Gerry Dee Todd Witaker	2/28/2018 1:54 PM
51	Klm Sutton	2/28/2018 12:43 PM
52	Not at this point	2/28/2018 12:33 PM
53	Derek Peterson Gord Neufeld Bruce Perry	2/28/2018 12:24 PM
54	No, perhaps less rah rah and more real world.	2/28/2018 11:50 AM
55	Simon Breakspear (Aus) Sir Ken Robinson (USA) Pasi Sahlberg (Finn)	2/28/2018 11:47 AM
56	Laurel Kirchner Wellness Advisor Occupational Health and Safety P: 780-342-8870 C: 780-224-5174 She can give a presentation about anxiety : how to manage anxiety on a regular basis, etc. She works for the wellness at the hospitals in Edmonton and gives presentations as part of her work. She would be fantastic.	2/28/2018 11:26 AM
57	All were excellent :-)	2/28/2018 11:20 AM
58	Michael Ng	2/28/2018 8:50 AM
59	Jody Carrington Kim Sutton	2/28/2018 8:41 AM
60	Jo Boaler, Tracy Johnston Zager	2/28/2018 6:26 AM
61	Scott Hebert! Dr. Carrington would be excellent to have return. I would also really like to see speakers that think outside the traditional model of doing things. I would like to see speakers that talk about neuroscience and how it relates to the development of curriculum and administration. or Regulation in the classroom as it relates to really little kids up to senior high kids.	2/28/2018 12:01 AM
62	Would like to see a longer session with Geri Lorwel (may have name wrong) in regards to primary math. She seemed to have a good message, but not enough time to really get into any serious learning. I would also like to see session specific to Fountas and Pinnell resources, assessments and programming.	2/27/2018 11:50 PM
63	Dr. Jody Carrington again please!	2/27/2018 11:26 PM

64	A Canadian Olympian, David Booth OISE, more Kim Sutton,	2/27/2018 11:15 PM
65	Dr. Jody Carrington	2/27/2018 11:11 PM
66	Michelle Obama	2/27/2018 11:11 PM
67	I'm newer to teaching music so I don't know of any experts in the field.	2/27/2018 10:34 PM
68	Tony Campolo	2/27/2018 10:32 PM
69	The lady from the Box Cars and One Eyed Jacks was amazing with her session on Literacy Games. I also really loved listening and learning from Lenae Fyfe (??) with her presentation on Bringing Literacy Alive. She brought forth many great hands-on projects. Her handouts were spot on and practical and I LOVED how she was actually "teaching" us like she would in a normal classroom especially showing how to differentiate many literacy topics. It was nice to see someone who was a math/science teacher who struggled through literacy/LA like I am currently doing.	2/27/2018 10:12 PM
70	Penny Kittle	2/27/2018 9:53 PM
71	Renée Michaud Caroline Roux	2/27/2018 9:49 PM
72	Scott Hebert - I've attended multiple sessions he has done at various ERLC sessions and NCTCA conventions and he knows how to speak. Delivers excellent sessions that are engaging and make you think. His gamification stuff is innovative and messages about student engagement and relationships are easy to apply. I believe he is a local teacher and something NCTCA should consider is giving a capable, local, speaker a shot to share versus the constant "big name" or "it speaker", who don't get me wrong are good and I enjoy their talks but how powerful would a local teacher be in front of his or her peers?	2/27/2018 9:25 PM
73	Sylvia Duckworth	2/27/2018 9:22 PM
74	albertans rather than eastern provinces	2/27/2018 8:41 PM
75	Loose Parts session	2/27/2018 8:40 PM
76	Colin Mochrie (Whole line is it anyway) Canadian Olympian	2/27/2018 8:07 PM
77	Jim Jones wood lathe workshop Other construction related courses	2/27/2018 8:05 PM
78	I would be happy to provide a keynote and / or breakout sessions for your convention next year. http://joyfulendeavours.com	2/27/2018 7:37 PM
79	A comedian for Friday at 2 pm	2/27/2018 7:02 PM
80	Shelley moore	2/27/2018 6:59 PM
81	I didn't even get to see all the keynotes I wanted to see. Heard that the speaker opposite Subban was excellent.	2/27/2018 6:51 PM
82	Kim Sutton	2/27/2018 6:46 PM
83	Vince Gowmon: Changing Times, Changing Schools	2/27/2018 6:29 PM
84	Seesaw, Buncee, Sara Malchow, Teresa Wells Taylor, Kim Sutton, Rachel Hill from Indspire, FMNI Elders	2/27/2018 5:52 PM
85	Shelly Moore	2/27/2018 5:49 PM
86	Karen Filewych was excellent. Dr. Jody Carrington was informative and funny.	2/27/2018 5:39 PM
87	Jody Carrington	2/27/2018 5:23 PM

88	Ng Kim Sutton	2/27/2018 5:08 PM
89	Media people, motivational speakers	2/27/2018 5:06 PM
90	The presentation on the Escape Room was very good.	2/27/2018 5:02 PM
91	I'd like motivational key notes as they are uplifting and positive.	2/27/2018 4:59 PM
92	Michael Linsin - Classroom management	2/27/2018 4:56 PM
93	Alex Russell Marty Chan	2/27/2018 4:49 PM
94	Kim Suttan	2/27/2018 4:49 PM
95	Darlene Kusick - Math for Success Kim Suttan Empowering Writing	2/27/2018 4:45 PM
96	I missed Karl Subban due to parking issues and heard that I missed a good session from every single person who saw him.	2/27/2018 4:45 PM
97	Robyn Oldman- The Art of Rag Quilting	2/27/2018 4:44 PM
98	People who are funny. I wonder if Michael Jr. would come to something like this...	2/27/2018 4:36 PM
99	After the drama session at Festival Place, the guys said they'd be happy to offer the same thing again/create an extension off of it.	2/27/2018 4:10 PM
100	Leroy Little Bear, Ashley Callingbull, Lillian Crier, Tanaya Winder, Cowboy Smithx, Eddy Robinson.	2/27/2018 3:41 PM
101	Jodi Carrington- amazing, Marty Chan- excellent!	2/27/2018 3:31 PM
102	Shelley Moore Marv Hackman	2/27/2018 3:18 PM
103	Nardwar The Human Serviette John Joseph from The Cro-Mags Rich Roll	2/27/2018 3:17 PM
104	No	2/27/2018 3:05 PM
105	Farrah Khan was spectacular and her discussion points will need to be revisited for a few years to come as we begin to shift in how we approach teaching gender issues in the classroom and how we respond to issues around gender, gender equality, harassment in the work place (including schools) in the future.	2/27/2018 3:02 PM
106	Jody Carrington again please!!!!	2/27/2018 2:45 PM
107	David Hay Joshua Gillingham Matteo Hee	2/27/2018 2:44 PM
108	Bring back Garth Prince for Music	2/27/2018 2:29 PM
109	Dave Burgess - Teach Like A Pirate	2/27/2018 2:28 PM
110	Yvonne Camus.	2/27/2018 2:21 PM
111	Jen Ference	2/27/2018 2:15 PM
112	Dr. Jody Carrington Dr. Alex Russel	2/27/2018 2:14 PM
113	-Shelley Moore not at the same time as another great keynote. her session was poorly attended because of this and that was unfortunate.	2/27/2018 2:06 PM

114	Yvonne Camus was a great speaker! Her session was very under-attended in Hall D; I'm not sure why. Maybe if she was in a different location or at a different time her session would have been better attended.	2/27/2018 2:02 PM
115	Unsure	2/27/2018 2:01 PM
116	Marty Chan was great this year, I would like to see him again.	2/27/2018 1:56 PM
117	Jody Carrington - she needs a larger venue. Her message is very important	2/27/2018 1:56 PM
118	Nicole Lafreniere, Sue Harvie,	2/27/2018 1:41 PM
119	Dr. Alex Russell was great - I would love to go to more sessions with him & hear topics in more depth.	2/27/2018 1:40 PM
120	The gentleman who did the old and new testaments in 60 minutes	2/27/2018 1:35 PM
121	Shelley Moore, Jody Carrington and Marion Smalls	2/27/2018 1:29 PM
122	I really enjoyed the teacher that presented "OCD" they live among us. It was nice to have a first-person account.	2/27/2018 1:28 PM
123	Jo Boaler Dan Meyer	2/27/2018 1:13 PM
124	David Suzuki Roy Lyster Martine Cavanagh Claudette Tardif Kim Thuy	2/27/2018 1:09 PM
125	Shelley Moore was awesome! TQS session was also very helpful	2/27/2018 12:58 PM
126	Jody Carrington Todd Parr 2 Sisters from the Daily Five Program Nikki Newton	2/27/2018 12:56 PM
127	Dr. Pat Makosis's presentation should slotted as a key note address Her message was one I felt needs to be brought forward and that indigenizing curriculum and reconciliatory are of utmost importance when working in northern communities.	2/27/2018 12:55 PM
128	Dr. Jody Carrington, Kim Sutton, Jane Felling	2/27/2018 12:49 PM
129	Scott Nicholson - Gamification	2/27/2018 12:46 PM
130	Penny Kittle Kelly Gallagher	2/27/2018 12:35 PM
131	The counsellor tool box session is a must!	2/27/2018 12:33 PM
132	Wade Sorchan was amazing	2/27/2018 12:21 PM
133	I really enjoyed sessions by Dr. Jody Carrington and Alex Russell. As well, I have always enjoyed math sessions by Jane Felling and Kim Sutton, but have found that they are in smallish rooms that fill up too quickly, and I am not always able to get to the session early enough to get into the room. I think it would be great to have an SLP do a session on how to incorporate speech techniques into early childhood classrooms.	2/27/2018 12:15 PM
134	People that were doing the Blanket presentation.	2/27/2018 12:12 PM
135	Alex Russell Karl Subban Tamara Martin-Spady	2/27/2018 12:08 PM
136	David Wells Cristina Stasia	2/27/2018 11:55 AM
137	I wouldn't say we were able to "work together" but it did springboard opportunities for future work together.	2/27/2018 11:55 AM
138	David Eggen was sworn in as the Minister of Education and as the Minister of Culture and Tourism.	2/27/2018 11:54 AM

139	I really loved Garth Prince and the African drumming workshop. It needed to be longer because we did not get to the Division 1 song. I also really think it's time to do the folk dance by Marion Rose again with the Step Lively resources. It suits both the music and the PE curriculum.	2/27/2018 11:52 AM
140	more science instructors	2/27/2018 11:51 AM
141	Mike Matera -Explore Like a Pirate	2/27/2018 11:43 AM
142	Liked Brian Keeting and the resiliency person.	2/27/2018 11:42 AM
143	Dr. Lauren Sulz about Motivating students, Doug Gletty about Assessing in Physical Education, Comprehensive School Health about grant applications	2/27/2018 11:36 AM
144	Karl Subban	2/27/2018 11:34 AM
145	Anything by Ever Active, Be Fit For Life, etc.	2/27/2018 11:30 AM
146	I want another sewing session!	2/27/2018 11:27 AM
147	Would like to see Shelley Moore come back as well as Jody Carrington	2/27/2018 11:26 AM
148	Really thought the benefits after retirement session was helpful and informative.	2/27/2018 11:26 AM
149	Not that I know of.	2/27/2018 11:24 AM
150	Dr. Jody Carrington was absolutely incredible. Every single teacher in Alberta should have the opportunity to hear her speak.	2/27/2018 11:19 AM
151	S/O	2/27/2018 11:17 AM
152	Gore makeup	2/27/2018 11:15 AM
153	Cynthia Tobias an Olympic athlete lady psychologist Johnson or Johnston was her name? She was a keynote this year and had sessions as well	2/27/2018 11:13 AM
154	Dr Jody Carrington was amazing! I would love to see her again!!	2/27/2018 11:12 AM
155	Brad Smilanich & Stephen Womack	2/27/2018 11:06 AM
156	Jody Carrington	2/27/2018 11:04 AM
157	I always look for Catholic Education Speakers.	2/27/2018 11:04 AM
158	Gerri Lorway	2/27/2018 11:03 AM
159	Dav Pilkey, Karen Filywech, Laurie Greenwood, Me to We, Amber Mac,	2/27/2018 11:02 AM
160	Shelley Moore. Dr. Jody Carrington.	2/27/2018 11:02 AM
161	Michael Ng, Scott Hebert, Reuben Mahaffy, Zarqa Nawaz	2/27/2018 11:02 AM
162	Nil	2/27/2018 10:58 AM
163	Wade-"Unsocial Media"	2/27/2018 10:57 AM
164	Jodie Carrington, Jon Acuff, Chris Smeaton, Simon Breakspear, Luis Cruz, Pasi Sahlberg	2/27/2018 10:57 AM
165	Jeff Noble fedal alcohol speaker	2/27/2018 10:54 AM

166	Dr. Jody Carrington Kim Sutton	2/27/2018 10:53 AM
167	Let's have a key note speaker focus on trauma intervention.	2/27/2018 10:53 AM
168	Jennifer Seravello Dr. Diane Kashin Launa Clarkl	2/27/2018 10:52 AM
169	Presentations about Aboriginal topics or aboriginal perspectives were good and I would love to see more of this.	2/27/2018 10:51 AM
170	More technology, with time to work on applications we learn. Also person wellness like yoga and cooking.	2/27/2018 10:49 AM
171	Rick Wormeli! I can' recommend him highly enough!	2/27/2018 10:44 AM
172	We really need to bring in some Big names. I cant think of any at the top of my head, but there was really no exciting and must see Keynotes this year.	2/27/2018 10:43 AM
173	F. Khan	2/27/2018 10:40 AM
174	The writing sessions offered by Debbie Quick were well attended and very useful for a classroom teacher.	2/27/2018 10:36 AM
175	Adam Bienenstock - Natural Playgrounds Dr. Kate Story - U of A Donald Barker - Alberta Health Services - Food Insecurity, Health and Equity: Implications for Educators	2/27/2018 10:34 AM
176	Yes, Mariam Small	2/27/2018 10:32 AM
177	Sheri D- Wilson from Calgary, Tyler Perry (Calgary), Ahmed Knowmadic Ali (Edmonton Poet Laureate), Mary Pinkoski (former Edmonton poet laureate), Colin Matty, Liam Coady	2/27/2018 10:32 AM
178	-Sue Harvie from Calgary (elementary Music) contact sdharvie@cbe.ab.ca	2/27/2018 10:32 AM
179	There needs to be better sessions for French Immersion.	2/27/2018 10:31 AM
180	Brad Langdale and Rick Kremp, two physics speakers, were great!	2/27/2018 10:30 AM
181	Dr. Jody Carrington	2/27/2018 10:26 AM
182	Dwayne Donald	2/27/2018 10:26 AM
183	Russell (forgot his first name; the keynote hall C speaker on Friday.)	2/27/2018 10:24 AM
184	Dr. Jody Carrington	2/27/2018 10:24 AM
185	Celine Galipeau, Julie Payette, Rachel Notley, Cristia Freeland, Charles Hamelin, Kaetlyn Osmond	2/27/2018 10:22 AM
186	Dr. Gelmini (chemistry), Strathcona raptor shelter speakers, Robert Rose, P. Eng. (Electricity, Gr. 6 & 9), Terry Thormin (http://terrythormin.smugmug.com) (Gr. 6+, Biology),	2/27/2018 10:22 AM
187	A panel discussion on something	2/27/2018 10:21 AM
188	Stuart Shanker Sir Ken Robinson	2/27/2018 10:21 AM
189	Wade Sorochan, Vincent Reynolds, Yvonne Camus, Kelle Hansen	2/27/2018 10:19 AM
190	Mr. Subban was an amazing speaker!	2/27/2018 10:18 AM
191	Brene Brown	2/27/2018 10:18 AM
192	I would like to see Jody Carrington again- In a longer session.	2/27/2018 10:18 AM

193	Chef Recovery Jay Barnard	2/27/2018 10:16 AM
194	Christi Belcourt Aaron Paquette Cindy Blackstock	2/27/2018 10:15 AM
195	Why is my Colleague so Happy	2/27/2018 10:14 AM
196	The Zone of regulations speaker. I couldn't get in and I came 20minute early. Bring back and a bigger room next year. Kelly Gallagher and a large room for him.	2/27/2018 10:14 AM
197	Shelley Moore	2/27/2018 10:13 AM
198	Another Curriculum update with Alberta Education Keynote suggestion - David Usher -- Canadian singer who I noticed is doing some speaking. Don't know if his message is directed towards teachers, but would be good for a lighter keynote. Breakout session suggestion - A high school specific session on Social studies would be appreciated. Even if it's an open collaboration session.	2/27/2018 10:13 AM
199	Please have more with creativity and art	2/27/2018 10:11 AM
200	I would attend another Shelley Moore session.	2/27/2018 10:10 AM
201	Dale Leonis	2/27/2018 10:10 AM
202	Stephane Saulnier, Gerard McClarney, Bishop Barron, Dr. Edward Sri,	2/27/2018 10:10 AM
203	Matt White, Drama Production: Zero to Hero.	2/27/2018 10:09 AM
204	Tyler Buchan Nicole Bell Kevin Lamoureux Vincent Mireau	2/27/2018 10:09 AM
205	Nationally and internationally high profile key notes. How many years has it been since NCTCA has included the likes of Romeo Dallaire, or Stephen Lewis?	2/27/2018 10:08 AM
206	Shelley Moore	2/27/2018 10:07 AM
207	None at this time.	2/27/2018 10:06 AM
208	Elizabeth Hanlis - http://www.ehanlis.com/	2/27/2018 10:06 AM
209	Debbie Quick	2/27/2018 10:06 AM
210	Dr. Jody Carrington	2/27/2018 10:05 AM
211	Shelley Moore as keynote	2/27/2018 10:05 AM
212	Beaverhill Bird Observatory with their owls!	2/27/2018 10:04 AM
213	Anita P - Power of 10	2/20/2018 11:15 AM
214	French speakers	2/18/2018 11:20 AM
215	Dr. Jody Carrington - FANTASTIC! She was very informative, poignant & hilarious!! Great combination! I went to both her sessions on Relationships and Trauma. Alex Russell - "Raising Resilient Children" - also a FABULOUS speaker and such a timely topic. Jacqui Currie - "Kindness in the Classroom" - very ENGAGING and excellent speaker with a lot of great info. I am part of a "Kindness Committee" at our middle school and this is such an important topic as well. The only suggestion I have is that it should have been 2 hours, instead of just one. Also, bigger room or two separate sessions. (I had a seat at the front but I know there were those who did not get in because it was so full - standing room only at the back.) Julianne Harvey - Literary Salon - This was not very full but the speaker had many GREAT ideas and resources to share.	2/17/2018 3:03 PM

216	Most educators are looking for speakers who inspire a teacher to get back into the classroom trying new strategies, techniques and ideas. Some educators who have been dealing with large class sizes, daily behaviour issues etc. etc. need humor, enthusiasm and support and sometimes acknowledgement that their not alone with the educational issues that are face today. There use to be hands on type of sessions such as painting, bead making etc. Educators expressed how they loved those sessions because we could take them back to our classes and adapt them to fit any grade level. It also gave us an opportunity to communicate with other educators. We went back to our classes eager to Incorporate and practice our new found skills. We told you we liked it so you took it away. Now we get low quality, textbook type speakers. Yawn!	2/16/2018 8:33 PM
217	What happened to the big name ones we used to see like Alfie Cohen?	2/14/2018 8:39 PM
218	Brian keating, as always, - was excellent	2/14/2018 5:13 PM
219	The RedDress Project from Edmonton - it would be great to feature their display and then have their founder speak about the project. It would be of interest to ELA, Social Studies, Art and Photography teachers, as well as anyone interested in the Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women.	2/14/2018 4:36 PM
220	Trauma and self-regulation for students.	2/13/2018 9:46 AM
221	Dr Ross Green Gerry Brooks	2/12/2018 10:19 PM
222	Jody Carrington	2/12/2018 3:07 PM
223	Alex Russell	2/12/2018 1:52 PM
224	Dr. Jody Carrington - very engaging, down to earth and practical in her approach but full of useful and applicable information	2/12/2018 11:17 AM
225	I would enjoy a very enthusiastic speaker with a great sense of humor.	2/12/2018 9:20 AM
226	Farrah Khan was amazing, I would love to see her again	2/11/2018 10:27 PM
227	Carrington and Moore	2/11/2018 6:08 PM
228	Any of the Makokis presenters...	2/11/2018 3:27 PM
229	No.	2/11/2018 3:26 PM
230	I really enjoyed Tackling Community Issues in the Classroom by Leah Ettarh on Friday afternoon. The "Problem and Solution Trees" strategy is very elegant and I think it has application in a lot of areas.	2/11/2018 10:09 AM
231	Peter Bowers	2/11/2018 8:03 AM
232	Kim Sutton and Jane Felling	2/11/2018 4:01 AM
233	Russell	2/10/2018 9:59 PM
234	Wade Sorochan, Alex Russell, Farrah Khan	2/10/2018 9:02 PM

235	Lead Etterhn...she spoke about social justice projects. It was great, I highly recommend for next year:)	2/10/2018 8:49 PM
236	Pasi Sahlberg Andy Hargreaves	2/10/2018 5:33 PM
237	Garth Prince and Nicole Lafrenière	2/10/2018 3:10 PM
238	Nathan Fillion	2/10/2018 1:44 PM
239	Jo Ella Hug, Sue Harvie, Tim Wiegand, Jeff Kriske & Randy DeLelles, Brian Hiller & Don Dupont, Darva Campbell	2/10/2018 11:34 AM
240	Farrah Khan	2/10/2018 11:31 AM
241	Farah Khan was amazing. Reading the description, I was not really interested, but a friend dragged me to the session and it was extremely good.	2/10/2018 10:45 AM
242	Michael ng Darryl Marchand	2/10/2018 10:11 AM
243	Shelly Moore Keep the ATRF pensiontalks excellent info for teachers to think about .nice to have inclusive ed and	2/10/2018 9:49 AM
244	Tanya Frigault ??	2/10/2018 8:33 AM
245	Shelley Moore Jody Carrington Tammy Auten-Dye Kim Sutton Jane Felling	2/10/2018 8:13 AM
246	Teresa Abram - health coach	2/10/2018 5:23 AM
247	Shelley Moore and Dr Alex Russell were both amazing this year.	2/10/2018 1:20 AM
248	Serge Bouchard animateur à aradio-Canada Raymonde Laberge des Territoires du Nord Ouest. Elle a enseigné dans toutes les provinces et territoires du Canada. Cette femme est un encyclopédie vivante d'une profondeur à vous en faire perdre le souffle. Elle parle de construction identitaire et de l'importance de la francophonie elle est une inspiration vivante.	2/9/2018 11:11 PM
249	Everactive was excellent on Friday. Rogers tour was fun on Thursday.	2/9/2018 10:26 PM
250	Renee Michaud	2/9/2018 9:42 PM
251	Rick Mercer, Mark Critch, Linden Mcentyre, Alan Doyle	2/9/2018 9:30 PM
252	Chief Wilton Littlechild Phil Fontaine Charlene Bearhead	2/9/2018 9:29 PM
253	Phil Callaway	2/9/2018 9:19 PM
254	Jackie Currie	2/9/2018 9:04 PM
255	For Indigenous issues in education: Shelby Laframboise-Helgeson is a compassionate and wonderful teacher and speaker.	2/9/2018 7:56 PM
256	Kim Sutton	2/9/2018 7:28 PM
257	Alex Russell was fantastic. Dave Burgess Angela Duckworth	2/9/2018 7:27 PM
258	Cynthia Dyer Sally Towers-Sybblis Cyndi Beaumont	2/9/2018 7:21 PM
259	Michael Ng	2/9/2018 6:41 PM
260	Kim Sutton	2/9/2018 6:39 PM
261	Marty Chan Debbie Quick	2/9/2018 6:31 PM
262	I loved Jodi Carrington. I would definitely would love to hear more from her.	2/9/2018 6:15 PM

263	John Spencer, AJ Juliani	2/9/2018 5:41 PM
264	Jody Carrington. Dr. Makosis	2/9/2018 5:40 PM
265	Leaned Fyfe with Bringing Learning Alive. Please bring her back again, her session was amazing! Also the ladies who did the science journaling inquiring mind session.	2/9/2018 5:39 PM
266	I highly recommend that Matt White and John Murphy present their performing arts program again.	2/9/2018 5:34 PM
267	Jane Felling, Marian Small	2/9/2018 4:56 PM
268	Dr. Jody Carrington!!!! Great speaker, solid foundation of understanding. Bring her back year after year and many I've spoken with would be in attendance! Geri Lorway. Kim Sutton.	2/9/2018 4:39 PM
269	Brian keeting	2/9/2018 4:02 PM
270	Dr Jody Carrington , Dr Stanley Vollant , Dan Siegel	2/9/2018 3:59 PM
271	Loved dr carrington	2/9/2018 3:47 PM
272	Dr. Jody Carrington	2/9/2018 3:08 PM
273	Jody Carrington and Shelley Moore were amazing	2/9/2018 2:58 PM
274	Centre for Autism Services of Alberta - may oppotunities for learning how to better support our students on the Spectrum included in regular classrooms	2/9/2018 2:15 PM
275	Matteo Hee's Robotics course was a fantastic hands on experience for secondary teachers. It has shown me a bridge between robotics kits like Vex or Lego Mindstorms and building a circuit from scratch.	2/9/2018 12:14 PM
276	Shelley Moore again and again. Can't get enough of her.	2/9/2018 11:32 AM
277	Karl Subban	2/9/2018 10:36 AM
278	Dr. Jody Carrington!	2/8/2018 10:08 PM
279	More Shelley Moore	2/8/2018 3:19 PM

Q14 Are there any topics or themes that you would like to see addressed in next year's convention program?

Answered: 257 Skipped: 476

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	This is tough. I've been teaching in the same subject area for a decade. There really isn't anything new, pedagogically for me. The best thing I can suggest is free/cheap resources for those difficult to teach areas. Areas where, if one is not an expert, having real world resources is of value. For example, while I have taken a geology and palaeontology course at univeristy, I am by no means an expert on how those things are tested, investigated, and experimented on. Having Mining Matters come out and give us hands on examples of how to make the material inquiry based and offer current information was awesome. And their kit is only \$65! Our textbooks are 15 years old and I can't possibly keep up to date on all of the science genres - teaching grade 6-9 science, I teach all of the genres. I don't always know where to go to get current data to use in the classroom or have time find it.	3/17/2018 8:21 AM
2	More for Kindergarten and Early Childhood	3/16/2018 9:17 AM
3	More course-specific topics (high school social studies especially) Project-Based Learning	3/13/2018 2:40 PM
4	Smart Learning - with Susan Close Jump Math Animated literacy	3/13/2018 11:28 AM
5	More woodworking opportunities and networking	3/12/2018 5:10 PM
6	Happiness! Stress release! Comedy! Why we love our jobs! Winter is a down time emotionally so why not use the convention to perk everyone up! Remind them why they love teaching!	3/11/2018 11:29 PM
7	Hatha Yoga Instruction-specifically yoga in the classroom ideas	3/11/2018 6:39 PM
8	More high school Drama and English sessions.	3/11/2018 10:12 AM
9	Yes, more on learning through nature.	3/10/2018 12:50 PM
10	Support for new leadership. Practical conference or speaker style presentation followed by working time to apply learnings directly to specific contexts.	3/8/2018 11:22 AM
11	Self-regulation	3/7/2018 4:47 PM
12	how to kope with stress	3/7/2018 7:43 AM
13	High School Literacy Preparing students for AB government exams Item writing/assessment creation at the HS English level Non traditional texts at the HS English level High School Redesign Protocols for Professional Learning Communities Empowering schools to offer meaningful PD	3/6/2018 10:06 AM
14	how to directly support students in the classroom...I found that some sessions only talked about teacher experiences and not how they approached them	3/6/2018 9:20 AM
15	Diversity Mental Health Technology (Google) FNMI - I really appreciated all the sessions available on this!	3/5/2018 11:52 AM

16	Keynote on student self-regulation (The session offered on this topic was PACKED and many teacher could not attend due to session being full...this is a key support area for educators)	3/4/2018 9:35 PM
17	Organ transplant, bone marrow or tissue use. Vaccination issue, the OTHER side of climate change (if truly being representative of science, both sides of the research must be given), ocean cleaning, the truth about plastics, going back to natural resource use.	3/4/2018 2:44 PM
18	Different ideas to make kindergarten more play-based learning.	3/4/2018 2:03 PM
19	Writer's Workshop New picture books for K-3 students	3/4/2018 12:30 PM
20	Play Based Concepts for the Kindergarten Classroom	3/3/2018 10:08 PM
21	More early ed speakers	3/3/2018 7:53 PM
22	Japanese Health and Wellness	3/3/2018 4:59 PM
23	I would like to continue to see mental health, self-regulation and brain function next year, but in bigger rooms because they were very full.	3/3/2018 12:23 PM
24	Effectively plan a school year. (Un plan annuel) Effectively plan a monthly lesson plan	3/3/2018 8:05 AM
25	How to teach with success SOCIAL STUDIES at the elementary	3/2/2018 7:54 PM
26	Specific sessions on achieving the individual competencies of the new professional standards (for both teachers and leaders) More on the impact of the Collaborative Response Model in Alberta More on the anticipated rollout of the new curriculum and its resources More on addressing the competencies More on understanding and engaging with literacy and numeracy progressions	3/2/2018 5:32 PM
27	Continuing with mental health topics- it's helping increase awareness and decreasing stigma.	3/2/2018 4:07 PM
28	Another session on Google Forms How to incorporate meaningful activities using technology More math sessions for junior high and -3 stream	3/2/2018 3:52 PM
29	Autism spectrum disorder	3/2/2018 2:45 PM
30	Daily 5 Words their Way	3/2/2018 1:57 PM
31	I would like to see more FNMI stuff again! I Loved the Learning Through traditional games Ever active schools put on. It was stuff I can take back to my classroom. I do however believe it should have been an hour session instead of 1/2 hour	3/2/2018 1:52 PM
32	English Language Arts and Genius Hour/20% Time.	3/2/2018 12:32 PM
33	More French language workshops	3/2/2018 11:46 AM
34	The Love Languages as it pertains to children. (There's one that is all about children.)	3/2/2018 9:32 AM
35	breakout edu advanced google tools impulsivity behaviours (how to help your students)	3/2/2018 9:29 AM
36	More CTS/CTF	3/2/2018 9:11 AM
37	Curriculum updates and provincial testing, especially high school science. Evaluation of trends in education in Alberta. High school science related sessions.	3/1/2018 10:04 PM
38	Teaching Communications Technology, Photography, Video Production	3/1/2018 6:48 PM

39	Aboriginal Language Methods Aboriginal Ways of Knowing Ceremony - Include pipe ceremony or sweat or moss bag teachings Aboriginal Crafts Aboriginal Cooking Ribbon Skirt Making Traditional Parenting	3/1/2018 5:16 PM
40	More French Immersion presenters, specifically developing play based and inquiry based programs	3/1/2018 4:50 PM
41	more math	3/1/2018 3:58 PM
42	-Again, the focus needs to be on creating a more balanced convention schedule for all specialties. Not turning away applicants who put forth proposals in topic areas that are lacking in presenters would be a great start...	3/1/2018 3:50 PM
43	Mental health should still be a hot topic.	3/1/2018 2:04 PM
44	mental health and leadership	3/1/2018 1:26 PM
45	More science based workshops and I would love to have a session on how to integrate technology in a level 30 science class...	3/1/2018 12:06 PM
46	FNMI music in the elementary classroom, teaching elementary music for students with special needs, facilitating meaningful concerts that link to curriculum, and music curriculum/planning development in the K-6 music classroom.	3/1/2018 11:30 AM
47	No	3/1/2018 10:12 AM
48	More programs about Language Arts for secondary teachers (7-12)	3/1/2018 9:59 AM
49	More for Music teachers.	3/1/2018 9:29 AM
50	I would like to see more effort attracting CTS professionals to the convention	3/1/2018 8:42 AM
51	More CTS/CTF sessions offered.	3/1/2018 8:31 AM
52	I always enjoy topics on Teacher Wellness. Gun violence seems to be a relevant topic in today's world, albeit more in the US. I would also like to see something about differentiating bullying from mean behavior to parents.	3/1/2018 7:38 AM
53	-how to protect teachers from social media bashing by parents -How to stop parents from stalking teachers through social media - tips on being safe online!!	3/1/2018 12:28 AM
54	Mental health How to teach parents how to parent Maintaining healthy work life balance First Nations history	2/28/2018 11:32 PM
55	Litteratie 1 cycle (5 au quotidien) Litteratie besoin spéciaux Numératie 1 cycle (centre)	2/28/2018 9:30 PM
56	Effects of technology use Powerschool & the new descriptors (Adapt, Apply, Acquire, Not Yet) Motivational speakers	2/28/2018 8:46 PM
57	Anything that has to do with CRM, First Aid, Literacy, LLI training, Level B Testing, Writing & implementing IPPs, writing and implementing Behaviour Plans, to name a few. These all need to be workshops that teachers sign up for. A 1 hour introduction to many topics is not helpful. I don't need an introduction to a topic, I need to know how to implement programs with a certain level of proficiency.	2/28/2018 8:28 PM
58	how to teach mixed ability students	2/28/2018 8:24 PM
59	How to survive as a school Principal.	2/28/2018 8:14 PM
60	Pensions and benefits during retirement	2/28/2018 6:56 PM
61	French Immersion, early childhood education and Kindergarten, mental health, early numeracy, Reggio-inspired approaches	2/28/2018 4:40 PM
62	Music education = elementary	2/28/2018 4:11 PM

63	More makerspace. More painting. More math	2/28/2018 4:08 PM
64	I think that more whole day sessions would be more beneficial so that I would have the opportunity to learn something of depth and/or develop something that I could immediately take back to my classroom.	2/28/2018 4:03 PM
65	More early childhood PD please!	2/28/2018 3:44 PM
66	Diversity, LGBT2S+, intersectionalities, mental health	2/28/2018 3:30 PM
67	Keep the CTS sessions coming please!	2/28/2018 3:01 PM
68	More sessions about coding	2/28/2018 2:59 PM
69	Literacy and math for primary students.	2/28/2018 2:48 PM
70	Inclusion	2/28/2018 2:12 PM
71	Teacher Wellness Social Media	2/28/2018 1:54 PM
72	Barbara Reid - author/illustrator	2/28/2018 1:51 PM
73	- Mental health, strategies to help kids with anxiety, sessions on teaching kids to meditate, do yoga as well as other mindful practices - Project based evaluation	2/28/2018 1:38 PM
74	Daily 5 Cafe	2/28/2018 12:43 PM
75	nurosequential model	2/28/2018 12:24 PM
76	Social media. School safety Mental health awareness	2/28/2018 11:57 AM
77	Real world issues and solutions.	2/28/2018 11:50 AM
78	Teaching as Craft. Nuts and Bolts of Relationship and Culture Building in the classroom.	2/28/2018 11:47 AM
79	Anxiety management Relaxation Technics	2/28/2018 11:26 AM
80	The changing nature or student resilience. Research on the role of technology in education and the broader societal perspective.	2/28/2018 11:20 AM
81	More First Nation/Metis concepts	2/28/2018 11:20 AM
82	course specific networking opportunities, school visits	2/28/2018 10:26 AM
83	CTS Business High School Math	2/28/2018 10:24 AM
84	Physics 30, bullet journaling	2/28/2018 8:50 AM
85	Mindset mathematics	2/28/2018 6:26 AM
86	see above	2/28/2018 12:01 AM
87	Subject area sessions be offered in different time slots that do not overlap.	2/27/2018 11:59 PM
88	Guided writing/ Elementary Math.	2/27/2018 11:50 PM
89	More ECS- at different times!!! Often multiple sessions offered at the same time, so I miss most. Then there aren't any others offering at other times in the day.	2/27/2018 11:26 PM
90	High school English Language Arts.	2/27/2018 11:18 PM

91	Literacy, math, technology, wellness - you always have it covered. thanks!	2/27/2018 11:15 PM
92	Math Ed	2/27/2018 11:11 PM
93	Survival in the classroom with large class sizes Importance of spatial reasoning for young children	2/27/2018 11:11 PM
94	Ukulele First Nations Music	2/27/2018 10:34 PM
95	How about a presenter who actually can teach some subtraction strategies for Div 1?? It would have been nice to leave the session with some strategies in my pocket to use on Monday when I wanted to start teaching subtraction with regrouping.	2/27/2018 10:12 PM
96	More environmental studies, incorporating technology into various subject areas.	2/27/2018 10:11 PM
97	More creative reading strategy instruction for middle-school level. More of a social studies focus would also be nice.	2/27/2018 10:04 PM
98	Change, technology, mental health, wellness	2/27/2018 9:53 PM
99	Literacy, numeracy, technology, inclusive education	2/27/2018 9:49 PM
100	- Continued MakerSpace ideas - Reconciliation - Innovative Practices	2/27/2018 9:25 PM
101	I think you do a wonderful job of having something for everyone	2/27/2018 9:22 PM
102	Pre registration and finding locations are always huge issues for me.	2/27/2018 8:49 PM
103	more pre-registered hands-on sessions with take aways for elementary generalists (eg. math games, science experiments, la centers)	2/27/2018 8:41 PM
104	Inclusion Technology	2/27/2018 8:07 PM
105	Unfortunately, the Indigenous director/writer was not able to present his session this year. I hope there are more opportunities like this offered in the future.	2/27/2018 8:06 PM
106	Finding funding for CTS programs	2/27/2018 8:05 PM
107	STEM, reading programs or structures,	2/27/2018 7:41 PM
108	Continue to offer sessions on wellness - include a variety and all Dimensions of wellness: Emotional, physical, social, spiritual, occupational, financial, environmental	2/27/2018 7:37 PM
109	Something for substitutes, classroom management tips, educational games to play when not enough plans or plans fall through, how to improve resume/portfolio to land permanent positions, etc.	2/27/2018 7:25 PM
110	New. Quality standards for sure New curriculum	2/27/2018 7:02 PM
111	Oppositional deficit disorder	2/27/2018 6:59 PM
112	Bigger venues for wellness focussed sessions	2/27/2018 6:37 PM
113	More on teacher retirement. Also more times to book a ATRF session as they fill up so quickly.	2/27/2018 6:30 PM
114	Zones of regulation, self regulation	2/27/2018 6:29 PM
115	Math and science 7 to 9	2/27/2018 6:15 PM

116	Quilting/sewing/hands on div 1 science activities, FMMI ideas/activities for the classroom	2/27/2018 5:52 PM
117	The reality of the TQS and how teachers need to get out of the past and into the future of Teaching, Assessment and professional practice. Teachers are no longer the purveyors of knowledge	2/27/2018 5:49 PM
118	-More focus on elementary literacy topics would be great!	2/27/2018 5:42 PM
119	I would like to see more convention program about the technology in classroom program.	2/27/2018 5:28 PM
120	More Kindergarten	2/27/2018 5:23 PM
121	Writing in Division 1	2/27/2018 5:08 PM
122	Canadian History for Junior High	2/27/2018 5:08 PM
123	More Reconciliation, LGBTQ speakers!!!	2/27/2018 5:07 PM
124	Humor, motivation	2/27/2018 5:06 PM
125	How to deal with parents who are suffering from anxiety and are transferring this onto their child. Parents who are "too" involved within the classroom and peer relationships.This new generation have the "it's not my child" attitude.	2/27/2018 4:59 PM
126	How to actually develop student's executive functioning.	2/27/2018 4:56 PM
127	Special Education and programming	2/27/2018 4:54 PM
128	More preschool/early childhood sessions	2/27/2018 4:52 PM
129	Maths games French session for lower elementary Technologie sessions Flexible seating more then just one time offered	2/27/2018 4:49 PM
130	Continue with google for those who are behind in this area.	2/27/2018 4:41 PM
131	Music!	2/27/2018 4:40 PM
132	Life Skills Programming Mental Health cont'd	2/27/2018 4:20 PM
133	Another on site session at Festival Place. Adding a tech theatre session would be great too.	2/27/2018 4:10 PM
134	Social Studies, Resilience, Reconciliation and Education, Inspiring Leadership Amongst Students.	2/27/2018 3:41 PM
135	Coding, early childhood	2/27/2018 3:31 PM
136	Alternative Schools/Education	2/27/2018 3:17 PM
137	More CTS sessions (Construction) (big or small)	2/27/2018 3:05 PM
138	Topics that speak to the changes on the political and cultural front that students and staff are dealing with at home, with peers and in the wider community that will affect how, where, when and why people learn (or do not) when they arrive at 'school' (whatever that looks like for student and/or teacher). Any and all topics are possible under this umbrella.	2/27/2018 3:02 PM
139	More music/art = All preregistered sessions were full very early.	2/27/2018 2:45 PM
140	Wellness again, but longer sessions please.	2/27/2018 2:45 PM
141	More Science curriculum continued presence of robotics and computing science sessions	2/27/2018 2:44 PM
142	Fla and French in high school.... anything in French about language arts	2/27/2018 2:43 PM

143	More elementary sessions - perhaps designed to share our own ideas with other teachers. Gamification	2/27/2018 2:28 PM
144	Forms creation and workflows.	2/27/2018 2:21 PM
145	Student psychology Supporting/communicating with parents	2/27/2018 2:14 PM
146	I think any sessions on mental health need to have bigger rooms to accommodate attendance.	2/27/2018 2:06 PM
147	More variety for junior high math sessions - the only sessions were repeated from previous years.	2/27/2018 2:02 PM
148	Technology Writing Literacy Grade level groups	2/27/2018 2:01 PM
149	I would like to see more sessions get down to the details of embracing their topic. For example, can we see actual lesson plans or assessments that you use, etc.	2/27/2018 1:56 PM
150	More early learning literacy and numeracy themes More trauma informed practices More sessions on teacher health	2/27/2018 1:56 PM
151	How to develop part singing in young singers.	2/27/2018 1:41 PM
152	Occupational Therapy - Zones of Regulation - needed a bigger space I couldn't get in :(2/27/2018 1:40 PM
153	I would love to have a choral session. One in which teachers become the choir and the conductor would walk us through the process of learning a song together. I suggested this to Mona Holton who works at Stony Plain Memorial High School. She and Darryl Weisenberger co-teach choir and would be excellent at this. Perhaps another teacher who typically works with elementary choirs could also teach a song, including warm ups, teaching techniques, etc.	2/27/2018 1:39 PM
154	How to increase standardized test scores.	2/27/2018 1:37 PM
155	Continue with selections of art More literacy options	2/27/2018 1:35 PM
156	More high level Art sessions/full day workshops	2/27/2018 1:33 PM
157	More for early learning, special education	2/27/2018 1:32 PM
158	adolescent literacy initiative (U of A)	2/27/2018 1:28 PM
159	TECHNOLOGY	2/27/2018 1:15 PM
160	Growth Mindsets	2/27/2018 1:13 PM
161	New TQS standards	2/27/2018 1:09 PM
162	Higher School redesign	2/27/2018 12:58 PM
163	More focus on early education K-1 Focus on teacher wellness	2/27/2018 12:56 PM
164	It would have been more beneficial for our non-Indigenous staff to be in sessions relating to working with First Nation communities where they could interact with others who are faced with similar concerns.	2/27/2018 12:55 PM
165	Teacher burnout More sessions about teacher assigned time	2/27/2018 12:46 PM
166	I know that not a lot of Substitute Teachers attend teachers' convention (one reason is that many Substitute Teachers don't think they can attend) , but there should be one or two sessions made just for Substitute Teachers. That would be great	2/27/2018 12:37 PM
167	More Grade 9 -12 ELA topics	2/27/2018 12:35 PM
168	Teacher wellness never seems to have enough sessions.	2/27/2018 12:35 PM

169	Career Counselling resources that do NOT come from a publisher/corporation (accurate, reliable interest inventories)	2/27/2018 12:33 PM
170	Using humor Teacher wellness	2/27/2018 12:21 PM
171	I would like to see more specific sessions for kindergarten and early childhood educators.	2/27/2018 12:15 PM
172	Math engagement	2/27/2018 12:14 PM
173	I would like to hear topics about Residential School survivors and how they were affected through their ordeal. Some of the issues were discussed by some delegates and how it effected parenting skills and loss of feelings of love.	2/27/2018 12:12 PM
174	children with behaviour issues and enough room in the session so a person can get into it.	2/27/2018 12:11 PM
175	Grade 6 Science Grade 6 Social	2/27/2018 12:08 PM
176	I would like to see more inspirational speakers or speakers who are there to uplift us and assure us that we are doing a good job.	2/27/2018 11:57 AM
177	Technology Inclusive Ed - integrating students with no help from othes	2/27/2018 11:55 AM
178	Can we completed a trade at high school?	2/27/2018 11:54 AM
179	high school redesign	2/27/2018 11:51 AM
180	more gamification	2/27/2018 11:43 AM
181	English language arts - reading and writing	2/27/2018 11:42 AM
182	-resilience -early childhood - concept based curriculum:planning, teaching, assessing	2/27/2018 11:42 AM
183	Assessment in Phys Ed (NOT located in Saville, preferably in Shaw so we can attend more sessions)	2/27/2018 11:36 AM
184	Inclusion, working with large class sizes	2/27/2018 11:34 AM
185	More information re: native studies	2/27/2018 11:32 AM
186	Continued focus on physical literacy and wellness for both staff and students.	2/27/2018 11:30 AM
187	sessions for band teachers, not just elementary specialists.	2/27/2018 11:28 AM
188	Sewing Cooking Quilting	2/27/2018 11:27 AM
189	I would like to see a gradelevel "bed practices" forum. More about social/emotional issues.	2/27/2018 11:27 AM
190	inclusion, special education, literacy and numeracy for special education	2/27/2018 11:26 AM
191	Dealing with students with depression and other mental illnesses.	2/27/2018 11:26 AM
192	More math and language for primary please.	2/27/2018 11:24 AM
193	Mental health in the context of Indigenous education Teaching Indigenous knowledge and ways of knowing	2/27/2018 11:19 AM
194	S/O	2/27/2018 11:17 AM
195	Since music is my specialty I would like to see more band related things. I also like classroom management topics.	2/27/2018 11:16 AM
196	More high school CTS	2/27/2018 11:15 AM

197	GRIT and lack thereof students facing a myriad of issues in todays world and how do they chart their course how teachers get kicked in the teeth by admin or parents and how to survive it	2/27/2018 11:13 AM
198	Early Learning Generalist k-4	2/27/2018 11:09 AM
199	I would love to see more Div 1 and 2 ELA presentation to learn more about Daily 5, guided reading etc.	2/27/2018 11:09 AM
200	Coding with younger students	2/27/2018 11:08 AM
201	New ideas in texts and assessment for 7-12 ELA	2/27/2018 11:06 AM
202	Mental Health	2/27/2018 11:04 AM
203	More special education strategies and share sessions. Drama sessions.	2/27/2018 11:02 AM
204	Music!! Aboriginal music!	2/27/2018 11:02 AM
205	Student attendance and how to maintain attendance. Healthy staff tips.	2/27/2018 11:02 AM
206	More leadership	2/27/2018 10:58 AM
207	-technology safety on social media and cell phones and computers -personal safety from facebook attacks and social media attacks by parents	2/27/2018 10:57 AM
208	Adult Regulation, Adverse Life Experiences, Modeling Positive Relationships, Social Media/Cell Phone Usage in Schools, Brain-Based Learning/Research	2/27/2018 10:57 AM
209	Working with ea's Information on high needs like autism etc	2/27/2018 10:54 AM
210	I would enjoy sessions on making inclusion in the classroom more powerful learning experiences	2/27/2018 10:53 AM
211	Differentiation in a regular classroom Accommodating students with exceptional needs with limited resources/EA support in a realistic way Project Based Learning for grades 1-6	2/27/2018 10:53 AM
212	trauma intervention.	2/27/2018 10:53 AM
213	Loose parts Nature play/outdoor play Emergent literacy Emergent numeracy	2/27/2018 10:52 AM
214	More PE. Take a look at HPEC's Speakers this May and note how many interesting PE-related topics there are, even for those not interested in PE. NCTCA is almost a waste of time for PE teachers, because it always seems like you guys are recycling the same stuff year after year. I'm going to get way more out of HPEC then I did at NCTCA.	2/27/2018 10:51 AM
215	More about Special Education, more about strategies for severe behaviours, topics about FASD, topics about severe learning disabilities, particularly bringing specialists that can enrich attendees with latest research and well proven strategies.	2/27/2018 10:51 AM
216	High School Music Off-Campus Education - Work Ex and RAP programming	2/27/2018 10:49 AM
217	Assessment, planning to meet the needs of an inclusive classroom, best practices in school organizations	2/27/2018 10:44 AM
218	Numeracy and Literacy cross curricular	2/27/2018 10:43 AM
219	continue with student and staff wellness	2/27/2018 10:40 AM
220	Literacy including reading and writing	2/27/2018 10:36 AM

221	Household Food Insecurity Healthy Sleep Habits Creating inter-generational mentoring programs (Grand-friends, etc) Sessions specific to Outreach Schools (Programming, overcoming barriers, networking, asynchronous students) Literacy for grade 10-12 students	2/27/2018 10:34 AM
222	writing/guided writing Growth Mindset	2/27/2018 10:32 AM
223	I appreciated the variety of workshops offered regarding mental health and anxiety.	2/27/2018 10:32 AM
224	Slam Poetry as other districts have had powerful keynotes like Shayne Koyczan (GETCA) and Taylor Mali (Northeast Alberta Group). This addresses multiple disciplines such as writing, performance and can bring up a variety of serious issues involving anxiety and depression.	2/27/2018 10:32 AM
225	-Handbells (contact Camille at Handbells, Etc. at (780)437-9096)	2/27/2018 10:32 AM
226	Responsive Classroom	2/27/2018 10:31 AM
227	More environmental topics	2/27/2018 10:31 AM
228	I would recommend finding more sessions on Outreach Education and Distance Education as there are many of us in the system and we lack relevant and meaningful Professional Development.	2/27/2018 10:31 AM
229	Media/Societal attacks on Science	2/27/2018 10:30 AM
230	More on social studies.	2/27/2018 10:29 AM
231	GSA LGBTQ	2/27/2018 10:26 AM
232	Inclusion, Standardized Testing - especially school boards pushing towards more datafication of students	2/27/2018 10:24 AM
233	Technology and readiness to learn; best way to deal with parents who need help with the above; all things about anxiety and how to get whole school districts to move forward with parents.	2/27/2018 10:24 AM
234	Sessions on resiliency	2/27/2018 10:24 AM
235	Jr. High Social Studies. The one woman was excellent, but the other woman cancelled so there were only a few sessions by the same woman. More jr. high/high school sessions in general.	2/27/2018 10:23 AM
236	Children refugees, ie, from Syria?	2/27/2018 10:22 AM
237	More science topics.	2/27/2018 10:22 AM
238	Sports culture, athletics in school	2/27/2018 10:19 AM
239	High school drama/ELA	2/27/2018 10:18 AM
240	More high school math.	2/27/2018 10:18 AM
241	- mental health in preschoolers - where to access services -	2/27/2018 10:18 AM
242	Mental Health Issues	2/27/2018 10:16 AM
243	Moving from TRC calls to action to ACTION	2/27/2018 10:15 AM
244	Mindfulness Trauma-sensitive behaviours	2/27/2018 10:14 AM
245	cyber safety, more google sessions, self-regulation session for students and staff.	2/27/2018 10:14 AM

246	I would like to do a tour of the new Royal Alberta Museum when it opens. I signed up too late for the "Learn to Knit" session - I would love to do that at future conventions. I wonder if Atco Blue Flame kitchen would put on a session?	2/27/2018 10:14 AM
247	Art and Creativity	2/27/2018 10:11 AM
248	Special Education - specifically in specialized settings or adapting curriculum.	2/27/2018 10:10 AM
249	Band Home Economics/CTF Fashion Studies Foods Junior High/High School English	2/27/2018 10:10 AM
250	The Catholic World View, Catholic Social Justice,	2/27/2018 10:10 AM
251	Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence, Data Science, Design-based thinking	2/27/2018 10:09 AM
252	More Fine Arts Sessions.	2/27/2018 10:09 AM
253	Math strategies for Gr 9 Anxiety Including FNMI teachings in high school science classes	2/27/2018 10:09 AM
254	CTS options, particularly foods. Also, high school math.	2/27/2018 10:06 AM
255	More sessions on distance learning programs - particularly with computers (ex. what programs are available, what programs are running, ADLC??)	2/27/2018 10:06 AM
256	Guided Math	2/27/2018 10:05 AM
257	higher focus on technology innovation as well as a stronger focus on Social Studies.	2/27/2018 10:05 AM

Q15 Please provide any other suggestions or comments that you have about convention programs here.

Answered: 186 Skipped: 547

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Having the small room season to be pre-registration so that a person doesn't arrive early to find it already full. Very frustrating.	3/13/2018 11:28 AM
2	The offsite woodworking program with Steve Woodward was fantastic. More opportunities like that would be great.	3/12/2018 5:10 PM
3	It needs to be more fun to attend. Bring back the museum tour and maybe the Bennett centre tour. Find comedians that can make us smile and enjoy the day. Give us fun things for our toolbox. Help us forget all of the pressure and stress we deal with. Make it a fun learning experience. This year was boring. Have a band or singers be a Keynote.	3/11/2018 11:29 PM
4	Please start getting more qualified people to present. i.e. the original developers	3/10/2018 12:50 PM
5	There was not enough shuttle buses running first thing in the morning. A lot of people had to wait out in the cold for the next bus to arrive.	3/9/2018 6:47 PM
6	More material geared towards high school math and sciences in the kiosques.	3/9/2018 3:30 PM
7	I think that there should be an option to live feed the key note speakers at the very least. Some of the teachers have to travel 4.5 hours and for some insane reason we are forced to drive that distance during the worst time of the year and on the worst roads. It's ridiculous that many of us have to put our lives at risk and the lives of our children when we have to bring them.	3/7/2018 4:47 PM
8	having more workshops in french	3/7/2018 7:43 AM
9	It would be nice to have options for 2 day intensive sessions with speakers of note (like pre-conference session at ASCD). Suggestions: Sandra Herbst, Penny Kittle, Kelly Gallagher, Agile Schools. I'd appreciate mindfulness when scheduling sessions on the same theme. It's frustrating when there are only a handful of sessions in your subject area and they overlap. Some variety in presenters within subject areas would be nice, if possible.	3/6/2018 10:06 AM
10	Having technology available to sessions (ie chromebooks, tablets etc.)	3/5/2018 11:52 AM
11	I liked using the ATA cards as no further ID materials needed to be made. I appreciate the hard work from the members of the NCTCA convention committee.	3/4/2018 9:35 PM
12	I think convention is a colossal waste of time and money could be better spent by giving teachers individual access to more money to participate in much better PD out there that is specifically geared to their area of expertise. I'd much rather be with my students in the classroom during this time.	3/4/2018 2:44 PM
13	Make the more grade specific (especially kindergarten) happen on Thursday,	3/4/2018 2:03 PM
14	Very happy to mingle with other teachers from elsewhere to share ideas and opinions. Also, glad venue matches size of attendees much more so no one asked to leave.	3/4/2018 12:30 PM

15	Even though there wasn't a subject specific session that I wanted to attend, I learned a lot from the keynotes and some general sessions. I would like to see some ones that I can have fun at, laugh at, and think about my well being.	3/3/2018 4:59 PM
16	The schedule of the previous years should be taken off because they was a lot of confusion for a lot of people. Quite a few people that I talked with accidentally chose their schedule according the 2015, 2016 and 2017 schedule.	3/3/2018 12:23 PM
17	Bigger size rooms. Mandatory inscriptions	3/3/2018 8:05 AM
18	I wish we have more practical session in French for french Immersion and Francophone Teachers Thanks	3/2/2018 7:54 PM
19	Counseling strategies	3/2/2018 2:45 PM
20	It was lovely to see some of the sessions focused around wellness and self-care for teachers.	3/2/2018 2:26 PM
21	I find that convention is getting bigger an busier! I hate travelling outside in the winter to attend some sessions off site and then missing a session because I cannot get to another site within reasonable time	3/2/2018 1:52 PM
22	I was disappointed that one of the keynote speakers, on Friday morning, was the same one we had a year or two ago. It would be nice to have more variety and not use the same speakers in a 5 year span.	3/2/2018 9:32 AM
23	Please allow for time to get to each session as they can be located in different areas.	3/2/2018 9:29 AM
24	This year I sat through a keynote speaker who had given the exact same speech the year previous, which was disappointing. I also found that the speaker I wanted to see were full and I was unable to see some of the sessions, being 15 minutes early was not enough time to get a seat.	3/2/2018 9:16 AM
25	N/A	3/2/2018 9:11 AM
26	There was an issue in the registration for a half day physics session with Laura Pankratz and Kristian Basaraba,as a result this session was greatly undersubscribed. A real shame for physics teachers.	3/1/2018 10:04 PM
27	The My Sched app needs to be more effective & efficient. While I understand the limitations of space at the Shaw conf centre, it's difficult to get back & forth to other venues in a timely fashion.	3/1/2018 8:44 PM
28	A teacher sharing time where teachers share their best lessons might be a good thing to have.	3/1/2018 6:48 PM
29	Scale down the regions or increase the amount of seating in sessions. But let the presenters know how many there could be so they have enough handouts and supplies. Stop spreading the sessions all over downtown as its confusing and difficult to maximise the amount of sessions you can get to when you have to navigate all these destinations. Its pretty crazy bumping in to people constantly. Standing room only in sessions where people cannot stand there for an hour or more (or sit on the floor and see absolutely nothing). It's quite frustrating when you really want to attend a session, but can't get a seat, or can't attend multiple sessions in a morning or afternoon because you have to go reserve a seat 45 minutes to an hour early.	3/1/2018 5:23 PM
30	I think more Aboriginal content needs to be included in the conference. The options we had were pretty select. Help us feel like we have a place in this process.	3/1/2018 5:16 PM
31	The open sessions were not great. There was not a lot of choice. The preregistered selections were great. The one math session I really wanted was cancelled	3/1/2018 3:58 PM

32	What I do not want to see from speakers, is highly paid speakers with little to do with education. Honestly, I can't believe that my union dollars were spent to bring P.K. Suban's father in to speak, when there are plenty of relevant presenters in educational fields, many within our own province. The goal of a keynote shouldn't be to simply fill a room, it should be to provide us with an opportunity to hear a speaker who can talk on valuable topics within our profession. Additionally, I feel that many presentations within a similar interest group have been scheduled at conflicting times from year to year, and it is unfortunate that when I already have such a short list of relevant presentations to choose from, that I have to miss one to attend another.	3/1/2018 3:50 PM
33	I appreciate the time during to convention to hear different perspectives, to meet with colleagues, and even to reflect on what it's like to be a reluctant student during a less-than-what-I-had-thought-it-would-be session.	3/1/2018 2:04 PM
34	2 hour sessions over lunchtime are not nice.	3/1/2018 10:58 AM
35	Unfortunately, I did not enjoy this year's conference. The sessions I attended I did not find useful in my position. However, I heard great things from other colleagues about sessions they attended - therefore, it could have been the luck of the draw.	3/1/2018 10:12 AM
36	We have strong post secondary vocational institutions and it would be very beneficial to current and new CTS teachers to have access to this level of expertise. Considering only 20% of graduates enter and succeed in academic institutions I feel it is time to put more focus on the 80% of our students that do not enter into the post secondary academic stream.	3/1/2018 8:42 AM
37	I still miss the paper book programs, as does every teacher I talk to. Why not print out a certain number of them and sell them for 5\$/ea? I'm sure you'd sell out. I hate having to bring my laptop in order to see the sessions, which I do because trying to navigate it on my phone is a nightmare. I liked the way the programs were laid out in paper. I know you're trying to go paperless, but in this case it makes sense to me to have a certain number of programs for those who prefer them. Also, I still don't find your website terribly user-friendly. It's confusing to navigate. Maybe if it was easier to navigate, I'd be less inclined to want to return to the paper programs.	3/1/2018 7:38 AM
38	-online personal safety and personal privacy -how to deal with parents contacting you after hours and Googling your name to stalk you and invade your privacy	3/1/2018 12:28 AM
39	It was challenging to plan my day because there were so many sessions that overlapped. It felt rude to leave a session early/arrive late.	2/28/2018 8:46 PM
40	I think teachers convention should be 1 & 2 workshops.	2/28/2018 8:28 PM
41	I wonder if the idea of a Teachers' Convention has run its course. Would we not be better served by giving teachers their PD money and requiring them to do their own PD as their professional obligation?	2/28/2018 7:56 PM
42	I usually find convention not that useful in terms of PD. This year, I enjoyed the key note speakers and a session speaker that I went to. I	2/28/2018 6:03 PM
43	I tried to go to a session, i got there 25 minutes early and it was STILL packed! I was very disappointed.	2/28/2018 4:08 PM
44	If you have a great speaker such as Jody Carrington, ensure she has a big room for a break out if her key note was so popular.	2/28/2018 1:54 PM
45	Have more repeat sessions for the really popular presenters.	2/28/2018 1:51 PM
46	I think it is an amazing opportunity but too many people and not enough space for all to sit and be comfortable with classes that are already packed.	2/28/2018 12:43 PM
47	Do not use the ID format!	2/28/2018 12:33 PM
48	I appreciated the wide variety of topics and the high quality of the presenters I heard.	2/28/2018 12:24 PM
49	CTS	2/28/2018 11:50 AM

50	I would prefer convention to be in October. This way you can implement new strategies or concepts learned into your year from the start, instead of trying to remember them for next year. I feel that having convention at the start of the year would be far more beneficial.	2/28/2018 9:42 AM
51	Better room sizes. More full or 1/2 day workshop classes from Kim Sutton and Jody Carrington	2/28/2018 8:41 AM
52	I appreciate the ease of scheduling. The app could use some reworking as searching was challenging and colours did not always line up correctly. But please keep doing an amazing job.	2/28/2018 12:01 AM
53	It is getting to big to be effective.	2/27/2018 11:50 PM
54	Keep up the good work	2/27/2018 11:11 PM
55	Please separate the religious sessions so that all can be attended. It shouldn't be that difficult when there are only a few.	2/27/2018 10:41 PM
56	I'd like to see more advance notice about the keynote speakers...perhaps a separate email in January just to confirm who's on stage.	2/27/2018 10:32 PM
57	Please vet very carefully anyone talking about gender issues - we need a balanced approach, that takes multiple perspectives and sound scientific research into careful consideration. To quote Deborah Soh in the Globe and Mail, "The goal of successful policy... should be to improve the lives of those who are struggling, not to pat ourselves on the back for being open-minded and progressive."	2/27/2018 10:04 PM
58	If there is some way to better match the expected attendance to the room. A number of sessions I attended were either overflowing/at capacity in small spaces and other sessions were in huge rooms and near empty. I've thought about this for a while and from an organization standpoint but I'm unsure of any good ideas for it ...	2/27/2018 9:25 PM
59	There were some extremely interesting topics/sessions offered only once. At times, it was difficult to decide which session to go to.	2/27/2018 8:06 PM
60	Many teachers teach only CTS. Very limited offerings are disappointing. Nothing for CommTech. Fab or Mechanics.	2/27/2018 8:05 PM
61	not impressed with last min. time changes that were made i.e. Social Studies presentation at Westin on Thurs. 11:15 replaced by Maker Spacers and moved to 1 hr. later- conflicted with another presentation that I planned to go to; don't expect everybody to be continually checking their schedule; annoying when you have used the online schedule to plan ahead; last minute cancelled sessions were noted online, but were not changed on schedule outside of Shaw's Salons- annoying	2/27/2018 7:48 PM
62	I really enjoyed the session of Traditional Games for elementary ages. Half an hour was not nearly long enough.	2/27/2018 7:41 PM
63	The Speakers Corner was a nice opportunity to be available to participants who attended my session.	2/27/2018 7:37 PM
64	Space science centre in Edmonton IMAX. Videos viewing	2/27/2018 7:02 PM
65	Not sure how "useful" the bouncy castle etc was outside Hall D.	2/27/2018 6:51 PM
66	Find a better venue! Not sure if that is possible with the numbers of participants, but the Shaw Conference center is a pain to get to, a pain to find parking near and broken elevators every year is not acceptable!	2/27/2018 6:29 PM
67	Inclusion and why it is time we change our pedagogy. If public education is going to fail in the future it will be a direct result of teachers in the teaching profession. Time to buck up and change how we do things and start realizing teaching in 2018 is not the same as 1995	2/27/2018 5:49 PM

68	The problem of people being 30 min or more early for sessions, and still not getting in, remains a problem.	2/27/2018 5:42 PM
69	Maybe include the occupancy of the room in the schedule so if you see 100 people waiting in a line, you know to find another session instead of waiting to see if you can get in.	2/27/2018 5:39 PM
70	North Central Teachers' Convention needs to NOT always be so early in February.	2/27/2018 5:22 PM
71	I liked having 3 sessions in a row that were on related topics and held in the same room	2/27/2018 5:08 PM
72	I really enjoyed the session that were offered at the teacher's convention, however, I found that a lot of the session overlaped and I couldn't go to all the session that I wanted to go too. I don't know if it is possible to have the times changed so that the session are easier to make.	2/27/2018 4:49 PM
73	I have a phone and data but in convention, I like to make my list on paper. I don't always have time to check my phone when going from one session to the next. It would be nice if it was CLEARLY posted (at the room) when a session is cancelled. Many people were sitting in the Social studies literature session and there was no indication it was cancelled. Hard to get into another 12:00 session when you find out the one you are in is cancelled just 3 minutes before 12.	2/27/2018 4:41 PM
74	I would like to see convention moved to a different date either spring or fall. Travel in February in Alberta is often unsafe as it was this year.	2/27/2018 4:26 PM
75	Again, there was just no variety for early childhood sessions, and when they are held it is all at the same time. Room size is again an issue- I don't bother with the smaller sessions, there is usually no room and no time to run to another session to try and get in.	2/27/2018 3:31 PM
76	I have been attending this conference for 22 years and I have been disappointed with the diminishing number of educational booths that are available to us now. As a teacher from Northern Alberta, I would appreciate being able to have access to educational supplies that I would normally not be able to see.	2/27/2018 2:45 PM
77	It would be nice if a speaker was required to include the experience level expected by the attendees. I attended a session that I was interested in, which turned out to be completely for beginners. From the description I had thought it may go into a little more advanced instruction.	2/27/2018 2:21 PM
78	Good French workshops are always very appreciated, not just all at the same time...	2/27/2018 2:19 PM
79	My best success is when I pre-register as I know I am guaranteed a spot. Otherwise it is an unknown!	2/27/2018 2:18 PM
80	It's really archaic to make teachers travel and stay in expensive hotels for PD that is ineffective. I love convention, but only because I get time off with my fellow teachers. It's been years since I've seen anything that truly taught me anything or changed my practice. These 1 hour sessions where you sit and listen are not really relevant or helpful. It's ridiculous that teachers need to pay to travel and stay in the city when the PD is not very good. I love Pd and I love to learn. But it's not very meaningful. It would be great if there were subject and grade specific collaboration sessions. People need to be given chances to collaborate and share wisdom and resources.	2/27/2018 2:01 PM
81	This particular convention was nicely organized with a variety of programs. My one comment is when there are overlapping sessions that have the same topic. I realize that this may be up to the time the presenter has however, it would be beneficial to try to arrange alternate times. This occurred with the presentations on FNMI speakers.	2/27/2018 1:44 PM
82	The Bucket Drumming was the most disappointing the material and the speaker were ready, but the tech was not. It should be very basic to have audio, and a working projector at the conference, and also a tech person immediately at hand. It seemed there was only one tech person for the whole hotel.	2/27/2018 1:41 PM
83	There needs to be more variety and professional development for music teachers	2/27/2018 1:39 PM

84	I was not allowed into a couple technology sessions due to them being full. Looking in a few other rooms in the area and they were only a quarter full was very disappointing.	2/27/2018 1:15 PM
85	There were times when the escalator was down and it was hard for less mobile people to go from point A to point B.	2/27/2018 12:55 PM
86	There were not many options that were offered on the Friday (Feb. 9) that interested myself and my colleagues.	2/27/2018 12:49 PM
87	It would be nice if there was a subcategory in the program that allows you to see all the keynote speakers.	2/27/2018 12:47 PM
88	Have subject/grade tables to encourage more colleague interaction/sharing. Too many no educational products at in the hall.	2/27/2018 12:46 PM
89	Perhaps a quick survey before planning spaces for speakers so that the planning committee would have a better idea of which sessions are going to be popular and which might not be?	2/27/2018 12:35 PM
90	Needed hard copy of names and places of programs	2/27/2018 12:19 PM
91	One session we attended was not the topic we expected. He was talking about vegetables rather Aboriginal people. He addressed Aboriginal people as "natives".	2/27/2018 12:12 PM
92	More room in the popular sessions	2/27/2018 12:11 PM
93	Keep bringing in dynamic and engaging keynote speakers. It is an excellent way to hear how others in the world view education. Big ideas, big thinkers are important here.....	2/27/2018 11:55 AM
94	working groups to develop meaningful, concrete lessons and units.	2/27/2018 11:43 AM
95	Schedule the sessions so that all the math ones aren't at the same time and all the language arts ones aren't at the same time.	2/27/2018 11:43 AM
96	Really loved the games on Thursday. That was awesome!	2/27/2018 11:42 AM
97	It becomes frustrating when i sign up for a session and there is inadequate space/chairs. Perhaps have a system where I sign up for a session and that session accepts only so many sign ups and people who want to sign up later are told that there is no space. Or even do like an airline, over book the session by 10% because I understand that people won't show and you don't want empty sessions	2/27/2018 11:41 AM
98	The best convention I have been to in 13 years.	2/27/2018 11:30 AM
99	sessions for band teachers, not just elementary specialists.	2/27/2018 11:28 AM
100	Convention is what you make of it. It's about networking and making the most of the time. I need to spend time with CTS people!	2/27/2018 11:27 AM
101	This was my first convention, and I felt like the mental health and FNMI workshops really helped me to grow as a professional.	2/27/2018 11:19 AM
102	S/O	2/27/2018 11:17 AM
103	When I used to attend GETCA we had the opportunity to attend an ESO rehearsal. That was always an edifying experience as a band teacher.	2/27/2018 11:16 AM
104	Convention is a huge waste of time and money. It is a burden on teachers who live outside the city and must pay for gas, lodging, food, and extra child care to attend ineffective one-off PD. It is a shame that our union, who should be supporting teachers, continues to force convention on us rather than helpful long term PD opportunities.	2/27/2018 11:11 AM
105	Spread out times of similar sessions, be conscious about scheduling them at different times.	2/27/2018 11:09 AM
106	I found the timing of the conference to be a huge inconvenience. I couldn't attend half of the ones I picked due to the timetable set up. To many overlapped each other this year.	2/27/2018 11:09 AM

107	Most of the religious education speakers were scheduled at the same time. It made it difficult to see all of the speakers I wanted to hear.	2/27/2018 11:04 AM
108	It was hard to find a seat at sessions that started very soon after a previous session.	2/27/2018 11:02 AM
109	Bigger rooms or more repeat sessions.	2/27/2018 11:02 AM
110	-technology safety on social media and cell phones and computers -personal safety from facebook attacks and social media attacks by parents	2/27/2018 10:57 AM
111	Student's who diagnosed with trauma or PTSD intervention	2/27/2018 10:53 AM
112	I found some speakers are well intended but lacking of research.	2/27/2018 10:51 AM
113	Bring back popular speaker. Should have a survey questions on your favourite session.	2/27/2018 10:49 AM
114	I didn't once get asked to provide my proof of teaching.	2/27/2018 10:46 AM
115	In general, I think that the sessions should be focused on education, more often than not, with perhaps a good, more casual speaker on Friday. I do not necessarily have an issue with other convention organizations bringing in speakers of their choice; I think that they should be focused on education, on teachers, on schools.	2/27/2018 10:44 AM
116	Friday afternoon was a very sad selection of sessions In fact it appeared that sessions were not planned on purpose as most people left by noon.	2/27/2018 10:43 AM
117	My only feedback would be concerning the scheduling. Sessions ended at the same time (keynotes especially) and it made walking through the crowds to your next session nearly impossible. We then were unable to attend 2 back to back sessions by the same speaker because we couldn't get to the 1st session following the keynote in time and then they were full. I am limited in what sessions are available and applies to my teaching (cosmetology) which is understandable due to the small number of us in that area. What makes it frustrating is when I do find a few sessions that apply and I would like to see and I couldn't get into any of them! I haven't come across this in past years so I thought this might be worth noting. Thank you	2/27/2018 10:38 AM
118	As part of a charter school, I find it frustrating that we can register in the same way as other public boards. Requiring all of our staff to check in and get a pin to allow us to attend the convention makes us feel a little like second-class citizens even though we are certified Alberta teachers represented by the ATA. Is there a way to improve this?	2/27/2018 10:35 AM
119	I really liked the balance between professional development and emotional/mental health. The obstacle course on Thursday was an amazing mental/physical health break. I also really appreciated the 20 minute mini sessions! I was very pleased with the variety of sessions offered.	2/27/2018 10:35 AM
120	It is difficult to please everyone but sometimes one subject specific session or talk about the issues we deal with regarding mental health and resiliency is all it takes to leave an impact.	2/27/2018 10:32 AM
121	- please schedule music sessions at different times so they don't overlap	2/27/2018 10:32 AM
122	I am wondering when this old format will change.	2/27/2018 10:31 AM
123	well organised convention. Good range of booths.	2/27/2018 10:31 AM

124	The last few years I've felt like it's been a waste of my professional time to attend teachers convention as there aren't relevant sessions for me and the exhibitors have largely deviated from an educational or personal wellness focus and have become more about being a pop-up shopping venue. I wish there were more relevant sessions and more interesting feature speakers to attend. I question how a tour of Rogers Place has anything to do with my professional practice. What about the Telus World of Science tours? I could at least see myself taking students there as opposed to a hockey game!	2/27/2018 10:31 AM
125	Please provide more sessions in French.	2/27/2018 10:29 AM
126	Don't like how the First Nations stuff was all in other venues and not the Shaw	2/27/2018 10:26 AM
127	We should have more freedom to choose our PD. Format of gathering in expensive venues is outdated, does not meet our needs and is not practical.	2/27/2018 10:21 AM
128	I'm not sure how, but high school STEM teachers need to be encouraged to present. We complain that there are no sessions for us, but we need to be enticed to speak. We STEM teachers are our own worst enemies.	2/27/2018 10:18 AM
129	I enjoyed the space where you could have fun with a colleague and de-stress, but disappointed it was taken down so early on Thursday, it was a great idea but couldn't attend due to other sessions on Thursday so I missed out. It would have been nice to see how long it was going to be there.	2/27/2018 10:18 AM
130	There needs to be more opportunity for teachers to access the off site opportunities for teachers that have limited choices - ex. Drama did not have enough spaces for all the drama teachers	2/27/2018 10:15 AM
131	The sessions I attended on the above topics were not as advertised and strayed far from the content area. The trauma-sensitive behaviours session gave no background into the model they were using, but referenced it in every sentence/example... hard to follow/implement. No take home strategies	2/27/2018 10:14 AM
132	I enjoy the activity based sessions; example - tour of Roger's Place, tour of the Art Gallery, learn to knit class, tour of waste management facility, visit the Telus World of Science.	2/27/2018 10:14 AM
133	Make sure that sessions of similar categories are spread out throughout the conference.	2/27/2018 10:14 AM
134	I hear many teachers say that sessions that include Art are full. We don't mind paying for the course but we need more sessions.	2/27/2018 10:11 AM
135	There was a strong elementary focus at this convention. Please expand the junior high and high school areas of focus.	2/27/2018 10:10 AM
136	The speciality sessions were incredible and offered the best PD I've had at convention yet.	2/27/2018 10:09 AM
137	I thought it was very well organized and had something for everyone.	2/27/2018 10:06 AM
138	Very thankful to have such an organized and dedicated group organizing this event. Thank you for all of your efforts to provide authentic and professional learning experiences for teachers.	2/27/2018 10:06 AM
139	There was a session on zones of regulation for kids with regulation challenges. That class was completely full, even sitting room on the floor, a half hour before it even started. Sessions like that are practical and in demand (working with students with special and diverse needs). I'd like to see more of these sessions and/or a bigger room(s) next year.	2/27/2018 10:04 AM

140	The buildings were not very clearly labelled. I did not know that the Alberta college (as labelled on the program) was the Grant MacEwan campus, (as labelled on the building). I found this along with the poor directions from the information booth to be very limiting. I know some teachers that literally chose their sessions based on them being solely in the shaw conference center, as they knew where it was and things were clearly marked there. I also found that many of the speakers (especially keynote) had almost no bearing whatsoever on teaching. They were just general motivational speakers. Teachers don't need to be motivated. We need tips and tricks to make us better, more efficient, and therefore happier in our work. Give us more valuable sessions, give more repeat sessions, and limit the start times to on the hour or the half hour, so half of your day does not depend on what time your first session started at.	2/21/2018 10:17 AM
141	Possible repeat sessions for highly popular sessions. Larger venue if interest shows that a session will be over subscribed. Sessions I was interested in often seemed to run concurrently.	2/20/2018 7:33 PM
142	I found the sessions lacked motivation or inspiration for educators. Some were extremely depressing.	2/16/2018 8:33 PM
143	I miss the book talks and the book kiosk to obtain the books related to sessions and speakers. I also wish there were more round table discussion opportunities to allow the info to apply and set.	2/15/2018 10:45 PM
144	Conventions have become extremely expensive to run and attend. If you live out of town, you have to make arrangements for child care/pet care/elder care, drive in 2 days or pay for a hotel, pay for mileage, meals and parking, if you can find parking. The weather is always iffy and it's not a pleasure to walk downtown in it, whether between sessions or parking. I miss many of the off site sessions that were once offered, like Telus World of Science, Winspear Centre tours, etc. I'm not sure that Convention is fulfilling the needs it once did, in our digital world.	2/14/2018 8:39 PM
145	I'm sure it is difficult to schedule times, but I found this year that it was more difficult to make it to the sessions I was interested in because they overlapped.	2/14/2018 8:30 PM
146	Could we have time to collaborate with colleagues where we don't feel guilty for not being in a session? I don't just want to meet in the foyer, or in a restaurant, I would like a room/space where we could sit and actually share ideas, work on resources and not be accused of being unprofessional. I thought what the ADLC teachers were trying to do with their asynchronous course was really appealing, but January is not the time for me to be learning something new.	2/14/2018 4:36 PM
147	See #6 above. One day, downtown is getting too congested and expensive to park and eat over 2 days, feel done by noon on Friday!	2/13/2018 9:46 AM
148	Many sessions were in rooms way too small for the crowd that wanted to see them. Many good sessions for K-3 were all at the same time. Please space out these programs better (nothing really good offered Friday afternoon)	2/12/2018 10:19 PM
149	Please keep offering subject specific learning - for high school math. Maybe people who have presented at an MCATA conference, or ALberta Ed	2/12/2018 1:52 PM
150	It is very disappointing to look forward to a two hour session (Bringing Math Alive) and then find out it is cancelled on the morning of the presentation. It would be appreciative if you had another similar session at that time.	2/12/2018 9:20 AM
151	It's unfortunate that the limited number of offsite sessions filled up so quickly and very few people could participate.	2/11/2018 8:19 PM
152	More opportunities to be interactive with others during presentations.	2/11/2018 3:27 PM
153	Please allow more lead time for sessions that require ticket purchase. By the time our district received the information about the off-site sessions, they were already sold out.	2/11/2018 3:26 PM
154	Find venues with more free parking!!	2/11/2018 10:40 AM
155	Popular sessions in larger rooms or possibly second scheduled time	2/11/2018 4:01 AM

156	I like the 15 min gap between session, it gives time to transition without a lot of lag time.	2/10/2018 11:33 PM
157	I did not know where to look for keynote speakers. Maybe a link of the Full Schedule page would be helpful	2/10/2018 3:10 PM
158	It seems like a lot of sessions that are in similar areas are scheduled at the same time. So there might be like 6 things you really want to go to, but they are all in the same 2 or 3 spots. I also found descriptions to be fairly misleading for some sessions. In one session I found it was not at all what I wanted, but in 2 other sessions I went to because a friend was going and I didn't have interest in anything else at that time, the sessions were really good. The speakers intros tended to be much more on point with what was actually covered.	2/10/2018 10:45 AM
159	Nice to have valid topics in inclusive ed .. autism could have been put in more I could not get to that one.... (get the elevators stairs fixed I saw a lot of teachers struggling with climbing stairs ones with bad knees , canes, M.S , arthritis...	2/10/2018 9:49 AM
160	The scheduling was a bit off with the timing. I know it's tricky, but there was overlap on some of the times and I wasn't able to see everything I could have. It would be great if it could be structured like a school day. With blocks and a set lunch block.	2/10/2018 8:33 AM
161	Some of the sessions that appeal to primary teachers are offered all at the same time or overlapped into another offered session so that makes it hard to fit them into your schedule	2/10/2018 8:13 AM
162	I found there was a high number of PE programs, and very little fine arts. I think with the wellness initiatives we are forgetting that fine arts & visual arts for middle & high school years are sorely neglected and underrepresented at these conferences. When the few preregistration ones fill up there is nothing left. Really appreciated the Makokis family and attention to indigenous issues, as well as Farrah Khan- we need more intellectual discourse about current issues and less fluff for teachers. Wish they weren't all scheduled overlapping with the walking together consultant presentations & other indigenous issues presentations. I found Subban to be meh. His message to "look past race" flies in the face of anti-oppression education and shows a lack of consideration for his own intersectional privilege. Also, not everyone cares about hockey. Beyond that, I found his mantras almost comical. And, did he only raise two hockey players? What did his other kids do? Really loved past political/journalism presenters like Chantal Hebert and Ian Hanomansing and didn't see anything similar this year. Bring in more of that!!	2/10/2018 1:18 AM
163	I think that if you are going to go to all the effort to use the scheduler then people should actually book their sessions. This way those who do it early can get into the sessions they want and you can control some of the overcrowding. If you are unable to do that then please monitor how much demand is for a certain session. Then either offer it multiple times or move that session to a larger space to accommodate the demand.	2/9/2018 11:59 PM
164	The water, coffee was good for gathering.	2/9/2018 10:26 PM
165	- It seemed from all appearances that the (teacher's certificate) I.D. was never checked, so it left a number of teachers that I spoke with wondering why we went to the effort of printing these certificates/bringing them with us... - It would be a nice for the organizers to provide maps (of the downtown Edmonton pedway) for example to teachers who may be new to this convention, and who were hotelling it for the 1 or 2 nights in downtown Edmonton. It is advantageous to get a newcomer's perspective on things. -None of my sessions were cancelled this year, for which I am grateful (it seemed to me that for 2 or 3 years in a row I walked to an off-site (non Shaw Conference Centre) site, and was informed upon arrival that it was cancelled. Then I had 2 problems -- I had missed a session opportunity and I was ~20 minutes walk away = 20 minutes late to the one I wanted to attend. - The Sched app worked great, from what I could tell. -	2/9/2018 9:19 PM
166	Another day with Willie Wong for other teachers. This session filled up very quickly!	2/9/2018 7:56 PM
167	Thanks for all the work that went in to arranging and planning the convention. Well done. The only suggestion / question I have: is there a way to waiting to assign room sizes until closer to the dates so that those who need bigger rooms can be assured they have them? I imagine this would be difficult though as those that sign up do not always attend every season they indicate they are interested in. But I did notice that a number of sessions were so full and turning many away.	2/9/2018 7:46 PM

168	I thought that it was odd that there were no sessions dealing with LGBTQ2+ discussions. It is an increasingly relevant topic for the young people that we work with every day and I think it is important that that information is available to everyone.	2/9/2018 7:29 PM
169	Found it unfortunate that the knitting session was the same day as the full-day quilting session. Also found it unfortunate that sessions by First Nations presenters or about First Nations topics were on Friday afternoon. Is it possible to include them on Thursday morning in more prime time slots?	2/9/2018 7:21 PM
170	Why not have a room where teachers at each division and subject can "come and go" and share best practices and network together?	2/9/2018 6:47 PM
171	Less "wellness" sessions, and more subject-specific sessions. It would also be really nice to see some sessions on special needs (not just "inclusion" in general), as this is very lacking!	2/9/2018 6:31 PM
172	Plan for longer sessions. For example, speakers often mentioned they were trying to cram a half day of info into an hour. I would happily attend a longer session by Jodi Carrington and the lady who did the Bear Necessities. The Ever Active session on Indigenous games was also excellent and too short.	2/9/2018 6:15 PM
173	Try to spread out the topics a bit more. A lot of the religion ones were at the same time.	2/9/2018 5:39 PM
174	Please try to spread grade level topics out more, if possible. Found much of K to 6 was scheduled on Thursday and high school on Friday.	2/9/2018 4:39 PM
175	I wonder about the printing off of ID cards for convention. Many colleagues I know don't have printers at home and we're doing this at school. I was under the impression that school resources weren't to be used for conducting ATA business so was a little surprised by this.	2/9/2018 4:19 PM
176	Loved sessions starting at 9 am and less overlap so I didn't have to leave one session to attend another.	2/9/2018 4:00 PM
177	It seems the program was a bit more squished this year - meaning a pressure to finish by 2:30 but it meant a lot of sessions were in conflict ... it seems more so than years past - I realize people do not always attend pm as well as am sessions but why not go to 3:30 or 4 and allow for a decent lunch break from 11:30-12:30 and also spread out sessions a bit better	2/9/2018 3:59 PM
178	Looking for fsl not just francophone	2/9/2018 3:47 PM
179	Farrah Khan was an excellent speaker. I would suggest her for other conventions.	2/9/2018 3:42 PM
180	I enjoy the keynote and Hall C speakers as I tend to go to many of hear sessions. I loved the bouncy castle thing. Good stress reliever.	2/9/2018 2:58 PM
181	There were fewer French sessions. I am concerned that with changes to francophone boards convention rules changing, we will have even fewer in future years.	2/9/2018 2:17 PM
182	Blocks versus staggered starts, although I understand it from a flow perspective, I attended significantly less sessions this year due to overlap or not enough time to get to other venues (i.e. ending and starting at 10 meant I had no time to get to the Westin from the Shaw)	2/9/2018 2:15 PM
183	Provide more ways for delegates to actually have input in what they want to see	2/9/2018 2:10 PM
184	Please make more sessions prebooking, or have more of the general teaching strategy sessions. For example, the breakout room one was so popular for running so few times, and it sounded like it could be applied in many different subjects and levels. There also don't seem to be as many sessions aimed at higher level secondary techniques for teaching different subjects.	2/9/2018 12:14 PM
185	Thank you I live this convention.	2/9/2018 11:32 AM

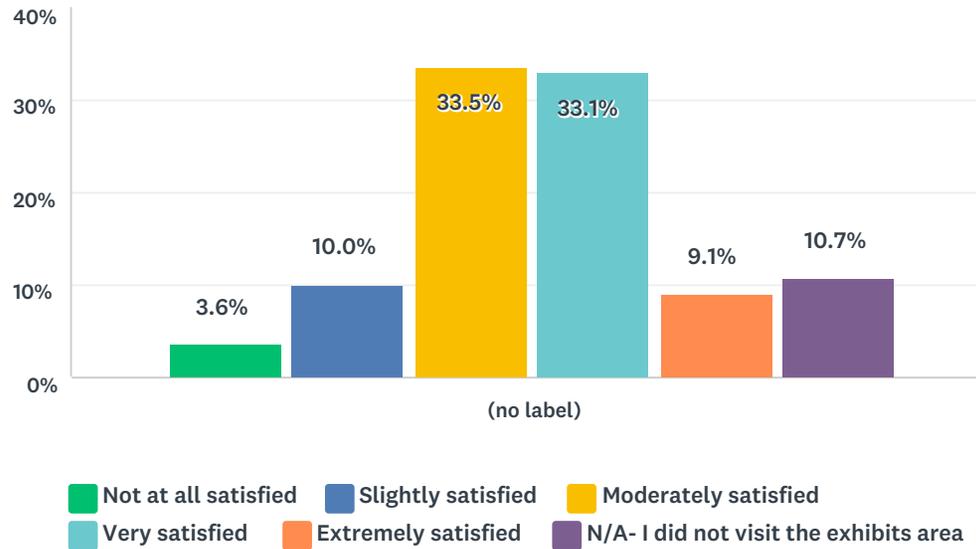
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The sessions that used Hall D were hard to hear due to the loud activities in the hall outside. And people kept opening the door which made it very disruptive.

2/9/2018 10:02 AM

Q16 Overall, how satisfied were you with the exhibits at the teachers' convention that you attended this year?

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1	It's the same things every year so I chose moderately satisfied. I don't really expect it to change much, as we are limited by our own population. I do love that there are those "home party" organizations like Norwex because I don't do home parties but I like some of there stuff.	3/17/2018 8:24 AM
2	I find it a waste of time as a high school teacher, because the educational booths are geared toward elementary mostly, and the rest are personal shopping booths and are irrelevant to my teaching practice.	3/13/2018 2:41 PM
3	Seemed less than in previous years.	3/13/2018 11:33 AM
4	Went up and down every lane and didn't find anything relevant to my needs. Mostly seemed like a farmers market of people trying to sell things.	3/12/2018 5:13 PM
5	Not enough curriculum related booths.	3/11/2018 11:33 PM
6	Last year teaching.	3/11/2018 10:11 PM

7	Not enough resources for high school math and sciences. The exhibits were mostly geared towards elementary education. I would like to see an exhibit that has lab kits available (example: a physics lab with all the materials necessary to complete the lab).	3/9/2018 3:33 PM
8	I find the exhibits very commercial and overwhelming.	3/8/2018 11:23 AM
9	the prices were a little bit high from my opinion	3/7/2018 7:46 AM
10	I would have liked to see more resources aimed at div 2, div 3 classrooms.	3/5/2018 11:54 AM
11	Too much of the same thing and too focused on elementary for educational ones.	3/4/2018 2:45 PM
12	It is the one time I can peruse Wintergreen products without the crazy shipping prices. I didn't even see them. Some colleagues said they saw them but there was nothing in their exhibit.	3/4/2018 2:06 PM
13	Happy to see old favourites so I could purchase for my classroom without having to pay shipping or trying to find the store in an unfamiliar city. Extremely happy with my purchase from new vendors, or new to me anyway, like my new tote from SLO.	3/4/2018 12:51 PM
14	They were pretty good. I was happy to see some more health ones, like the IQ Massager.	3/3/2018 5:02 PM
15	The sessions were so valuable that I missed the exhibits this year!	3/2/2018 2:26 PM
16	I'd like to see less clothing exhibits.	3/2/2018 12:20 PM
17	Overwhelming number of booths	3/2/2018 11:47 AM
18	Too many fashion & jewelry vendors.	3/1/2018 8:45 PM
19	There was nothing for my subject area (Com Tech) but there seemed to be lots there for other teachers.	3/1/2018 6:51 PM
20	Too cramped and crowded, got out of there as fast as possible, therefore purchased nothing.	3/1/2018 5:24 PM
21	A lot of sparkle and not as much substance as in the past. Nice to see boots, socks, etc. but seems like less educational resources than usual.	3/1/2018 4:48 PM
22	It would be nice if the exhibits that sell educational items operated under the assumption that an itemized receipt is needed. It would save the headache of contacting to get one after the fact.	3/1/2018 4:32 PM
23	I think the exhibits have always represented an extremely unprofessional aspect of convention. We are compelled to attend convention, at our own expense, under the guise of professional development, yet one of the largest features is a glorified trade show. I'm tired of wading through booths of purses and scarves to perhaps view the occasional exhibit that is professionally relevant, and this year I frankly didn't bother.	3/1/2018 3:55 PM
24	Some merchants have stored my purchases on site until I collect them at the end of the day (Friday). That saves me from having to lug books, etc. with me to other sessions. And I don't have to go off site to stow my items in my car.	3/1/2018 2:09 PM
25	As a specialist, there were very few (none?) booths that were applicable to me and my teaching assignment. The one booth that had something relevant was the BareFoot Books table which I loved. Music felt largely forgotten in this convention.	3/1/2018 11:32 AM
26	A lot of fluff.	3/1/2018 8:43 AM
27	If the personal wellness booths become less, there will be less interest at the exhibits	3/1/2018 12:33 AM
28	I feel that the displays have moved to marketing non educational items	2/28/2018 10:23 PM
29	It was over commercialised.	2/28/2018 8:50 PM

30	I really don't think we need to shop for shoes and jewelry during our professional convention.	2/28/2018 7:57 PM
31	There are so many booths for the selling of "things" and not educationally related.	2/28/2018 6:58 PM
32	Appreciated the selection of French resources	2/28/2018 6:32 PM
33	There was a lot of the same things.	2/28/2018 4:08 PM
34	There were lots of booths with specialized socks and shoe booths.	2/28/2018 2:51 PM
35	I won the gift basket from Scholastic, and \$150.00 gift card from Wintergreen!	2/28/2018 1:53 PM
36	It was ok . Not as many in the past.	2/28/2018 12:44 PM
37	More (any) booths selling educationally relevant items for Div 4 students and teachers.	2/28/2018 10:26 AM
38	Seemed like the same old thing .	2/28/2018 8:53 AM
39	WAY TOO MANY compression sock booths!	2/28/2018 12:03 AM
40	Good place to "shop" as most teachers do not have access to these goods in our home area. There is no new curriculum and there are very few publishers for the current curriculum.	2/27/2018 11:20 PM
41	Plenty of choice, just depends if you're in a spending mood.	2/27/2018 11:16 PM
42	too many jewelry/clothing booths	2/27/2018 10:35 PM
43	They are very crowded and loud.	2/27/2018 9:53 PM
44	Exhibits have changed over the years. I like the variety- not just education materials and etc.	2/27/2018 8:20 PM
45	Too much bling bling not enough educational stuff	2/27/2018 8:08 PM
46	What do jewelry and stockings have to do with our business as teachers. Public might criticize that.	2/27/2018 8:07 PM
47	too many stockings, jewellery, fluff; looked for more educ. mat'. including book stores	2/27/2018 7:50 PM
48	Less shopping and more educational booths	2/27/2018 7:42 PM
49	Too many non Ed vendors	2/27/2018 7:03 PM
50	Not seeing as many educational exhibits. I have enough jewelry.	2/27/2018 6:53 PM
51	Not as good s previous years	2/27/2018 5:24 PM
52	They are the same every year	2/27/2018 5:07 PM
53	I found that there was a lot of booths that were not selling school resources, not that we can't have clothing and food booths but maybe more teacher booths. Also, it would be nice to see more French resources	2/27/2018 4:52 PM
54	I answered this in the last question-not enough educational booths.	2/27/2018 4:11 PM

55	There needs to be more exhibits from companies that are located closer to northern rural regions. Many of the exhibits are not usefully for districts that are 3 or more hours away from the services that are offered at the booths. Also, there is need for more booths that offer tools and resources for high school teachers/students. There were too many booths that offered clothing or jewelry.	2/27/2018 3:46 PM
56	It would be great if there were more food/coffee/tea/snack vendors in the exhibit hall!	2/27/2018 3:05 PM
57	Lots of teaching resource booths were targeting elementary - as a secondary teacher I found little use Lots of useless selling vendors - not really interested in massages or socks	2/27/2018 2:48 PM
58	Too much stuff not enough teacher related items	2/27/2018 2:46 PM
59	This should not be a sale show of anything and everything, we are professionals, lets be treated that way with teaching stuff	2/27/2018 2:45 PM
60	too much not related to teaching and too much with people there to sell us stuff	2/27/2018 2:33 PM
61	Always too much regular retail not enough educational retail.	2/27/2018 2:29 PM
62	More options for fieldtrips to take students to in and around edmonton.	2/27/2018 2:26 PM
63	Good balance between educational and commercial booths.	2/27/2018 2:22 PM
64	It's not really focused on teaching. Jewelry and clothing should not be there	2/27/2018 2:02 PM
65	I realize that the exhibitors fund the convention, but I fundamentally disagree with them being at convention.	2/27/2018 2:01 PM
66	Already addressed in an earlier comment box, I would love to see more variety in the specific areas elementary music teachers teach. To have only three sessions in English for elementary music teachers and one of them wasn't meant for specialists, the other (bucket drumming had huge technical problems, which left only one session that was worthwhile. It was disappointing. Another great idea would be a make and take session focusing on rhythm centres or something like that.	2/27/2018 1:50 PM
67	Too many booths that have nothing to do with teaching but instead are trying to sell something to women.	2/27/2018 1:48 PM
68	Too many "clothing booths	2/27/2018 1:25 PM
69	Most had nothing to do with education.	2/27/2018 1:16 PM
70	too many booths selling compression socks and other non teaching items.	2/27/2018 1:15 PM
71	I know of teacher who did not have time for the exhibits.	2/27/2018 1:02 PM
72	Great variety;love the clothes/jewelery ones!	2/27/2018 12:59 PM
73	I find there are a lot of booths that have no relevance to the teaching profession.	2/27/2018 12:48 PM
74	There is an awful lot of personal shopping (clothes, designer shoes, essential oil, jewelry) that does not help me teach better.	2/27/2018 12:46 PM
75	More teaching based booths, rather than having so many booths, that have nothing to do with teaching. Way too many jewelry booths.	2/27/2018 12:46 PM
76	It felt to crowded.	2/27/2018 12:41 PM
77	There were very few if any educational resource books for teachers. (Disrupting Thinking, Teach Like a Pirate etc)	2/27/2018 12:37 PM
78	I have enough stuff. I don't like shopping.	2/27/2018 12:36 PM

79	Too much retail, not enough resources.	2/27/2018 12:33 PM
80	Some kiosks meaningless.	2/27/2018 12:01 PM
81	I don't usually shop. I honestly just browse and look forward to running into other colleagues there.	2/27/2018 11:56 AM
82	It has turned into a marketplace, not educational displays	2/27/2018 11:51 AM
83	Seemed to be more sales and less educational related material.	2/27/2018 11:44 AM
84	It it condescending to have jewelry, clothes, and shoes at a professional convention.	2/27/2018 11:43 AM
85	Too many retailers for jewelry, clothing, etc. and not educational based vendors.	2/27/2018 11:40 AM
86	I didn't have funds to shop so didn't go into the exhibits area	2/27/2018 11:32 AM
87	Huge range, reasonably priced.	2/27/2018 11:31 AM
88	Pretty normal and typical exhibits.	2/27/2018 11:29 AM
89	Last year there were more clothing booths. Those were nice because teachers liked the mental health part of shopping together :) Seems like lots of commercial booths this year.	2/27/2018 11:26 AM
90	I wasn't very impressed with how many independent sales reps were there. I would like to see more about education!	2/27/2018 11:21 AM
91	already have I think in previous questions	2/27/2018 11:14 AM
92	I am interested in school related merchandise and not all the extra stuff.	2/27/2018 11:13 AM
93	Lots of guest vists to the booth in 2018. much improved from previous years!	2/27/2018 11:12 AM
94	I would enjoy more teaching ressources rather than fashion items and even more French ressources.	2/27/2018 11:12 AM
95	It was very crowded in that hall. Fewer booths or more room was needed.	2/27/2018 11:10 AM
96	I would have preferred more teaching material and books that the key speakers talked about instead of clothing.	2/27/2018 11:05 AM
97	Please include more High School Science resources. I can shop for soap and clothes on my own time.	2/27/2018 10:51 AM
98	Great if you want to buy compression socks, jewelry, footwear or get car insurance.	2/27/2018 10:49 AM
99	Lots of essential oils, and clothes. I would have like to seen more resources, fundraisers or PD opportunities.	2/27/2018 10:49 AM
100	Too much jewelry and clothes.	2/27/2018 10:46 AM
101	There was a lack of exhibits with music resources	2/27/2018 10:40 AM
102	This is the one time we can see Immersion resources in person so great opportunity	2/27/2018 10:35 AM
103	One of my least favourite parts of convention - but I think it's me, not the displays. I don't care about almost all of the exhibits that are there.	2/27/2018 10:33 AM
104	I appreciate the variety of displays.	2/27/2018 10:33 AM
105	I don't mind perusing shopping vendors, but I found there to be a lack of educational materials to look into. I'm not sure how credit counselling applies to my practice.	2/27/2018 10:33 AM

106	I am ashamed of our exhibit area. The exhibitor area, to me, is a reflection of the wares our professional body is suggesting we put forth in our professional life... what I see is a lot of booths selling bed sheets, boots, makeup etc. etc. Is this a representation of what the Alberta Teachers' Association feels is symbolic of our profession? Cut out the non-professional booths and if that means moving the exhibits to a smaller venue to open that Hall up for more speakers, then we're better off for it.	2/27/2018 10:26 AM
107	This is the first year I did not go in. Just didn't have time	2/27/2018 10:21 AM
108	There were alot of direct sales but less directly realted to education. I would like to see more games and puzzles and less clothes and jewelry.	2/27/2018 10:20 AM
109	too little education focus and too shopping focus - how many scarves, purses, earring, shoes,do I need	2/27/2018 10:17 AM
110	It would be great to have all French exhibitors together.	2/27/2018 10:16 AM
111	It's all about bags and scarves. Where is Audrey's? We need book vendors and not spice merchants.	2/27/2018 10:13 AM
112	A lot of housewares and clothing.	2/27/2018 10:13 AM
113	Not extremely applicable to the teaching profession. There were very few that I could use or benefit from.	2/27/2018 10:12 AM
114	Lots of choices and options.	2/27/2018 10:11 AM
115	I think the indulgence in seductive swag is unprofessional.	2/27/2018 10:11 AM
116	Most were geared towards elementary or junior high level content. Would like some relevant high school content.	2/27/2018 10:10 AM
117	cheaper stuff online - but at least we can actually see the items in person	2/27/2018 10:06 AM
118	It would be great to see more high-school appropriate resources, posters, etc. I teach FSL, and all of the resources available were very elementary level and would not be appropriate for my high school students.	2/27/2018 10:06 AM
119	This is a teachers convention, not a womens shopping network. I think that says it all.	2/27/2018 10:05 AM
120	Seems to be more geared towards female teachers than male teachers	2/27/2018 10:04 AM
121	A lot made no sense to me at a teachers' convention. I felt that most of the educational booths were geared towards elementary and french immersion rather than high school. I would have loved to have seen more high school materials.	2/20/2018 8:50 PM
122	We didn't have money to spend, so the exhibits weren't that important.	2/16/2018 8:35 PM
123	There were too many jewelry, shoes, clothes type exhibits. I missed having the books related to sessions and speakers. I think wellness kiosks are important. How about a AHS mental health booth. I love the Chinese medicine booth- perhaps a naturopath or reflexologist... C.	2/15/2018 10:49 PM
124	There isn't enough educational material, it is all commercialized	2/15/2018 10:34 AM
125	Although I wouldn't say I hit up a lot of educational exhibits, I appreciated the ability to talk with reps from ASEBP, ATRF, order compression stockings, etc.	2/14/2018 8:41 PM
126	I'm not a fan of the retail booths that aren't education related.	2/14/2018 8:31 PM
127	I am a bit offended by all of the retail shopping. I realize they subsidize our convention, but why is it that a teacher who just goes to lunch all convention is being unprofessional, but if a teacher spends their time in the trade show shopping it is not? I really like the services that support schools, sell school supplies, even books, but I don't appreciate all of the essential oils, sweaters, purses, shoes, etc.	2/14/2018 4:40 PM

128	Less of the personal fashion shopping.	2/13/2018 9:49 AM
129	I am very disappointed with the displays....so little of it related to teaching.	2/12/2018 9:23 AM
130	Loved the massages for \$20.. didn't know about the free ones. I would have liked to have seen more indigenous materials to use in my classes. Maybe, I missed them. Afterwards, I went to Halford Hides for materials and ended up paying almost \$600. there for drum frames and raw/tanned hide and other crafting goods.	2/11/2018 3:33 PM
131	I almost wish that there was more selection for the educational supplies exhibits and special ed resources. The few standard ones that are there every year basically only save me shipping costs, but do not offer a greater variety of items.	2/11/2018 3:28 PM
132	Too many superficial things like socks and jewelry. I understand why, but I want resources!	2/11/2018 12:48 PM
133	Too much fluff. Fewer educational booths	2/11/2018 4:03 AM
134	I'm not a shopper	2/10/2018 11:34 PM
135	The shipping exhibits for personal items I find at times unprofessional as it is a teachers conference. I thought the free massages was a great idea:)	2/10/2018 8:51 PM
136	There was a lot of variety. It's too bad that Themes and Variations did not set up a table.	2/10/2018 3:10 PM
137	I found only one vendor that sold books for teachers' professional growth. There were too many vendors selling items unrelated to our profession.	2/10/2018 1:59 PM
138	I usually spend hours in there this year I was busy going to the speakers and I'm tired of spending hundreds of my own money . Our school has only once in thirty years given us money to spend on supplies... I have always enjoyed the displays sorry I missed them this year. I did need to go there just never got there.	2/10/2018 10:01 AM
139	More music stuff please!	2/10/2018 8:34 AM
140	Seems to be the same old MLM stuff and ed store things. Bring in more maker things from local shops- give them a reduced rate or something so they can afford a booth. Let's support local hand made!	2/10/2018 1:20 AM
141	Too many shopping booths.	2/9/2018 10:26 PM
142	Too many stocking sales. There are way too many non-educational suppliers at convention now.	2/9/2018 9:31 PM
143	Important to have French resources.	2/9/2018 7:58 PM
144	WAY TOO MUCH PERSONAL STORES. Very little relevancy to teaching! Hate it!!!	2/9/2018 6:50 PM
145	Get rid of the boots and scarves and non-education-related booths! Booths selling products that are related to teaching are the ones I want to see.	2/9/2018 6:34 PM
146	Lots of variety.	2/9/2018 6:17 PM
147	I believe that all exhibits should have direct impact on teaching and learning. I do not believe there is a place for "personal shopping" (i.e., footwear, clothing, accessories).	2/9/2018 5:44 PM
148	Good selections	2/9/2018 5:41 PM
149	The balance of wellness booths (ie personal items) was mixed perfectly with the professional booths.	2/9/2018 5:40 PM
150	LOTS of clothes.... Not what I come to Convention for....	2/9/2018 4:45 PM

151	Fewer than normal French resource tables overall it seemed I miss the lady who sold novelty neck ties ;) As always - nice to see morgex with another freebie for us all	2/9/2018 4:02 PM
152	More books by presenters	2/9/2018 3:48 PM
153	High pressure sales. Some of the sale people were annoying.	2/9/2018 2:59 PM
154	I would like to see more educational booths.	2/9/2018 2:19 PM
155	There seemed to be fewer exhibits than previous yesrs	2/9/2018 2:12 PM
156	There seems to be a strange amount of jewelry and clothing booths, compared to educational supplies. Also, most of the supplies or reading interventions are all for elementary schools, and there just isn't as much for div 4.	2/9/2018 12:17 PM
157	There are fewer educational booths and more and more clothing and jewellery booths.	2/8/2018 7:08 PM

Q17 How much do you agree with the following statements regarding the exhibits at the convention you attended this year?

Answered: 671 Skipped: 62

	STRONGLY DISAGREE	DISAGREE	NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE	AGREE	STRONGLY AGREE	N/A- I DID NOT VISIT THE EXHIBITS AREA	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
The exhibits included booths and displays that I wanted to visit.	2.5% 17	8.2% 55	15.5% 104	46.5% 312	15.9% 107	11.3% 76	671	3.73
The exhibits provided information and resources that will support/enhance my professional practice.	3.9% 26	12.1% 81	19.1% 128	40.8% 274	12.7% 85	11.5% 77	671	3.52
The exhibits included an appropriate balance of education, community, and commercial displays.	5.1% 34	14.3% 96	13.9% 93	41.9% 281	13.6% 91	11.3% 76	671	3.50

Q18 Are there any exhibitors that you highly recommend for next year's convention?

Answered: 102 Skipped: 631

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Norwex	3/17/2018 8:24 AM
2	Remember that many of us don't have access to places in the city because our field trip budgets are tiny. Give us more children's author booths and less jewellery and non educational stuff. More stress relieving products or furniture for teachers or promotions of websites that will help your teaching be more fun.	3/11/2018 11:33 PM
3	ressouces for health and music	3/7/2018 7:46 AM
4	-overseas teaching -those who provided DIRECT information and resources as well as HOW to use them	3/6/2018 9:22 AM
5	The lady from SLO, Box Cars and One Eyed Jacks, Kim Sutton	3/4/2018 12:51 PM
6	IQ Massager	3/3/2018 5:02 PM
7	More ressources in french	3/3/2018 8:09 AM
8	No	3/2/2018 7:55 PM
9	Telus World of Science	3/2/2018 3:53 PM
10	Editions envolées Boxcars and one-eyed jacks	3/2/2018 11:47 AM
11	box cars and 1 eyed jacks, kids books 4 less, Marian Small, the education station and all other teaching tool exhibits were great	3/2/2018 9:31 AM
12	Vistek, Technicare	3/1/2018 6:51 PM
13	Tibetan Healer - Indigenous Artisans - Julia's Quilts & Designs judescard@hotmail.ca	3/1/2018 5:19 PM
14	fused glass workshop was interesting addition	3/1/2018 3:59 PM
15	I was sad to see the Skills booth way at the back in the corner near the very popular pizza guy.	3/1/2018 2:09 PM
16	Empire music, The Alberta Kodaly Association	3/1/2018 11:32 AM
17	Earth to Body	3/1/2018 10:59 AM
18	No	3/1/2018 8:43 AM
19	SPCA!!!!/anti-tobacco!!! jewelry morgex	3/1/2018 12:33 AM
20	Livre des activités de lecture pour enfant primaire en français	2/28/2018 9:32 PM
21	Those related to education.	2/28/2018 8:16 PM
22	Too many commercial displays.	2/28/2018 6:58 PM

23	Lularoe	2/28/2018 4:08 PM
24	Chinese Massage	2/28/2018 1:55 PM
25	n/a	2/28/2018 1:54 PM
26	KIm Sutton	2/28/2018 12:44 PM
27	The owl booth	2/28/2018 12:34 PM
28	Experiential. Please stop bringing in shopping and consuming displays. I don't need to buy boots and clothes at convention.	2/28/2018 11:52 AM
29	I love the commercial displays normally but this year they all almost seemed identical . No variety	2/28/2018 8:53 AM
30	More Educational booths. Less shopping.	2/28/2018 8:42 AM
31	Tupperware, Admazing Savings, Entertainment Book, ADLC,	2/27/2018 11:20 PM
32	Nice mix.Always something to learn.	2/27/2018 11:16 PM
33	More books.	2/27/2018 9:53 PM
34	Scholars Choice	2/27/2018 9:50 PM
35	If Dave Burgess' company does booths, their book series are unbelievable teaching tools	2/27/2018 9:26 PM
36	Massage	2/27/2018 7:30 PM
37	no	2/27/2018 7:26 PM
38	Didn't look	2/27/2018 7:00 PM
39	FNMI craft work/art work Oilers community reps Oil kings community reps Seesaw app	2/27/2018 5:55 PM
40	The glass making studio was excellent	2/27/2018 5:08 PM
41	Empowering Writing	2/27/2018 4:45 PM
42	perhaps more on special needs but with a focus on life skills resources, supplies, materials.	2/27/2018 4:21 PM
43	Concordia University	2/27/2018 3:37 PM
44	EdTech Team Canada was at a conference I attended in Calgary last fall. They had dynamic, game-style mini-sessions that people could pop into for 1--15 minutes, learn something new about tech that is available and also win some prizes - it was fast paced and dynamic.	2/27/2018 3:05 PM
45	free pizza bread was fun the bird observatory was great as well	2/27/2018 2:48 PM
46	Kiko Jewlery	2/27/2018 2:07 PM
47	There was a lot of insurance, clothing, institutions, home based businesses and jewelry. It would be nice to recruit more places with useable resources for the classroom.	2/27/2018 1:50 PM
48	High school Social Studies is rarely addressed at the exhibits.	2/27/2018 1:45 PM
49	I always like to see Barefoot Books, and Keylime clothing.	2/27/2018 1:32 PM
50	Les éditions Passe-Temps	2/27/2018 1:11 PM

51	I enjoyed all that were there! I'd recommend all of them to come back!	2/27/2018 12:50 PM
52	Math Resource Inc. - A company out of Halifax that creates digital math games	2/27/2018 12:47 PM
53	Alberta Health Serices	2/27/2018 12:41 PM
54	I would like to see more health related exhibitors.	2/27/2018 12:21 PM
55	U of A	2/27/2018 11:35 AM
56	Staples	2/27/2018 11:33 AM
57	Johnson's Sewing Center Central Sewing	2/27/2018 11:28 AM
58	Clothing!	2/27/2018 11:26 AM
59	Inception VR	2/27/2018 11:17 AM
60	Windshoppe, Bandstand, or other band related shops.	2/27/2018 11:16 AM
61	A lot of it is shopping, more and more it is shopping . . .	2/27/2018 11:14 AM
62	-jewelry -personal care -wellness -gym memberships	2/27/2018 11:00 AM
63	Yes more FSL	2/27/2018 10:54 AM
64	Just a thought: if a key note speaker has written a good book about an educational topic, why not having that person at the displays signing books and meeting the readers?	2/27/2018 10:53 AM
65	its like walking through a mall	2/27/2018 10:41 AM
66	-St. John's Music store -Long and McQuade music store -other music stores	2/27/2018 10:40 AM
67	University grad programs	2/27/2018 10:37 AM
68	Poetry Invoice	2/27/2018 10:34 AM
69	Dr. Jody Carrington Brian Keating	2/27/2018 10:29 AM
70	More for High School Social Studies Resources	2/27/2018 10:26 AM
71	Epicure	2/27/2018 10:16 AM
72	Hearing protection booth for music teachers	2/27/2018 10:11 AM
73	More stuff for high school teachers	2/27/2018 10:10 AM
74	Missed Dr. Jane. Was hoping to connect with her. The support stocking booths were always busy - guess we are at that age :)	2/27/2018 10:08 AM
75	The more French ressources for French immersion, the better. It's nice to be able to peruse the materials before purchasing and the exhibits are a great way to do it.	2/27/2018 10:07 AM
76	See above	2/15/2018 10:49 PM
77	The Medicine Shoppe, Death On Two Legs, Galibelle Canada, U of A, Concordia University	2/14/2018 8:41 PM

78	The bird sanctuary!!! I got to pet a live owl, and found an awesome resource for my science classes.	2/14/2018 8:31 PM
79	Could we get Audrey's books?	2/14/2018 4:40 PM
80	A Little Loopy- a mother/daughter crocheting duo. Make THE BEST slouch hats when you have recess supervision!	2/12/2018 10:23 PM
81	ozobot	2/11/2018 10:28 PM
82	The Nut Man	2/11/2018 8:19 PM
83	The massage family!	2/11/2018 3:33 PM
84	Kim Sutton Box cars and one eyed jacks	2/11/2018 4:03 AM
85	Themes and Variations and Fun with composers	2/10/2018 3:10 PM
86	All vendors that sell educational resources.	2/10/2018 1:59 PM
87	The discoverE people were really good and a learned about opportunities for my students I did not know about. There was also a group that talked about bringing veterans into the classroom that sounded really good. the person running that booth was super helpful	2/10/2018 10:48 AM
88	Nancy Smith and her new book about keeping children safe around electronics phones etc A brand new author and well spoken !	2/10/2018 10:01 AM
89	More french resources	2/9/2018 11:12 PM
90	Organizations that actually go to rural schools. When I say I am 3 hours away from the city, the conversation is over. Aren't many of the schools at this particular conference rural? ???	2/9/2018 6:50 PM
91	Box cars and one eyed jacks Kim Sutton Anything Literacy and numeracy based please!	2/9/2018 6:34 PM
92	Zizi's Place!	2/9/2018 5:40 PM
93	Boreal Science and Westlab.	2/9/2018 4:53 PM
94	Creative Mathematics, Box Cars and One Eyed Jacks, Deserve Jewellery	2/9/2018 4:45 PM
95	Castle Rock Research. Uh	2/9/2018 4:35 PM
96	I probably just missed them but if not , official languages government of Canada ; a music store ?	2/9/2018 4:02 PM
97	More shopping than educational resources	2/9/2018 2:59 PM
98	Fort Edmonton park New Royal Museum More Masters Programs	2/9/2018 2:17 PM
99	Is there an Education Station for high school?	2/9/2018 12:17 PM
100	Lipsense	2/9/2018 10:37 AM
101	There was no adult book vender. The booths were very commercial with little for professional growth.	2/8/2018 10:16 PM
102	Would love to see a book booth like Audreys selling their top choices	2/8/2018 7:08 PM

Q19 Please provide any other suggestions or comments that you have about convention exhibits here.

Answered: 65 Skipped: 668

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	It's great to walk through but this year was just blah. I don't think people should be bringing live animals to such a busy and loud location no matter how cool they are. What about more elementary stuff or things for music teachers?	3/11/2018 11:33 PM
2	More signs saying there was exhibits. I didn't know until the last minute there was one.	3/11/2018 6:40 PM
3	I would like to see an exhibit that supplies high school math and sciences resources in french!!! For example, work booklets, lab kits (labs with the materials included to complete the lab), etc.	3/9/2018 3:33 PM
4	n/a	3/6/2018 9:22 AM
5	The move in for exhibitors was excellent. The move out appeared to proceed better than any of the previous 4-5 years. Also attended GETCA and they improved move out even better. Looks like a long standing move out issue has been resolved with the new guy running the loading dock areas.	3/5/2018 3:38 PM
6	Too much commercial crap & not enough education related booths. I'm not interested in clothes or jewelry or shoes at a Teacher's Convention. And the prices were ridiculous.	3/3/2018 7:56 PM
7	I like seeing things that I can buy. Stuff that I can use.	3/3/2018 5:02 PM
8	It seemed very high on clothes and jewelry and not as big of an emphasis on teaching resources. More for senior grades would have been nice.	3/2/2018 2:52 PM
9	-If you spend any sum of money to offer the exhibits, you should strongly rethink this, I attend convention for professional development, not for a shopping trip.	3/1/2018 3:55 PM
10	I never visit the booths with jewelry or makeup, but I enjoy being near all things shiny.	3/1/2018 2:09 PM
11	I would like to see a refreshment vendor in the exhibit hall.	3/1/2018 10:59 AM
12	A lot less commercialism and more focus on educational materials, especially at the secondary level.	3/1/2018 8:43 AM
13	I'm not sure the jewelry and Tupperware type displays enhance my professional practice.	2/28/2018 11:34 PM
14	We should only have exhibits related to education.	2/28/2018 8:16 PM
15	I felt that there were too many non-education vendors	2/28/2018 4:41 PM
16	More of personal items for teachers as well.	2/28/2018 12:44 PM
17	All Good :-)	2/28/2018 11:21 AM
18	It would be nice to have all the education booths together and all the other ones together.	2/28/2018 10:04 AM

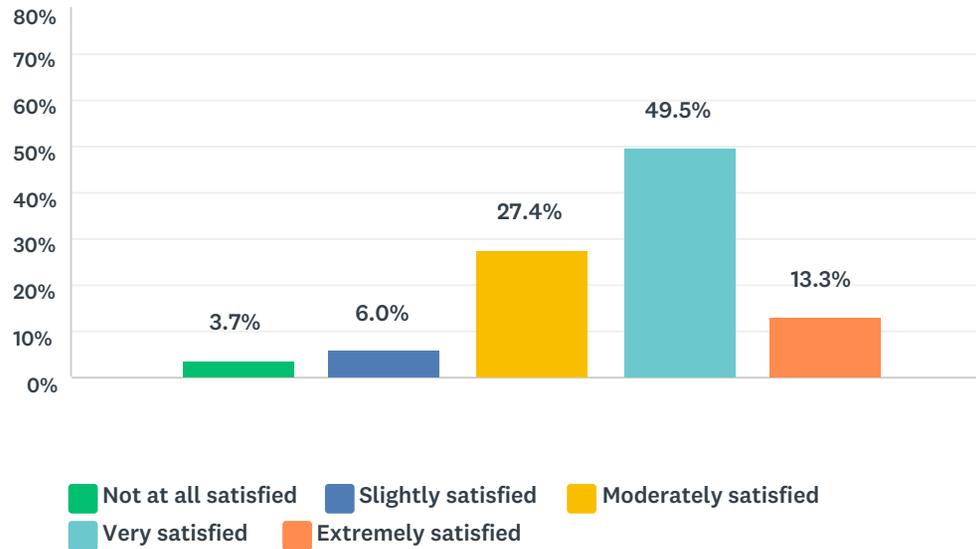
19	It would be nice to see more exhibits for the northern Alberta area. There were some great ones there that come into schools however, with being so far north they are unable to come.	2/28/2018 9:07 AM
20	Again, our convention is too big. It is hard to even go trough the exhibits because there are so many people.	2/27/2018 11:51 PM
21	A very good opportunity to meet and visit with colleagues	2/27/2018 11:20 PM
22	I would like to see at least 1 or 2 related to teaching Music.	2/27/2018 10:35 PM
23	I found that there were many commercial displays. I realize that for educators that live outside the major cities, that it is an opportunity for them to do some personal shopping. I think that the malls are the place for this and not the teachers convention. I know that it is difficult to attract many educator type places since much of the purchasing is done on line now, but if I was a member of the public coming to see our exhibits, they might wonder if the convention was for educators.	2/27/2018 9:27 PM
24	I would suggest a three-day convention so we would be able to attend more sessions. I thoroughly enjoyed my sessions, and felt disappointed when I had to pick between two or three interesting/relevant sessions.	2/27/2018 9:06 PM
25	n/a	2/27/2018 7:26 PM
26	Didn't like the far west set of booths , kinds set up a warily , nearly missed them	2/27/2018 7:03 PM
27	More educational booths please.	2/27/2018 4:11 PM
28	Get rid of the Tupperware and clothes and jewelry.	2/27/2018 2:02 PM
29	I wanted to talk to someone from Campus Saint-Jean and every time I passed by (3-4 times on both days) no one was there. The booth was empty.	2/27/2018 1:11 PM
30	Due the high stress in the work place when working with High Cost Special Education students during this time of year, inspiring and wellness sessions for participants to rejuvenate are recommended. Hearing how someone else over came obstacles helped put things into perspective.	2/27/2018 1:02 PM
31	Could there be representation from the Alberta government in regards to curriculum redesign (or other relevant Alberta Education resources). They may have had a booth, but I may have overlooked it.	2/27/2018 12:27 PM
32	I would like to see more Aboriginal displays. I can't remember seeing such a display there.	2/27/2018 12:21 PM
33	I	2/27/2018 12:20 PM
34	SO MANY COMPRESSION SOCKS! Why?! Wasting space with sock vendors. Also, there were NO vendors for mens clothing, only women.	2/27/2018 11:37 AM
35	I chose not to go to the exhibits as I was in sessions and did not need to 'shop'. There have been few educational booths in recent years, so I assumed the same.	2/27/2018 11:32 AM
36	It was the best part!	2/27/2018 11:28 AM
37	Although resources are online, it would be helpful to have an exhibitor there who can show teachers how to access online resources.	2/27/2018 11:21 AM
38	there is a variety so that is great though	2/27/2018 11:14 AM
39	-personal safety gear/gadgets for cells, etc. -anti-tobacco items for students to promote non-smoking and healthy lifestyle	2/27/2018 11:00 AM
40	There are exhibitors that are present that do not travel north for presentations.	2/27/2018 10:51 AM

41	I like the blend of commercial and professional booths.	2/27/2018 10:34 AM
42	Seemed to be too many 'shops' rather than educational resources.	2/27/2018 10:32 AM
43	Get rid of all non-professional exhibits. Individuals that want to shop during their Professional Development time can walk over to a mall a couple blocks away and free up space for the professionals that want to learn and grow.	2/27/2018 10:26 AM
44	A coffee corner for retired substitute subs?	2/27/2018 10:23 AM
45	I am often told by presenters in exhibits "oh, we don't go up Fort Mac" very disappointing	2/27/2018 10:20 AM
46	i would love to see more preschool age stuff	2/27/2018 10:19 AM
47	Please don't remove the French resources. It is very difficult already to find good, prepared resources and that would make it even more so if they were taken out of the exhibits.	2/27/2018 10:07 AM
48	The people with the TENS machines were very high pressure and not exactly honest. (Far front corner)	2/14/2018 8:41 PM
49	Thank you for not having any popcorn sellers! I find the smell really offensive in that exhibit area when there is little air movement.	2/14/2018 4:40 PM
50	This is not a convention related to clothes or shoes.	2/12/2018 9:23 AM
51	It may be a good idea to have a map of exhibit locations...	2/11/2018 3:33 PM
52	I saw a lot of teachers carrying reusable bags that said "This is the bag I always forget". I think this is wonderful message to help promote environmental awareness and to help remind consumers that a little bit of thought in remembering to shop with reusable bags can make a huge difference if we all work together. Thank you to the people who made this happen!	2/11/2018 10:10 AM
53	I was looking for K&E resources but none were available.	2/10/2018 1:59 PM
54	less scented stuff, or have them in a row on the edge. I found it very irritating to my asthma	2/10/2018 10:48 AM
55	Wasn't a year that I was able to find much of interest	2/10/2018 10:12 AM
56	Continue with the variety lots of Ata atrf, pension , teaching materials all grades , inclusuvide ed, materials to modify curriculums... would be nice to see new Religion curriculum for catholic schools all grades not just elementary. Life skills ideas and programs very important to tap into those resources . What about IT Teachers materials for fun classes like Foods, sewing, robotics,knitting , Teaching Fitness , nice to see other ideas... Art, drama teacher wellness booths are excellent..	2/10/2018 10:01 AM
57	There are an awful lot of clothing, jewellery, shoes ... those do not interest me in this setting. It would be nice if there was more sensory and special education type things that I could purchase right there - many of the suppliers were there with samples, but then you have to look in their catalogue or order online - I can do that on my own time - I want to be able to take the items with me to use next week in my classroom. Two items I was particularly hoping to pick up - large plastic tweezers and whisper phones that stay on the head were not available at any booths.	2/10/2018 8:20 AM
58	Too much space for commercial businesses is distracting (not to mention sometimes annoying sales pitches...)	2/9/2018 7:58 PM
59	Too much of the same thing..ex) multiple sock exhibits	2/9/2018 7:53 PM
60	Not at all impressed with it!	2/9/2018 6:50 PM
61	More education, less commercial	2/9/2018 6:34 PM
62	Too many commercial exhibits - people who want to buy boots or jewelry can go to the mall. Alternative medicine - really?	2/9/2018 4:53 PM

63	More information on Teacher Wellness, student mental health, dietary education.	2/9/2018 4:45 PM
64	Have more education, less other	2/9/2018 4:35 PM
65	For the French teachers, please contact sider Yves Mason again and Brigitte Léonard.	2/9/2018 11:33 AM

Q20 Overall, how satisfied were you with the facilities at the teachers' convention that you attended this year?

Answered: 667 Skipped: 66



#	IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO EXPLAIN YOUR ANSWER, YOU MAY DO SO HERE.	DATE
1	Some of the rooms were too small for the sessions scheduled in them - there was standing room only in several sessions I wanted to attend, and being 6 months pregnant, I was not about to stand through a 1-2 hour session.	3/13/2018 2:43 PM
2	Escalator issues	3/13/2018 11:34 AM
3	Unless you have pre-registration for sessions, it is impossible to predict the numbers for sessions. I was only in one where the room was too small.	3/11/2018 10:15 PM
4	Everything is too spread out	3/10/2018 12:54 PM
5	Having the physical education seminars at different locations made it nearly impossible to attend both physical education seminars and also seminars to do with other courses, such as math and sciences.	3/9/2018 3:36 PM
6	I feel very crowded and claustrophobic at the double tree. Please look into getting a larger facility. Please also look into more lunch options.	3/8/2018 2:36 PM
7	The building itself is fine, however parking is awful. I drove around for 35 minutes to find a lot that wasn't full and I got downtown at 8am.	3/8/2018 11:25 AM

8	There wasn't adequate space for many of the sessions that I tried to attend.	3/7/2018 4:50 PM
9	Parking is far too expensive - we could make use of schools in the neighboring communities that are closed and spend far less money on facilities - they would have free parking and closer for many people. Out of town people could stay in cheaper hotels and plan their sessions to those locations.	3/4/2018 2:49 PM
10	It was difficult to hear some of the speakers in the salons when loud music was part of the presentation in 5e next room.	3/4/2018 10:27 AM
11	How long is the escalator going to be broken at the Shaw Conference Centre? It's only been non-functional for two years. A colleague struggled up and down the stairs - terrible service at this venue.	3/3/2018 8:00 PM
12	There were a couple of rooms that were way too small for what was happening. I went into the Krav Maga one and it was standing room only so I left.	3/3/2018 5:04 PM
13	The conference rooms were too small. Three of my sessions were standing room only.	3/2/2018 9:06 PM
14	Working escalators would be a nice feature in a multi leveled building such as the Shaw. One elevator, which is also used by employees to move equipment and supplies, is not sufficient.	3/2/2018 4:33 PM
15	I wish it wasn't so big. so many sessions at outside venues that it is hard to travel from one to another due to weather and timing of interested sessions.	3/2/2018 1:57 PM
16	It was very challenging to get from the Saville centre to downtown in time for my next workshop.	3/2/2018 11:50 AM
17	chairs and tables in the foyer made it too crowded, even though I know it is for a place of rest and visiting in between sessions. It just felt quite tight in the large Hall areas. Still don't love going to different locations for sessions.	3/2/2018 11:01 AM
18	I was disappointed that when you typed in google, the program for the 2016 NCTCA came up and not the 2018 one. We spent a whole morning being confused. When it was finally pointed out to us at the information desk, we were told that MANY people had had this problem. I understand I should have paid closer attention, but you would think the newest link would appear in google.	3/2/2018 9:34 AM
19	I didn't like having to go to Grant MacEwen - Alberta College Campus for a session.	3/2/2018 9:13 AM
20	Parking is difficult and expensive. Traffic in downtown Edmonton is disagreeable. I live outside of Edmonton and a more accessible location would make for a better experience.	3/1/2018 10:09 PM
21	The escalator really needs to be fixed at the Shaw.	3/1/2018 6:54 PM
22	Sessions were too crammed. Navigating to other venues was confusing and annoying. We drove the second morning and my husband missed his entire first session because there was ZERO PARKING... after 45 minutes of driving around he found a lot over a KM away and had to walk.	3/1/2018 5:27 PM
23	I do not enjoy having convention downtown. Parking is expensive and difficult to find unless you arrive extremely early.	3/1/2018 4:55 PM
24	Some salon rooms at Shaw are too small to accommodate a large crowd.	3/1/2018 2:23 PM
25	WHY IS THERE ALWAYS AT LEAST 1 ESCALATOR THAT IS NOT WORKING??? Honestly every year for the past (at least) 10 years an escalator is always out of order.	3/1/2018 12:48 PM
26	Great space and facilities, though parking for out of town people is a huge challenge. Rooms were often crowded though, and I wonder if there is a way to limit attendees or pre-register for popular sessions.	3/1/2018 11:34 AM

27	Parking is super expensive where the conference is held. For someone who did not even enjoy their sessions, this was an expensive two days. \$30 a day for parking is very demanding on a mandatory convention. Furthermore, my coworkers and I had to stay in a hotel as well. That really adds up!	3/1/2018 10:17 AM
28	The conference rooms were no big enough for popular sessions.	2/28/2018 11:10 PM
29	I would like to see nigger rooms for key note breakout sessions	2/28/2018 10:25 PM
30	Some were hard to hear the speaker. Other than that, great.	2/28/2018 8:53 PM
31	The convention does nothing to earn our business. It's old & run down, the escalators are always down for repairs and the rooms aren't sound proof. If we are too big to move somewhere else, maybe we should split into small regions.	2/28/2018 8:34 PM
32	Some of the rooms were not big enough for the people who wanted to attend. Then, some rooms had hardly anybody in them!	2/28/2018 7:01 PM
33	The convention has outgrown itself. The venue is too spread with too many quick snippets of information, but not any true depth of value. For example, I attended a session on coding which went through the different ways in which you could introduce coding to the students. This is good, however, what I really need is a day or two to attend a session that teaches me how to code.	2/28/2018 4:09 PM
34	It was well organized!	2/28/2018 3:12 PM
35	A lot of sessions were double booked. At the same time as the other sessions. You could not go to some sessions because you were already in another session.	2/28/2018 2:55 PM
36	Larger rooms need drop-down screens. Sometimes it's hard to see from the back.	2/28/2018 2:16 PM
37	Too many people for Shaw.	2/28/2018 1:58 PM
38	n/a	2/28/2018 1:55 PM
39	Some overflowing. Seating on floor then you can't see or stand and take notes for 2 hours.	2/28/2018 1:54 PM
40	Every year the stair glider breaks down.	2/28/2018 12:46 PM
41	not enough time to get fro back to back sessions; would be nice to have 10 -15 minute break to get to the next session; missed 2 or more sessions due to back to back sessions and when I finally got there the room was overflowing .	2/28/2018 10:24 AM
42	It would be really nice if all the escalators worked for going back and forth from Shaw to Westin.	2/28/2018 9:48 AM
43	Excellent sessions	2/28/2018 8:54 AM
44	I only went to sessions in the Shaw. I had no desire to attend sessions in different venues.	2/28/2018 12:08 AM
45	IN many sessions you can here the speaker next door to loudly.	2/27/2018 11:52 PM
46	Dislike traveling offsite.	2/27/2018 11:27 PM
47	I plan my day so that I stay in one facility	2/27/2018 11:24 PM
48	Perfect location for accommodations, restaurants, night life and easy to get to venue. Just wish that there were some kind of shuttles for off-site programs to reduce driving and losing parking spot.	2/27/2018 11:21 PM
49	Many of the sessions were overcrowded and it was either standing room or sitting on the floor for 2 hour sessions. This also made it difficult for presenters to bring enough materials, handouts, manipulatives for people to have.	2/27/2018 10:15 PM
50	Bigger venues were needed for many sessions.Travel between the Westin, MacEwan and the Shaw Centre was taxing.	2/27/2018 10:06 PM

51	Most of my sessions were at the Westin, and all facilities were excellent.	2/27/2018 9:54 PM
52	Bigger rooms for popular sessions.	2/27/2018 9:51 PM
53	I adore the Shaw conference center. It is professional and well laid out and ample in space!	2/27/2018 9:28 PM
54	The facility where we attended the Pysanky workshop was very cramped.	2/27/2018 8:47 PM
55	reliable wifi	2/27/2018 8:43 PM
56	Parking is horrible at the Shaw.	2/27/2018 8:42 PM
57	Wifi was issue.	2/27/2018 8:41 PM
58	The rooms I presented in were perfect, thank you. And were set up as requested.	2/27/2018 7:39 PM
59	Shaw in edm is great	2/27/2018 7:05 PM
60	Saville and Shaw are awesome venues.	2/27/2018 6:31 PM
61	There were rooms that were extremely warm and others that were really cold. Some spaces were not big enough for the amount of people wanting to attend sessions.	2/27/2018 6:22 PM
62	You need to choose your sessions according to location.	2/27/2018 5:41 PM
63	The speaker that was provided by the Westin and plugged into the presenter's laptop did not work so we had no sound.	2/27/2018 5:10 PM
64	Parking was a nightmare- I missed the keynote by an hour because of how terrible it was.	2/27/2018 5:09 PM
65	I think our convention is too large. We have a lot of non-Shaw locations. It would be nicer if we were a bit smaller and all sessions were held in one facility.	2/27/2018 4:51 PM
66	Parking or public transit was not as accessible as in previous years - city of Edmonton issue but disappointing!	2/27/2018 4:47 PM
67	One powerpoint presentation did not work in one session and two rooms were far too crowded.	2/27/2018 4:44 PM
68	Some rooms were too small to accommodate the number of interested teachers.	2/27/2018 4:21 PM
69	I am so thankful to have had that drama session in a theatre. Just being in that environment made a huge difference.	2/27/2018 4:11 PM
70	Room designations for popular speakers should be larger (Shelley Moore breakouts, Kim Sutton, Marv Hackman).	2/27/2018 3:20 PM
71	Parking is always an issue.	2/27/2018 2:44 PM
72	Parking is a nightmare.	2/27/2018 2:30 PM
73	No parking!!!!!! It was brutal. Bug traffic jams leading up to it and pricing for parking was expensive.	2/27/2018 2:28 PM
74	I hate the fact that convention is held downtown. I realize the actual venue is nice, but anyone travelling has an incredibly difficult time trying to find a place to park. I left just west of Edmonton and it took me well over 30 minutes both days to find a place to park once I reached the downtown area. Then when I did find a spot, it was a 6-8 block walk to get to the convention. I know that transit is an option, but again unless you are from Edmonton you have no idea what goes where and how to navigate using the transit systems. It's actually quite frustrating.	2/27/2018 2:27 PM
75	Westin Rooms are always a bit on the small side for some of the breakouts but overall facilities work very well for the number of delegates at NCTCA.	2/27/2018 2:23 PM

76	TOO FULL	2/27/2018 2:21 PM
77	The facilities themselves are very nice. However, the parking/getting there is a hassle.	2/27/2018 1:58 PM
78	Again the same comments here about the tech at the Westin	2/27/2018 1:51 PM
79	Transportation and parking were difficult for off site pd	2/27/2018 1:40 PM
80	Great. Parking is always a pain.	2/27/2018 1:37 PM
81	I hate getting downtown to get to convention, and it always ends up costing money for transit or parking. Would be nice to get reimbursed for these costs, or perhaps have a voucher for downtown parking.	2/27/2018 1:34 PM
82	Its always so hard to find parking and such at a big venue.	2/27/2018 12:58 PM
83	Wi-Fi is still bad	2/27/2018 12:57 PM
84	Some of the speakers needed to have larger rooms, there were multiple times where people were sitting on the floor - that shouldn't happen. I didn't attend one that I really wanted to due to the fact that it was over crowded.	2/27/2018 12:54 PM
85	escalator was broken and they didn't switch other to an up	2/27/2018 12:52 PM
86	Too spread out.	2/27/2018 12:47 PM
87	I would like to more healthy food concessions rather that fatty foods sold. We had to go else where for lunch.	2/27/2018 12:33 PM
88	Shortage of parking. How about park and rides from outlying areas. Spruce Grove, Sherwood Park, Leduc, etc	2/27/2018 12:22 PM
89	The venue seems to get more crowded each year. And yet some keynotes were in huge halls that were sparsely filled.	2/27/2018 11:59 AM
90	There was a strange funky smell coming from the salon areas on the lowest level. Smelled like sewer... The rest was good. The seating on the risers in the halls in getting very "uncooshy" . Might be time to an upgrade to those cushions soon. Just saying...	2/27/2018 11:59 AM
91	venues are too small. You need to be upwards of 30 minutes early for sessions, and this isn't feasible if you want to visit more than 2 sessions a day.	2/27/2018 11:48 AM
92	Hard to find some exhibits	2/27/2018 11:47 AM
93	Venue is always great.	2/27/2018 11:46 AM
94	Rooms were often too tight for many sessions. Really sucked having to choose if you were going to attend PE sessions in Saville or in Shaw, that big of a gap really affected a lot. Also, the gymnasiums in Saville were EXTREMELY hard to hear the speakers as it echoed. Wished you could find a better place for the PE sessions. Preferably downtown.	2/27/2018 11:39 AM
95	Most of my sessions were at the Weston and they were excellent.	2/27/2018 11:38 AM
96	some of the spaces were too small for the session offered. would it be possible to change rooms when the attendance on-line warrents	2/27/2018 11:35 AM
97	The location, as always, was perfect.	2/27/2018 11:33 AM
98	Saville was WONDERFUL. I just wish parking around downtown was friendlier/easier	2/27/2018 11:32 AM
99	L	2/27/2018 11:32 AM
100	I spent a day in St. Albert. I didn't miss being downtown at all. I want more satellite opportunities.	2/27/2018 11:30 AM

101	Rooms are way too small!!!! There is always interest in the math and language for primary and they are always in small tiny rooms except for boxcar. You can go 45 min early for a spot and its already filled. It's disappointing year after year! Can there be bigger rooms or more sitting space please!!!	2/27/2018 11:28 AM
102	Nice variety, nice venues.	2/27/2018 11:27 AM
103	The only one I was dissatisfied with was Dr. Jody Carrington's talk on Trauma. She could have used a much larger room.	2/27/2018 11:21 AM
104	Far away and parking were a big issue.	2/27/2018 11:20 AM
105	Some sessions were held in rooms that did not accommodate many people. They filled up fast and way ahead of time.	2/27/2018 11:19 AM
106	Some rooms were very crowded. Popular sessions did not have enough seats to accommodate interest.	2/27/2018 11:12 AM
107	Some rooms were too small for the number of people attending.	2/27/2018 11:06 AM
108	Great facility! Clean. Some rooms were not large enough.	2/27/2018 11:05 AM
109	-popular sessions were in too small of rooms and this happened many times, whereas unpopular speakers had giant rooms and no audience	2/27/2018 11:03 AM
110	Parking is always an issue and expensive.	2/27/2018 10:57 AM
111	Parking is always a nightmare. Many sessions have rooms that are too small to accommodate all of the teachers interested in that topic	2/27/2018 10:57 AM
112	The Shaw Center is really old and deficient. In one of my sessions, the smell of sewage in the hallway was awful. Escalators not always working and the building is overall depressing. But I understand the difficulties finding a place that big. In contrast, the other venues (the hotels) were much better.	2/27/2018 10:56 AM
113	It was upsetting to find session that I put in my sched ahead of the convention full before start time. Either find larger venues or be strict about first letting in those who used Sched.	2/27/2018 10:51 AM
114	Exhibit hall was crowded. Hard to move around.	2/27/2018 10:50 AM
115	-some venues were too small: -ARTA retirement session -African Songs for Children	2/27/2018 10:43 AM
116	Parking is difficult, so much time wasted walking between sessions. Not sure if there is a better location though for out of town people.	2/27/2018 10:41 AM
117	The Shaw is crowded. A lot of walking.	2/27/2018 10:37 AM
118	The Shaw facility itself is always decent. In saying that, if there was another venue that would work, I'd move in a heartbeat. The driving time / parking time / costs for professionals if we put them all together are a ridiculous waste of professional time and money. It's crazy that we take all the surrounding Edmonton area and ask them to all come to the most dense part of a city that no one works, in and pay the highest cost for travel/parking possible. The reasons I've heard my colleagues give for not moving (outside of appropriate facility space itself)... Where would we go shopping, what about bars/food places to eat??? If this is the reason for Teachers' Convention, then it has lost all meaning anyways. We need to re-professionalize our teachers' convention.	2/27/2018 10:36 AM
119	The Shaw and The Westin are great facilities and I like being able to navigate Convention completely underground when it's cold outside.	2/27/2018 10:35 AM
120	Sessions were spread out all over...and even at the Shaw teachers with mobility issues were very tired after day 1.	2/27/2018 10:32 AM
121	Prices for food and beverages on site was ridiculous	2/27/2018 10:28 AM

122	Rooms being too small for some sessions was an issue at times	2/27/2018 10:25 AM
123	I find it extremely frustrating being down town. I find it hard to find parking and don't like having to try and rush between all the different buildings with not enough time between the sessions. I find that many of the rooms are too small for the speakers and people are smushed in rooms and not able to hear the presenter.	2/27/2018 10:23 AM
124	operational escalators at the Shaw	2/27/2018 10:18 AM
125	Once again, one of the escalators at the Shaw was broken. Need to share our discontent with the Shaw.	2/27/2018 10:18 AM
126	Would love additional coffee stations/snack bars with more choices	2/27/2018 10:17 AM
127	Love the location. Easy to access with public transit and excellent indoor venues including the underground walkway.	2/27/2018 10:12 AM
128	The room next door to the session I attended at the Westin was very loud and distracting.	2/27/2018 10:11 AM
129	Liked the water at the doors.	2/27/2018 10:09 AM
130	The only thing is that sometimes the rooms are not big enough for the session crowds.	2/27/2018 10:09 AM
131	Although I understand using Shaw probably requires us to use their snack/coffee products however, I would like to see other local coffee brewing companies provide their products. How about Food trucks?? I would love to not have to leave the Shaw for lunch.	2/27/2018 10:08 AM
132	2 of my sessions were full and had people trying to get in non stop and were disruptive. 1 of them showed over 300 were interested but was in a room that fit 100 tops.	2/27/2018 10:06 AM
133	Many rooms too small, up escalator to hall d never working!!! Great area but one can only climb those stairs so many times.	2/20/2018 7:40 PM
134	I just find the area extremely crowded and there is a definite lack of parking. Staying and eating at the venue is also really expensive.	2/20/2018 3:15 PM
135	Sometimes too many people in a room	2/15/2018 10:51 PM
136	Difficult to get to. Difficult to park. Expensive	2/15/2018 2:14 PM
137	Parking and traffic is always a problem.	2/14/2018 5:18 PM
138	it would be nice if once in a while the escalators actually functioned	2/14/2018 5:15 PM
139	I really liked how the Westin put water dispensers in the convention rooms instead of jugs of water.	2/14/2018 4:48 PM
140	Some rooms too small, could not attend sessions or were sitting on floor or against wall. Some keynotes were half full. Do not like downtown location, too busy and expensive! Too much walking, little incentive to run around every hour to find rooms or change location! Becomes exhausting by second day!	2/13/2018 9:53 AM
141	Many rooms were too small for the sessions in them	2/12/2018 10:25 PM
142	Keep it central. with in the downtown core. Not everybody lives in the city. Or break up the North central teacher convention to 2 different conventions so that it is not overcrowded nor require out of towners to travel else where in the middle of winter to find a session they want to go to. It is ridiculous.	2/11/2018 6:12 PM
143	In a couple of sessions.. the presenters in the other room were distracting. The noise barrier wasn't the greatest.	2/11/2018 3:40 PM
144	The Westin locations were great, Shaw Conference Centre, not enough room for all the people at some of the sessions.	2/11/2018 3:29 PM

145	Rooms were hot and crowded	2/11/2018 4:05 AM
146	Some sessions I wanted to attend were full, larger rooms?	2/10/2018 11:38 PM
147	Temperature was too warm in some rooms and led to yawns	2/10/2018 9:04 PM
148	I attended sessions at the Westin, and the Shaw Conference Centre. It was nice they were so close together.	2/10/2018 3:14 PM
149	One concern is that over the past few years the escalators have been consistently only partially in working order. When will this be fixed?	2/10/2018 2:08 PM
150	With all the big pushes on assessment, it would have been nice if the formative assessment sessions did not fill up	2/10/2018 10:49 AM
151	Not acceptable to not having stairs up and running... for some Wish things were not so spread out once you leave to go to another session you can't come back no parking available .for some reason I had to ask security where to go three times for s session .	2/10/2018 10:08 AM
152	Just one room was too small - all others were good.	2/10/2018 8:26 AM
153	Conference rooms in Westin were too cold	2/10/2018 1:23 AM
154	A lot of popular sessions were in very small rooms which were quickly overcrowded and full sometimes minutes after other sessions let out.	2/10/2018 12:01 AM
155	Le resto à l'extérieur du hall c qui avait de la pizza froide, des saucisses, et autres junk food. On a trouvé cela abherant dans la mesure où on promouvoit le well beeig. Ce qu'on mange en faisant partie de cela.	2/9/2018 11:26 PM
156	except: The Alberta College (Grant Mac => downtown) building and individual rooms within the building were difficult to find for me and for 3 other teachers I spoke with. only 3 attended the	2/9/2018 9:39 PM
157	The convention is now too spread out.	2/9/2018 9:32 PM
158	Loved going off-site for full-day pre-registered workshop. Peaceful and pleasant.	2/9/2018 8:03 PM
159	Sorry I commented earlier when I should have left it here re: size of rooms and attendees.	2/9/2018 7:49 PM
160	Downtown in the middle of winter when people have to drive in over 1.5 hours poses many difficulties and adds costs to teachers.	2/9/2018 7:42 PM
161	I was at sessions that were in too large of a hall for the amount of people in attendance and I was in rooms that were way too small for the amount of people that showed up.	2/9/2018 7:31 PM
162	Don't like off-site	2/9/2018 7:31 PM
163	The only frustrating moment was going to the wrong Macewan building as I missed one of the sessions I wanted. The Shaw and the Westin were great though.	2/9/2018 6:37 PM
164	Two sessions- the speakers videos wouldn't load. One session the mic didn't work. I felt very bad for the speakers. Also, the up escalators weren't working half the time.	2/9/2018 6:19 PM
165	The price of parking is ridiculously high and the coat check people were rude.	2/9/2018 5:46 PM
166	Rooms and seating were appropriatge	2/9/2018 5:41 PM
167	rooms were very full - it was not always possible to get a seat even when arriving a bit early	2/9/2018 5:31 PM

168	Fix the darn escalators at Shaw!	2/9/2018 4:52 PM
169	Parking was horrid	2/9/2018 4:16 PM
170	However , that is 3 years in a row that a popular keynote's breakout session was jammed to over capacity (dr Jody Carrington). I know it is hard to predict interest but maybe salon 8 is not large enough (hall d perhaps ???) Also - it was disappointing that the ata presidents adress was booked at the same time as the partners in education luncheon ... a lot of local ata executive would have liked to hear Minister Eggen and president jefferies as well but we're indisposed - also from what I hear - the room capacity was way too small for such a dignitary - A LOT of teachers want to speak to minister of Ed when available	2/9/2018 4:07 PM
171	I don't go to off campus sessions. I like the Shaw and Westin	2/9/2018 3:01 PM
172	Some major topics in very small spaces	2/9/2018 2:18 PM
173	It is annoying that every year an escalator is broken	2/8/2018 10:17 PM
174	The facilities are nice - some of the speakers would have benefited from having larger rooms to accommodate the audience size that were interested. There were a number of sessions that I or a colleague were unable to attend due to it being at capacity much earlier than the posted start time - great to know about the popularity of certain topic areas, but disheartening for those who wanted to attend those specific sessions. Keynote room sizes were generally fine.	2/8/2018 10:13 PM

Q21 How much do you agree with the following statements regarding the facilities at the convention you attended this year?

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	STRONGLY DISAGREE	DISAGREE	NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE	AGREE	STRONGLY AGREE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
The facilities were an appropriate size for the total number of teachers who attended convention.	3.6% 24	12.3% 82	10.5% 70	58.0% 387	15.6% 104	667	3.70
Sessions/workshops were scheduled in rooms that were large enough and set-up in ways that were appropriate for the content and activities planned by the speakers.	7.6% 51	21.7% 145	10.6% 71	48.4% 323	11.5% 77	667	3.34
The facilities included a variety of amenities and services that made my visit more comfortable/enjoyable.	1.5% 10	7.9% 53	20.4% 136	57.4% 383	12.7% 85	667	3.72
The facilities were easy to find and access by foot, personal vehicle, and public transit.	4.8% 32	11.5% 77	6.1% 41	57.3% 382	20.2% 135	667	3.77
The number, location, and information provided on signs, maps, and interactive screens made navigating the facilities much easier.	0.7% 5	5.8% 39	18.0% 120	58.9% 393	16.5% 110	667	3.85
The number, location, and information provided by hosts, volunteers, and staff made navigating the facilities much easier.	0.6% 4	3.1% 21	26.2% 175	54.4% 363	15.6% 104	667	3.81

Q22 Are there any facilities that you highly recommend for next year's convention (either as a main venue for multiple sessions or as an offsite location for specialty sessions)?

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	There were too many off site locations	3/11/2018 11:36 PM
2	The only inconvenience this year was the access on Friday, and even that was minimal.	3/11/2018 10:15 PM
3	Keep everything in one place and have it where you do not have to pay huge parking fees or walk miles to get there. Also downtown Edmonton is way too congested with traffic. Have it on the outskirts with less traffic.	3/10/2018 12:54 PM
4	An offsite online stream would be great for those people who travel far distances. It would also provide tracking information via logins. Other options include coming out west. Do it in Jasper or Hinton and use the facilities and schools there so that the traveling isn't one-sided.	3/7/2018 4:50 PM
5	Parking is extremely expensive and prohibitive to people. Lack of parking close by is frustrating. I find if you don't stay downtown in hotels at an exorbitant cost, getting to convention is difficult and frustrating as you spend too much time trying to navigate downtown trying to find available parking. I suggest looking into Northlands venue.	3/7/2018 11:38 AM
6	no	3/7/2018 7:47 AM
7	sure	3/6/2018 9:25 AM
8	It was nice to have people stationed at the other sites. ie. At Alberta College there was a rep on the main level assisting us. Thank you.	3/5/2018 5:17 PM
9	Schools in near-by communities can be used.	3/4/2018 2:49 PM
10	Some popular speakers were full and people had to sit on the floor.	3/4/2018 10:43 AM
11	The Shaw Conference Centre is an excellent main venue location. Some of the bathrooms are excellent as well.	3/3/2018 5:04 PM
12	I really enjoyed attending sessions at the McClab theatre in the Citadel. Great stage.Great seating. Comfortable.	3/2/2018 9:06 PM
13	Will be better if the facility is not in downtown as it is hard to get there by bus and harder to find a parking lot	3/2/2018 7:58 PM
14	Keynote sessions that are followed by breakouts - what are the possibilities of them being in the same room? Make the transition easier on both speakers and teachers? There were teachers who wanted to hear Jody Carrington and Shelley Moore who were unable to as the room would not allow for them comfortably.	3/2/2018 5:34 PM
15	Loved the sessions at the Saville, but it was very challenging to find parking when going to my second session.	3/2/2018 11:50 AM
16	Northlands?? West Edmonton Mall?	3/1/2018 4:55 PM
17	parking was terrible, some sessions were crammed in.	3/1/2018 4:04 PM
18	Somewhere on the outskirts of Edmonton	3/1/2018 3:47 PM

19	I "discovered" sessions in the Ziedler theatre inside the Citadel. Fabulous!	3/1/2018 2:23 PM
20	The Winspear Centre! Any possible sessions available with the ESO? A session with their director of education, perhaps??	3/1/2018 11:34 AM
21	Alberta College worked well, but there was still not enough communication about its location. Many were still thinking it was MacEwan on 104 ave...	3/1/2018 11:01 AM
22	Improve parking	3/1/2018 9:31 AM
23	Westin, convention centre are perfect!!!	3/1/2018 12:38 AM
24	Northlands.	2/28/2018 8:34 PM
25	I like where it is held and where the breakout sessions are held.	2/28/2018 7:01 PM
26	Shaw again!	2/28/2018 6:57 PM
27	Morinville High School	2/28/2018 4:09 PM
28	Moving some divisions to Red Deer. Wildrose	2/28/2018 1:58 PM
29	CTF - Whitemud Equestrian Centre in the valley	2/28/2018 12:36 PM
30	OMG, move it to a place with parking. We are not here to pay for parking and supply customers for parking garages.	2/28/2018 11:54 AM
31	school site based PD sessions	2/28/2018 10:36 AM
32	West Edmonton Mall as a lot more teachers are starting to stay there because it s perfect for families.	2/28/2018 10:06 AM
33	I like the Shaw. If you could find an off site place that would really give people an absolute introduction to coding and an intermediate or advanced level that would be appreciated as kids are coding from kindergarten to high school and many teachers and substitutes have no idea what it is or how to start.	2/28/2018 12:08 AM
34	I don't live in Edmonton so I'm not sure where there would be enough space within walking distance to house all the sessions with the amount of teachers attending the conference.	2/27/2018 10:15 PM
35	Nope - the current layout is awesome!	2/27/2018 9:28 PM
36	pre registered sessions at schools	2/27/2018 8:43 PM
37	Keep it together-too many venues, too spread out.	2/27/2018 8:17 PM
38	no	2/27/2018 7:29 PM
39	Edm space science center	2/27/2018 7:05 PM
40	Ramada kingsway	2/27/2018 7:01 PM
41	The massages were a good idea.	2/27/2018 4:37 PM
42	Food vendors in the exhibit hall - the SHAW food service is poor and expensive.	2/27/2018 3:07 PM
43	Would recommend pursuing some of the new hotels that will be opening in the downtown area over the next year.	2/27/2018 2:23 PM
44	Museum when it opens	2/27/2018 2:08 PM

45	Every session I attended was either much too crowded, or basically empty. Room sizes need to be re-evaluated.	2/27/2018 2:04 PM
46	Would shuttles for off site venues be feasible?	2/27/2018 1:40 PM
47	Enjoy Center St. Albert	2/27/2018 12:58 PM
48	Driving downtown is ridiculous. I'm not sure if there's an easier accessible place to host, but I truly dislike having to drive downtown - the amount of traffic is crazy! It took a ridiculous amount of time to get there which caused me to miss some of my sessions (even when I gave myself a very large amount of time to get there, over an hour).	2/27/2018 12:54 PM
49	Many of the rooms were too small for the presenters.	2/27/2018 12:47 PM
50	Some venues were difficult for handicap people to attend because of stairs and location.	2/27/2018 12:33 PM
51	Some sessions were way too crowded. Couldn't find a seat and it is uncomfortable and frustrating to have to stand the entire time.	2/27/2018 12:16 PM
52	There were three sessions that were very small and unable to fit everyone who wanted to get in. By contrast, some rooms that were practically empty. Hard to determine in advance, I know, but appreciate the opportunity to let you know that there were some that could have fit many more people had there been enough seats.	2/27/2018 11:59 AM
53	More food choices and healthier. Maps to find the buildings. Try to have all the amenities in one building	2/27/2018 11:47 AM
54	Would be great to visit some of the schools offering unique learning experiences. Ex) nature based kindergartens. -indigenous river valley walk	2/27/2018 11:45 AM
55	The Weston again.	2/27/2018 11:38 AM
56	maybe have some of the drama in the catedral	2/27/2018 11:35 AM
57	I am not recommending the downtown location! I'm only referring to the St. Albert experience. I hate the downtown due to expensive parking and inability to find parking to fit my truck. St. Albert was great. Downtown is terrible.	2/27/2018 11:30 AM
58	Westin	2/27/2018 11:27 AM
59	this is a great place to have our convention	2/27/2018 11:15 AM
60	Somewhere with more parking. Finding parking was very difficult.	2/27/2018 11:12 AM
61	No. I think the Shaw is likely the only facility big enough to handle the conference. Parking is just a nuisance.	2/27/2018 11:05 AM
62	-keep it the same	2/27/2018 11:03 AM
63	Parking is basically impossible, and by the time I got parked, walked to the Shaw, got to the first keynote, the room was over-full, so I tried to watch the keynote in the foyer, but the noise made it impossible to hear. It is not possible for me to come to convention without a vehicle, but the issue of parking is huge.	2/27/2018 11:01 AM
64	More off site options that are not downtown like West Edmonton Mall where parking and accessibility is much more user friendly	2/27/2018 10:57 AM
65	The more popular sessions year after year continue to be in smaller rooms. I'm not sure if there are larger rooms available but there are always some I'd like to attend but can not due to space.	2/27/2018 10:55 AM
66	The Shaw Conference center is always easy to navigate and has ample parking close by	2/27/2018 10:55 AM
67	Hard to find parking.	2/27/2018 10:50 AM

68	-Concordia College for handbells	2/27/2018 10:43 AM
69	Have you considered the Mayfield or River Cree? There are less stressful venues to get to other than downtown. And to pay for parking \$30 a day.....	2/27/2018 10:37 AM
70	Nothing to add.	2/27/2018 10:36 AM
71	Citadel Theatre rooms are a nice size that's larger than the cramped lower-level salons and the huge halls. Might be a fit for some sessions.	2/27/2018 10:29 AM
72	Some sessions were full and required larger rooms. At least one sessions started 15 minutes early due to full room.	2/27/2018 10:29 AM
73	Alberta Museum Tours	2/27/2018 10:27 AM
74	i wish it was all at one main place with enough parking- expo centre or something. Or split it up by developmental groups and have all the div 1 in one place etc.	2/27/2018 10:23 AM
75	Citadel/Winspear	2/27/2018 10:22 AM
76	I tend to pick sessions at the Shaw just for convinience sake. Next year perhaps I will stay at teh Weston since most francophone sessions were there.	2/27/2018 10:22 AM
77	Off-site locations (like St. Theresa's in Sherwood Park) are nice for all-day seminars so we don't have to pay for parking.	2/27/2018 10:14 AM
78	Some of the sessions needed bigger rooms as people were sitting on the floor.	2/27/2018 10:12 AM
79	The majority of the sessions I attended were full. I was refused entry on one and one I had to stand.	2/27/2018 10:11 AM
80	Keeping the venues as close as possible for walking distance is a must.	2/27/2018 10:09 AM
81	I wonder if Northlands would be a viable option as parking would not be as difficult to find.	2/27/2018 10:08 AM
82	I miss Telus World of Science, The Legislature and off site areas that don't require paid parking.	2/14/2018 8:43 PM
83	The Landmark Theatre was a great venue. I think speakers like Wade Sorochan could fill one of those theatres, and he does multiple sessions.	2/14/2018 4:48 PM
84	Perhaps Northlands?? Even if food choices were more limited??	2/13/2018 9:53 AM
85	For the sessions at MacEwan please make it clear it is at the other campus, with address.	2/12/2018 1:56 PM
86	The problem with using various facilities is that you do do not have enough time to get from one session to the next unless they are in the same building.	2/12/2018 9:29 AM
87	A facility that would permit smudging.. not sure who to recommend.	2/11/2018 3:40 PM
88	Would love to see an Royal Alberta Museum session and what it has to offer	2/11/2018 8:07 AM
89	Sorry no idea	2/10/2018 10:08 AM
90	MacEwan- good site. Wetin- very comfortable site.	2/10/2018 8:57 AM
91	I like sessions at Shaw and find it difficult to get to sessions at other locations due to scheduling.	2/10/2018 8:26 AM
92	A link from nctca application when u click on that bring you on google map to let u know exzctly where is your session. I was always looking for a room or	2/9/2018 11:26 PM

93	More sessions at Sherwood Park venues please!	2/9/2018 7:49 PM
94	Shaw CC Westin	2/9/2018 6:37 PM
95	Try to stick closer to the amount of people to fit in the rooms. Some of them felt almost claustrophobic bec people were sitting on the floor and standing after the tables were full. There must be a way to keep the sessions at the number of seats available to eliminate that.	2/9/2018 5:46 PM
96	No	2/9/2018 4:52 PM
97	West Edmonton Mall	2/9/2018 4:03 PM
98	Royal Alberta Museum tour!	2/9/2018 3:10 PM
99	Northlands or host at larger hotels around the city, BUT NOT in the downtown area. Also, having convention in September or October is a better idea. Having it in Winter, puts people's lives more at risk who are travelling winter highways. Having convention at the beginning of a school year also would be a great way to start the year and allow teachers more time to implement strategies they have learned at convention.	2/9/2018 2:18 PM
100	Shaw Conference Center, as usual	2/9/2018 12:18 PM

Q23 Please provide any other suggestions or comments that you have about convention facilities here.

Answered: 107 Skipped: 626

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	The session that I attended that was put on by health services (called I believe adding protein to your breakfast) was a really nice room. However it was so full that people were standing outside the door to try and listen.	3/16/2018 9:24 AM
2	First time in the area. I had no idea that it would be a 15 minute walk from the closest available spot I could find to park. Not the end of the world, however, having to drive around for 25 mins to find a spot, and then a walk for 15 put me very late for my first session.	3/12/2018 5:17 PM
3	Way too small a rooms. I missed out on 3 sessions because the room was too small. Maybe have one or 2 larger rooms available to move sessions to? Many of the sessions at the Westin were French and the ones that weren't were in rooms that were way too small.	3/11/2018 11:36 PM
4	I spend an entire day at St. Mary's. There was a food truck but it would have been nice to have another one too. I stood in line for 25 minutes waiting to order and pick up some food.	3/9/2018 6:51 PM
5	The food provided at the Shaw conference centre is HIGHLY overpriced!!! Paying \$4 for a water bottle or vitamin water is outrageous! Bring in food kiosques that are more affordable. Teachers don't make millions of dollars, after all.	3/9/2018 3:36 PM
6	If you want convention to grow, I think it is time to look at other venues. Downtown is prohibitive to growth.	3/7/2018 11:38 AM
7	n/a	3/6/2018 9:25 AM
8	I really miss the bus, I just could not get to some presenters as they overlapped or were in a venue too far to get to quickly. Since I book a hotel room downtown the off sites are not feasible to travel to without easier means of transportation. Distance learning is not my favourite and would not help much either because I love the interaction and ideas from other participants. Going to Convention every year is exciting and I love the buzz so I can change my choices according to what others are saying.	3/4/2018 1:02 PM
9	Some of the sessions offered by Keynote speakers (after the Keynote), were packed! I feel Keynote speakers require larger rooms when providing an additional session.	3/2/2018 4:10 PM
10	Any sessions that include hands on or take home ideas right away tend to be put in rooms far too small for the interest	3/2/2018 3:54 PM
11	The signs on the walls in the shaw conference center was a bit misleading. Having the sign posted directly on the door or above would avoid being in the wrong room. I sat for 25 minutes in a room waiting for a seminar only to realize I had walked into the room to the left of the sign instead of the room to the right of the sign...very confusing.	3/2/2018 2:53 PM
12	I do not like the number of facilities that host. It is difficult to get between all facilities that host sessions people are interest in. Also weather plays a factor in moving from one site to another. I would recommend that any/all related sessions be held at the same site (all FNMI sessions to be held in one locations, all art sessions to be held in one location, etc) that way if I have a focus one year to work on, I am not travelling between locations and missing sessions I am interest in.	3/2/2018 1:57 PM

13	Lots of hiking around from building to building, some blocks away. Especially difficult for those with mobility issues. Cold walk in February.	3/1/2018 10:09 PM
14	Provide bussing from central locations (not sure where, maybe even in Leduc or nisku) throughout the day to & from the venue. Paying \$5 each way to ride a school bus is better than walking across downtown because parking is so limited & very expensive. LRT is efficient but parking at those lots is impossible.	3/1/2018 8:51 PM
15	A more suitable area for people to sit, collaborate and work would be nice. Tables, and places to plug in laptops.	3/1/2018 6:54 PM
16	To expensive when I can get what I need at my own subject specific conference	3/1/2018 3:47 PM
17	I like the Shaw with its river valley views and how it is nestled into the north bank of the river. When the sun shines, it's really spectacular. It's great to be indoors in February in Edmonton. I know another teachers' convention takes place the week after NCTCA in the old Mayfield Inn. I DO NOT envy those teachers at all.	3/1/2018 2:23 PM
18	Parking is always a challenge if you are not staying in a hotel. I chose to Uber as a solution to the parking difficulty and then walking to the conference centers. Would the conference committee every consider having shuttles, even school buses, run from different locations within the city as a park and ride option to the get to the convention?	3/1/2018 12:23 PM
19	Our host room is amazing :)	3/1/2018 11:01 AM
20	A place that includes cheaper parking would be greatly appreciated.	3/1/2018 10:17 AM
21	The location of the Grant MacEwan site for the Ted Harrison program was not provided by the link in the convention website. I almost ended up going to the main campus. Once I finally Googled the location, I understood where it was, but I wasn't impressed that the location was not provided in the website. I would have been extremely upset if I had missed that workshop because of going to the wrong location. It's a wonderful location, by the way.	3/1/2018 7:44 AM
22	A session I wished to attend was filled 20 minutes before the session began. The room was obviously too small, however, I don't know how the organizing committee can predict which sessions will be more popular than others.	2/28/2018 10:22 PM
23	A bigger variety of snacks available at SCC. I didn't have time to go to the cafe because of overlapping sessions and I could only find cookies.	2/28/2018 8:53 PM
24	It would be nice to have all sessions housed in one facility. Parking is a nightmare and expensive. The hotels downtown are very expensive.	2/28/2018 8:34 PM
25	The session about self-regulation beyond the zones should have been in a much larger space.	2/28/2018 4:43 PM
26	The self-regulation session needed a much bigger space! She mentioned that it was an issue last year as well! Having more food/coffee available to purchase would be great. Parking was difficult unless you went early.	2/28/2018 3:46 PM
27	I hope one day we can do it in places where we can have parking.	2/28/2018 12:21 PM
28	more signage about Hall D. There were arrows but I still did not understand where it was. Larger rooms in general are needed for sessions, especially about hot topics like technology or social media. It is disappointing that I have to wait half an hour before a session starts to make sure that I get in.	2/28/2018 10:36 AM
29	Very happy both escalators were working for the first time in forever	2/28/2018 8:54 AM
30	I noticed there were a lot of sessions (that I was interested in attending) off the main site, which I find is an inconvenience.	2/28/2018 6:29 AM
31	Can all the escalators be in working condition at the Shaw Conference Centre??	2/27/2018 11:24 PM

32	It must be such a challenge to accommodate the popular presenters - always full, and yet, how can you plan for that when there is no sign up. Unfortunately, some rooms were over-stuffed, so I let the newer teachers get in first.	2/27/2018 11:21 PM
33	Top notch - keep up the awesome work ... but parking though ... nothing we can really do about that though. Unless you had a specific bus that went from key sites every hour or something?	2/27/2018 9:28 PM
34	Once again, escalators not working.	2/27/2018 8:41 PM
35	Rooms were changed and sessions switched and I didn't use SCHED so didn't find out until going to room and finding change	2/27/2018 8:22 PM
36	Disagree with easily accessible by private vehicle. City of Edmonton Downtown not vehicle friendly.	2/27/2018 8:09 PM
37	Parking is too much money!	2/27/2018 7:44 PM
38	Finding parking is so difficult that even though I'd left my house an hour early for the first session (I live 10 minutes from downtown), I was over an hour late and missed the first session. It also costs way too much, and I had to walk quite a distance from the place I actually found a spot.	2/27/2018 7:29 PM
39	Can we encourage carpooling? Offer an incentive perhaps?	2/27/2018 5:09 PM
40	Historically popular sessions should be held in larger venues such as Jane Felling, Kim Sutton	2/27/2018 3:38 PM
41	The escalators were out of service going up for the full two days - my legs thank you! While I fared well, many of my colleagues struggled and had to wait for the elevator.	2/27/2018 3:07 PM
42	Maybe all sessions should be pre-registered? Then, if people don't show up, those who didn't register might be able to get in. This lining up 45 minutes early to get a seat is ridiculous! Missing a session because you didn't get there in time after an earlier session and it is already filled half an hour before was so frustrating!!	2/27/2018 2:21 PM
43	More reasonably prices food venues required.	2/27/2018 1:04 PM
44	Paper map with venues located on map	2/27/2018 12:42 PM
45	Some sessions are going to loud - so make sure they are in a spots they can be.	2/27/2018 12:42 PM
46	Let's think about the handicap people with easy access to their workshops next year.	2/27/2018 12:33 PM
47	The rooms used for literacy sessions were too small.	2/27/2018 12:23 PM
48	If electronic program book, need links with directions to sessions held away from Shaw	2/27/2018 12:22 PM
49	Escalators were often out of order, and there were long lines for the elevators. Not great!	2/27/2018 12:17 PM
50	I loved the Hall D mental health break out rooms!	2/27/2018 11:46 AM
51	It would be nice to be somewhere easier to get to than downtown with more free parking. I just don't know of any.	2/27/2018 11:32 AM
52	Please get away from using the Shaw. That area is far too expensive and the parking is ridiculous.	2/27/2018 11:30 AM
53	Not being from Edmonton, I could use information on where to get food nearby the conference centre.	2/27/2018 11:15 AM
54	I had to sit on the floor of 3 sessions I attended. Getting downtown by vehicle is always a nightmare. (I live outside of Edmonton so transit is not an option. Parking is very pricey. Because there is no reasonably priced food venues in the Shaw Convention Centre I miss out on session opportunities because we are walking to find lunch. With the services at the shaw why could they not provide a reasonably priced lunch?	2/27/2018 11:08 AM

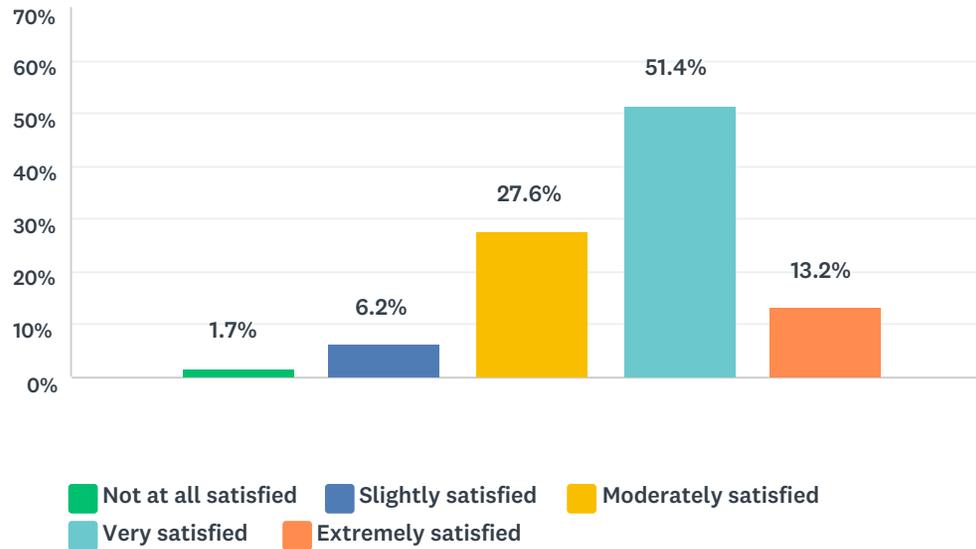
55	Attendance numbers for sessions should be looked at so room sizes are appropriate to attendance.	2/27/2018 11:06 AM
56	No suggestions	2/27/2018 11:05 AM
57	I have a sister in law who attends the Red Deer convention, which is held at Red Deer College, during the college's reading week. Organizers have probably explored alternate venues, and that's why we're still at the Shaw, but I feel we have outgrown it. I believe the Shaw simply isn't big enough for the number of teachers who attend.	2/27/2018 11:01 AM
58	-The video and audio did not work at the session on Bucket Drumming and Boomwhackers at the Westin even after an hour of the tech guy trying to fix it. Please rebook this session for next year. The presenter handled it well, but the lack of audio and video took away from the presentation.	2/27/2018 10:43 AM
59	A park & ride shuttle from the West end and/or South side. ETS park & ride lots too full for parking from West end.	2/27/2018 10:37 AM
60	Could we get the up escalators working for the lunch crowds both days?	2/27/2018 10:36 AM
61	Please use larger rooms for General Interest sessions!	2/27/2018 10:35 AM
62	Need healthier food options on site at the pop-up food stall.	2/27/2018 10:32 AM
63	I would suggest adding tables to session rooms. It is extremely uncomfortable to be sitting in a session for an hour or more in nothing but a chair. I would like to be able to sit in a chair at a table so that I can comfortably write things down. I was more likely to not write anything down as it was uncomfortable without a table.	2/27/2018 10:25 AM
64	I find it strange when we have a celeb keynote and the hall is not filled like a few years back. Too many sessions elsewhere or teachers playing hookie?	2/27/2018 10:24 AM
65	Since mind-fullness and teacher wellness is becoming an ever increasing importance, space/room size for these sessions should be larger.	2/27/2018 10:18 AM
66	I'm sure it's difficult to predict BUT I was turned away from two separate sessions because the rooms they were being held in were completely full (one at the Shaw and one at the Westin). On the other hand, I attended one session that was in a large hall but only attended by a handful of people.	2/27/2018 10:18 AM
67	Some of the rooms were incredibly crowded. Others were arranged in ways that made it difficult to see the speaker (tables where half the chairs face the wrong way). In some of the science demo presentations, the audience could not see the demos unless they were in the front row, so a platform or something is needed for the speaker.	2/27/2018 10:12 AM
68	Parking was a nightmare!	2/27/2018 10:11 AM
69	Several of the sessions were full so not enough seating was available	2/27/2018 10:09 AM
70	The facility for the pysanky workshop was too small for a hands on session	2/27/2018 10:07 AM
71	Great facility. The only thing that didn't work was some of the sessions had a lot of people and not much room and others were in a huge room with lots of seats and had far fewer people	2/20/2018 8:51 PM
72	Fix the up escalators or switch the direction on the downs. Or move the hall d sessions.	2/20/2018 7:40 PM
73	Let us have more freedom as to our PD- not protect the jobs/positions of committee members and cost ATA members so much \$.	2/16/2018 4:32 PM

74	Do they always have to be downtown Edmonton? It's expensive to stay downtown, expensive to park (and takes a while to get downtown if you're not staying downtown) and not always easy to find a parking spot (Thursday morning, I had to try 3 lots to find a spot and the the machine was not working properly).	2/14/2018 8:43 PM
75	Technology needs to be appropriately set up and functional for every session that requires it. Watching an instructor struggle with non-functioning technology is inappropriate considering that we pay for the technology to be functioning. Instructors should not have to worry about this. We should not have our learning opportunities diminished by the absence of the instructor materials and presentations. (Westin Hotel)	2/14/2018 7:10 PM
76	I appreciated how hard the Westin staff work at setting up rooms when I watched them change over from a traditional theatre style table and chair setup, to a U-shaped table and chair set up, while teachers were trying to get in a save a space. Teachers know that they Westin rooms are too small for the sessions, and they are arriving 30 minutes early to try to get a seat. This is especially true of the Turner Valley room and the room next to it.	2/14/2018 4:48 PM
77	If you can see that a session is over registered, switch it to a bigger room to provide more people the opportunity to attend	2/12/2018 3:09 PM
78	I would like to see you go back to the printed booklet that outlines the sessions at conventions.	2/12/2018 9:29 AM
79	Frustrated by the cost of food at the Shaw. Escalator stopped working. I liked that there was water and wifi available.	2/11/2018 8:26 PM
80	More sanitizing of railings and counters where people are continuously touching.. lots of teachers with the sniffles.	2/11/2018 3:40 PM
81	I attended a breakout session by the feature speaker and the room was too small! Maybe have pre-sign up for those sessions you know are going to be crowded.	2/11/2018 12:50 PM
82	Thank you for selecting a venue is easy to access via public transit.	2/11/2018 10:11 AM
83	I almost didn't attend a session I really wanted because I thought it was at the MacEwan main campus, luckily I realized it was in walking distance. I feel it would have had many more attendants if they were clearer on where it was.	2/10/2018 11:38 PM
84	The heat in the BC room in the Westin Hotel was uncomfortable both days.	2/10/2018 9:10 PM
85	I would admit that parking is highly frustrating. However, I don't know any other suitable locations.	2/10/2018 8:53 PM
86	My first session was in on Thursday was in Shaw CC 19 or 20 and the round tables were awkward to get around. It was difficult to move around the room especially because it was a 9 am session and some people came late. I think straight tables would have been better for set up.	2/10/2018 3:14 PM
87	Parking was a problem due to construction near venues. I missed a session because I took so long looking for a parking spot.	2/10/2018 2:02 PM
88	The bigger rooms were cold Would like to see more fruit to buy not just muffins and sweets. More healthy snacks .	2/10/2018 10:08 AM
89	Some of the sessions could have been in larger rooms. At two of my sessions people were turned away at the door and in the Loose parts session there were probably about 80 people who did not have chairs. They were lined up along the sides and across the back 2 or 3 people thick. It was not fair to the presenters	2/10/2018 8:41 AM
90	Friday morning session with Tammy Auten-Dye on self regulation was in a room that holds 60 people - 200+ people wanted to come to this session - many missed out on this excellent session because they were trying to come after a previous session - a much larger room is needed. This is an important topic in education/daily life.	2/10/2018 8:26 AM
91	Obliger les enseignants à s'inscrire sur l'application. Trouver une façon de le faire afin qu'ils aient à s'inscrire. Personnellementj'em'était inscrite et j'arrivais dans une session ou on me refusait parce que la salle était pleine pendant que d'autres salles étaient vides. Et puis plusieurs sessions où il fallait s'asseoir par terre	2/9/2018 11:26 PM

92	Bring back the convention booklet please!	2/9/2018 11:09 PM
93	It seems as though some escalators need repair on one of the two NCTC days.	2/9/2018 9:39 PM
94	Locations in West end or in St-Albert would be nice for half or full day sessions. Lots of spacious facilities available; easy drive...	2/9/2018 8:03 PM
95	Facility address needs to match sched address. Less far off site facilities	2/9/2018 7:31 PM
96	Parking at Alberta Colleg was surprisingly difficult to find. It would be nice to have a heads-up about that. We knew downtown parking would be at a premium, but didn't realize an educational institution would have such severely limited parking.	2/9/2018 7:25 PM
97	My sessions were in appropriate rooms but I had lots of people complain that they couldn't get into sessions due to lack of space	2/9/2018 6:53 PM
98	As someone who lives out of town I dislike having to attend a convention downtown Edmonton. I find it difficult to comprehend that we must pay to attend a mandatory PD convention. (Parking, food, hotels, etc.)	2/9/2018 6:43 PM
99	Provide more info on the macewan university locations, as I (along with others) went to the wrong place.	2/9/2018 6:37 PM
100	The smell by salons 17/18 was disgusting Friday morning. The hallway area smelled like backed up washrooms.	2/9/2018 5:46 PM
101	Is the Shaw conference centre the only place that our conference can be held? I don't remember ever being there when all of the escalators have been in working condition and there is only one elevator. Parking is expensive. I know that it is fairly central and it has a good variety of room sizes, but I wonder if we just automatically go there or if we sometimes consider other venues.	2/9/2018 4:57 PM
102	Love the availability of cold water. Thanks! Fix the escalator and I'll be a happy camper (a knee injury is not best served by that many stairs).	2/9/2018 4:52 PM
103	A venue with better parking options	2/9/2018 4:16 PM
104	Parking is expensive and challenging to find if not familiar with downtown Edmonton.	2/9/2018 4:03 PM
105	The Shaw Conference Center is not comfortable. Parking around it and in the downtown area is horrible and expensive. Very few restaurants are in this area unless you want to walk blocks upon blocks to find one in winter. The escalator is always broken at every convention. It is loud and you usually have to stand at the sessions because they are packed. I love going to learn new things and to take time to reflect on my practice, but the past few years I find I can't do this as it is so uncomfortable at the Shaw. I have tried other venues, but most are downtown and the same issues arise there,too.	2/9/2018 2:18 PM
106	Please try to have the Phys Ed session here on site	2/9/2018 11:35 AM
107	Parking at the Shaw is very difficult. Perhaps a place where parking is more accessible and affordable would be good	2/8/2018 7:10 PM

Q24 Overall, how satisfied were you with the communications about the teachers' convention that you attended this year?

Answered: 660 Skipped: 73



#	IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO EXPLAIN YOUR ANSWER, YOU MAY DO SO HERE.	DATE
1	Our rep is excellent!	3/17/2018 8:26 AM
2	The last minute changes were handled very well by having a current "Convention at a Glance" handed to us as we came in.	3/11/2018 10:17 PM
3	Brutal Roads, \$400 in hotel fees, plus fuel. Trying to find overnight childcare was a nightmare. I was only able to get into three sessions. It was a total waste of money. I would have rather taken a deduction off of my salary.	3/7/2018 4:53 PM
4	Email and online was very good overall.	3/3/2018 5:08 PM
5	The schedule for the previous conventions should be erased.	3/3/2018 12:28 PM
6	There was an event at CRAFT beer market that was very poorly advertised, the service was awful and there was no free appetizers that were made available to us.	3/2/2018 2:54 PM
7	There was such urgency about ensuring that we had our card, and yet I was not asked to show it even once.	3/2/2018 2:28 PM
8	I miss having the book	3/2/2018 1:58 PM
9	told I needed to have my member card ready, but not one person asked for it.	3/2/2018 11:02 AM

10	trying to log into app was a pain when you could not remember your username	3/1/2018 4:10 PM
11	I found the reminder about impassable roads sent out on Wednesday evening kind of cranky . Not exactly rolling up the welcome mat and swatting us with it, but close! The comment "not at all helpful" applies here.	3/1/2018 2:28 PM
12	Location of Alberta College was not clear enough. Maybe it needs to be highlighted on the sessions that are being held there??	3/1/2018 11:03 AM
13	-need brief infor. on paper re keynote speakers well in advance -an email with convention site link in it, emailed to all teachers -	3/1/2018 12:44 AM
14	A variety of sessions covering many topics.	2/28/2018 6:59 PM
15	The website is not great. I liked the app.	2/28/2018 6:06 PM
16	There were issues with the pre-registered sessions. The NCTCA website indicates they were full, while EventBrite still indicated availability. This makes things more confusing than they needed to be.	2/28/2018 3:05 PM
17	As a substitute I got an email about convention 5 days prior to the event. ALL of the pre registered sessions were long gone and no information was provided otherwise. I want to be able to go and keep up with the trends and what is happening just as much as teachers with contracts, but timely notification and communication on this would have been appreciated.	2/28/2018 12:12 AM
18	The teachers I work with did not read or take interest in the information presented until the last minute. That is no fault of the convention organizers. I love the idea of getting to know the Edmonton educational resources such as Telus Science Centre, Royal Alberta Museum and the tour of Roger's place. Thank-you!	2/27/2018 11:26 PM
19	Our rep did an awesome job and the convention team always does!	2/27/2018 9:30 PM
20	Pre registration is always confusing and a huge stress. I never get into the sessions I want.	2/27/2018 8:53 PM
21	ATA rep keeps staff informed	2/27/2018 8:25 PM
22	see above comments on cancelled or time changed sessions- annoying because communication depends on attendees continually being online;	2/27/2018 7:59 PM
23	As a presenter I was kept up to date on information I needed to know. Thank you very much!	2/27/2018 7:40 PM
24	I didn't know I was eligible to attend until St. Albert Public Schools emailed me a few days before the event. In the past substitutes have not always been allowed to attend.	2/27/2018 7:31 PM
25	Great website had it all	2/27/2018 7:06 PM
26	I like paper- once sessions are full, I found it difficult to navigate Sched to find a new session	2/27/2018 6:40 PM
27	We didn't really need our member card anywhere.	2/27/2018 5:31 PM
28	it was great after I signed up for something, I received an email about change of time or location.	2/27/2018 2:35 PM
29	I didn't receive any information about convention at all. I had to search for information about entry requirements, sessions, etc... but it wasn't difficult to find since I've been through it for many years.	2/27/2018 2:31 PM
30	Mixed information about the ATA member card needed for entry - first we were told that we needed to print it, then we were told that a screenshot on our smartphone would suffice. Regardless, I was not once asked to see my card.	2/27/2018 2:07 PM
31	Our convention person was late giving out the information on where to find the schedule, I'm knew to the district, when I googled at home I was unable to locate this. I found out through a colleague from my previous district. I should be able to find current convention info simply by googling "NCTCA 2018"	2/27/2018 1:54 PM

32	Did not have information early enough to register for pre register sessions.	2/27/2018 1:18 PM
33	I preferred being able to browse through the booklet of sessions that we used to get before everything went digital	2/27/2018 12:49 PM
34	We hardly heard anything and the mobile version of the website is glitchy	2/27/2018 12:39 PM
35	It was easy to login to the sessions I wanted to attend.	2/27/2018 12:37 PM
36	Preregistration was filled before I received the link Should be sent out in evening, not during work day	2/27/2018 12:25 PM
37	I prefere smallest convention with more naturel place. (Like Banff)	2/27/2018 12:07 PM
38	The directions for printing your ATA card were a little confusing.	2/27/2018 11:45 AM
39	The during and after communications was awesome. The initial sign up was found out by myself when I was subbing in a school only a couple of months before the conference	2/27/2018 11:37 AM
40	fine	2/27/2018 11:09 AM
41	- I would have liked to know when registration opened up for pre- registered sessions. I missed being able to register for them.	2/27/2018 10:47 AM
42	The sched app sucks. Sorting by color is awful. Bringing my ata card is silly, never got asked for it.	2/27/2018 10:42 AM
43	I appreciated the reminder emails as well as the opportunity to have "mysched" on my phone.	2/27/2018 10:35 AM
44	Thank you for not creating a pin or any other wasteful gadget to indicate that you are part of the convention. I appreciated that we only had to carry our ATA membership instead of wasting time and ressources on a pin or other that I will eventually throw out (or bring to the Reuse center) and will never decompose.	2/27/2018 10:34 AM
45	I appreciated just having to have my ATA card for checking attendance instead of having a pin/lanyard.	2/27/2018 10:32 AM
46	More information made available about preregistration session and when they open.	2/27/2018 10:30 AM
47	Like the reminders via email	2/27/2018 10:25 AM
48	I don't understand why the websites from previous years have not been disabled or archived. Very confusing when you are trying to build a schedule and check on keynotes. Many staff from my school were looking at the wrong year.	2/27/2018 10:24 AM
49	Shed Rocked thie year with ease of use and email updates!!!	2/27/2018 10:24 AM
50	Need to find a way the supply teachers can receive the emails.	2/27/2018 10:20 AM
51	My ATA representative was very informative and on sessions sign up.	2/27/2018 10:16 AM
52	I like the app	2/27/2018 10:11 AM
53	Directions and information once you were in the buildings was OK, though I did have a few sessions change venues, and it was not posted on the original venues location where it was moved to. It only had what the session was changed to.	2/21/2018 10:23 AM
54	Willy Wong;s session did not appear at the beginning of registration. I was disappointed to not get into his session	2/15/2018 2:17 PM
55	I tried to make my Convention decisions before a leave in December, only to find that the pre-registered sessions changed and there were many additions I missed that were then filled when I came back. I appreciate the Facebook outdates.	2/14/2018 8:47 PM
56	the little books with all the info that used to be given out were the best way to convey info	2/14/2018 5:17 PM

57	I appreciate that information about the Luncheon showed up in Sched for the first time. I don't think information about the play room or the maker-space was well communicated.	2/14/2018 4:53 PM
58	Website was good.	2/13/2018 9:55 AM
59	I liked how my schedule changes were quickly updated and available for me to access on my phone.	2/11/2018 3:44 PM
60	I really like the SCHED online service where we can select our sessions and receive an email with the personalized schedule.	2/11/2018 10:15 AM
61	I appreciated getting a card saying to print out my ATA card and how to do it.	2/10/2018 3:16 PM
62	If construction is ongoing next year, it would be useful to know which routes are blocked off and which parking facilities are not available...especially near Shaw.	2/10/2018 2:08 PM
63	It was good to get the emails early... the roadscenails were scary go to convention no matter what!! Sort of thing!! I had set up my program for the first day but could not get back in had to start over .. not sure why it would not recognize my email . I still was able to pick sessions anyway.	2/10/2018 10:15 AM
64	I still miss the book though.	2/10/2018 8:38 AM
65	Schedule was easy to use and email communications were timely.	2/10/2018 8:29 AM
66	I do like paper copies to plan my schedule, the app was difficult to navigate.	2/9/2018 9:08 PM
67	Pre-registration process was unusually convoluted, though it ended up working for me, some of my colleagues did not have much success.	2/9/2018 8:09 PM
68	Not satisfied with sched not having the most up to date address.	2/9/2018 7:35 PM
69	I didn't receive much at all before hand, but the schedule online was good.	2/9/2018 6:43 PM
70	The 'app' was not user friendly. I never did figure out how to get it on my screen.	2/9/2018 6:21 PM
71	Love the SCHED app. Love the tweets!	2/9/2018 5:46 PM
72	Would have liked more notice when the preregistered sessions opened	2/9/2018 5:43 PM
73	It seemed that some teachers knew that online registration had started well before I did.	2/9/2018 4:59 PM
74	Our local convention reps forgot to place the info cards in our mailboxes until quite late and so there was a panicked scramble to print ID cards and then no one even asked for them once - that was a bit frustrating	2/9/2018 4:13 PM
75	Easy to use the app	2/9/2018 3:51 PM
76	Loved the Facebook posts about the keynote speakers.	2/9/2018 3:12 PM
77	Never received the info to host, and find it difficult to locate information on submitting proposals to lead sessions.	2/9/2018 2:20 PM
78	I would love to be able to have a printed one or two page outline	2/8/2018 7:11 PM

Q25 To what degree did information you received from the following sources help you better prepare for convention?

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	NOT AT ALL HELPFUL	SLIGHTLY HELPFUL	SOMEWHAT HELPFUL	MODERATELY HELPFUL	EXTREMELY HELPFUL	N/A- I DID NOT RECEIVE INFORMATION FROM THIS SOURCE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Your school/local ATA representative(s)	1.7% 11	5.8% 38	10.0% 66	29.5% 195	47.0% 310	6.1% 40	660	4.22
Convention association members or executives	4.8% 32	4.1% 27	10.6% 70	23.0% 152	25.0% 165	32.4% 214	660	3.88
Alberta Teachers' Association staff	5.0% 33	4.1% 27	10.2% 67	21.2% 140	15.8% 104	43.8% 289	660	3.69
Printed materials distributed by the teachers' convention (such as brochures, posters, and school mailouts)	4.7% 31	8.6% 57	12.0% 79	24.5% 162	16.7% 110	33.5% 221	660	3.60
Printed materials distributed by the Alberta Teachers' Association (such as The ATA News, memos, and school mailouts)	6.5% 43	9.8% 65	13.5% 89	24.5% 162	16.2% 107	29.4% 194	660	3.48
District or personal email	3.3% 22	6.7% 44	12.4% 82	24.8% 164	35.5% 234	17.3% 114	660	4.00
The convention website	1.7% 11	4.5% 30	9.2% 61	25.9% 171	53.9% 356	4.7% 31	660	4.32
The ATA website	5.8% 38	5.9% 39	8.9% 59	20.0% 132	14.4% 95	45.0% 297	660	3.57
Convention social media accounts	5.3% 35	5.8% 38	8.0% 53	12.9% 85	16.8% 111	51.2% 338	660	3.62
ATA social media accounts	5.8% 38	5.3% 35	7.7% 51	11.7% 77	12.3% 81	57.3% 378	660	3.45
The convention's online/mobile app	3.8% 25	5.2% 34	6.1% 40	17.3% 114	45.3% 299	22.4% 148	660	4.23

Q26 Are there any communications strategies or tools that you highly recommend for next year's convention?

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Keep website as primary communication.	3/11/2018 10:17 PM
2	Live stream	3/7/2018 4:53 PM
3	Teachers convention is mandatory for teachers. The amount of money spent on "advertising" is most likely exorbitant and frivolous. It is up to teachers to look on the website to find sessions. I don't feel we need to be advertising for an event that we have to go to. If a teacher is unaware of convention, that is a site based issue. New staff should be asking questions of their school about convention.	3/7/2018 11:42 AM
4	An app that doesn't require me to add a website to my homepage	3/6/2018 10:09 AM
5	Local council reps giving information and the conference website	3/4/2018 2:51 PM
6	I'm a fan of e-mail. I actually wish the schools got more printed material though.	3/3/2018 5:08 PM
7	The NCTCA website.	3/3/2018 8:17 AM
8	Email through our ATA local	3/2/2018 5:36 PM
9	Missing the booklet...	3/2/2018 2:49 PM
10	bring back the book	3/2/2018 1:58 PM
11	I couldn't download an app for Sched, nor did I even know that there was an app for the convention.	3/1/2018 6:57 PM
12	The SCHED app was not easy to use; more adaptations to make the Convention site have more flow and fewer glitches would be helpful.	3/1/2018 11:20 AM
13	I thought sched was sufficient.	3/1/2018 11:03 AM
14	Bring back the paper programs and sell them to offset printing costs.	3/1/2018 7:47 AM
15	-small brochure re keynotes and popular speakers in advance	3/1/2018 12:44 AM
16	Love the app!	2/28/2018 8:57 PM
17	The ATA spends way too much money on mailouts. Email is just as effective.	2/28/2018 8:36 PM
18	Paper schedule/program.	2/28/2018 7:02 PM
19	The app again	2/28/2018 6:59 PM
20	Would prefer paper copy of available sessions (at least a few per school)	2/28/2018 6:34 PM

21	An app would be better. The website isn't phone friendly.	2/28/2018 6:06 PM
22	Lots of teachers at my school mentioned they missed not having a convention app for the NCTCA.	2/28/2018 2:14 PM
23	Sched	2/28/2018 1:58 PM
24	All information was of value.	2/27/2018 11:26 PM
25	This is my first year teaching in a long time (about 10 years) so I'm not sure what the best way to communicate to me is. I was so busy with just planning that looking into Convention things was put on the back burner until a few weeks beforehand. I am just extremely thankful for our school ATA rep and for her helping me and reminding me about convention and what to do.	2/27/2018 10:20 PM
26	Sched is the best app around and you already use it	2/27/2018 9:30 PM
27	I will look in advance next year.	2/27/2018 7:31 PM
28	Don't mess with the website and app it's great !!!!	2/27/2018 7:06 PM
29	I like convention online schedule	2/27/2018 7:02 PM
30	keep improving the website	2/27/2018 3:33 PM
31	Clear communication about the card/printout that is required for entry. And if the card is NEVER going to be checked, don't bother telling us that we need to have it.	2/27/2018 2:07 PM
32	Make it easily findable through simple google searches	2/27/2018 1:54 PM
33	I like a book.	2/27/2018 1:42 PM
34	Website is so poorly organized, hard to find sessions and set up a schedule.	2/27/2018 1:18 PM
35	If I had relied on the wireless network I would have been lost. I had printed my program and people were asking to use my copy.	2/27/2018 1:08 PM
36	I got on chat to ask questions about linking up my cellphone etc. and it was great!	2/27/2018 12:44 PM
37	An actual app that works well.	2/27/2018 12:39 PM
38	Need something on paper. Hard to find keynotes in online program	2/27/2018 12:25 PM
39	I wish the 'app' was an actual app. The website takes a long time to load and I feel like an app would be much more efficient. That being said, I know it is expensive and I would rather money be spent on presenters.	2/27/2018 11:34 AM
40	I would like to see a paper copy book that listed all of the sessions and more about the keynotes. I always find it hard to find information about the key note speakers and what they are speaking about. I do like the app still though to make a schedule, but lots of people still enjoy a paper copy book to keep with them.	2/27/2018 11:31 AM
41	It was enough for us to know . . .	2/27/2018 11:17 AM
42	-pamphlet and emails with the site /link ready to use!!!	2/27/2018 11:09 AM
43	The app was great!	2/27/2018 11:06 AM
44	I like the mobile app.	2/27/2018 11:01 AM
45	like the app	2/27/2018 10:45 AM
46	Charging stations?	2/27/2018 10:37 AM

47	I liked using the mobile schedule although I did have some minor issues when I tried to send feedback on a session; the app would freeze and I would have to reload my calendar to get to the next one to evaluate.	2/27/2018 10:28 AM
48	Ensure that the right year's schedule is up online when the convention starts.	2/27/2018 10:20 AM
49	Loved the live stream in the foyer	2/27/2018 10:14 AM
50	Direct email works best for me.	2/27/2018 10:13 AM
51	I could not print off the descriptions of sessions this year. I am a paper person who can't read well off a phone. I could print off the titles, but was hoping for more.	2/27/2018 10:12 AM
52	Keeping the app. Most useful of all.	2/27/2018 10:10 AM
53	Definitely social media	2/14/2018 8:47 PM
54	bring back the little convention books	2/14/2018 5:17 PM
55	I did appreciate the cancellation notices and room change notices sent by Sched.	2/14/2018 4:53 PM
56	I would like to receive a printed booklet of the sessions for convention.	2/12/2018 9:33 AM
57	An early reminder to purchase associate/guest memberships..	2/11/2018 3:44 PM
58	I think that presenters really need to make their materials available on the NCTCA website. There were sessions I attended that after arriving late I did not get the handout. Also, there were some detailed presentations that had information I would like to review and study. I think the ATA sessions especially need to provide the materials online. (Teacher Time - What is it and how do I count it?) A big thank you to Leah Ettarh who presented at Tackling Community Issues in the Classroom: Designing Projects for Change! as she provided the course materials on her session page so that teachers who are logged in can download them. This let me port the materials to my Google Drive so that I have easy access in the future to implement the strategy.	2/11/2018 10:15 AM
59	A search tool for web site/ app	2/11/2018 4:08 AM
60	On convention website have a link to special instructions (how to print member card if needed next year).	2/10/2018 2:08 PM
61	I really like the app, but it was annoying that if you connected through facebook, when it came time to view on the app, you had to get an email link sent to you and reset your password instead of just being able to click login with facebook again.	2/10/2018 10:51 AM
62	No just need to learn to access ones already there and make the time to use them .	2/10/2018 10:15 AM
63	I like print	2/10/2018 10:14 AM
64	I still miss the book.	2/10/2018 8:38 AM
65	Simplify the pre-registration process. Put all info on the same page so we don't have to click between multiple pages to compare sessions, see price and availability, etc to choose sessions and sign up.	2/9/2018 8:09 PM
66	Better organization of sessions—for example, when I searched for Math sessions I got all kinds of sessions that weren't Math.	2/9/2018 6:56 PM
67	- Printed materials - More info on convention social media accounts (I didn't even see these, but definitely would have followed them had I known)	2/9/2018 6:43 PM
68	A printed book of sessions again would be amazing.	2/9/2018 5:47 PM
69	No.	2/9/2018 4:56 PM

70	I must say that I do miss the printed program - it was just nice to have it in hand and not need to go online all the time	2/9/2018 4:13 PM
71	Sched is good and sends my schedule each day.	2/9/2018 3:03 PM
72	All the build up and panic about printing / providing ATA membership cards was for nothing - not once was I asked to show my proof of membership.	2/9/2018 2:22 PM
73	It would be nice to be able to see a hard copy without having to login to a website or app. Some people work better with tangible printouts. A one page at a glance per day would be nice	2/9/2018 2:18 PM
74	Getting more alerts or information about when sessions are available to sign up for.	2/9/2018 12:21 PM

Q27 Please provide any other suggestions or comments you have about convention communications here.

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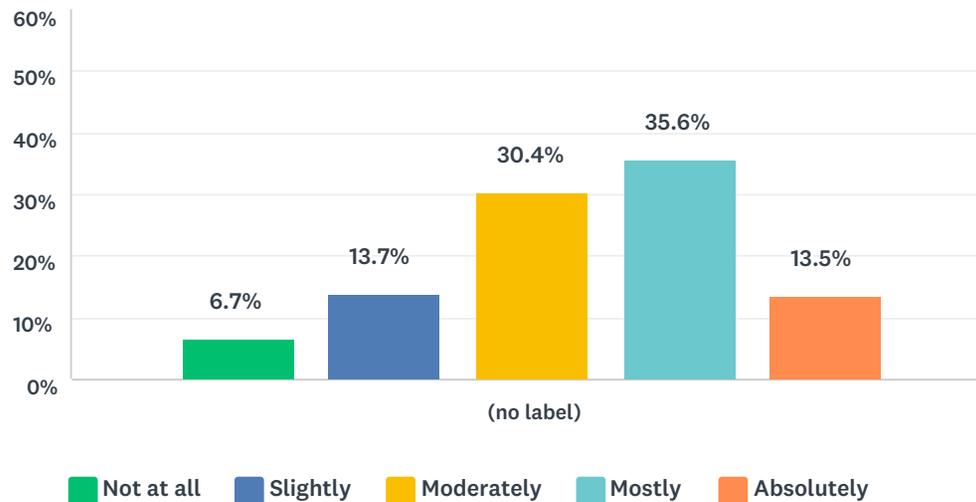
#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	I had some difficulty changing my schedule by dropping a session and had to contact one of the convention members to help me take care of it. I also find it difficult to access my account to review my schedule and location of sessions.	3/9/2018 6:58 PM
2	If I die on the roads I have instructed my family to sue so that my family can afford to care for my children, since attendance is mandatory.	3/7/2018 4:53 PM
3	Insisting that we have our ata membership card printed but then not checking it once seemed a little lame.	3/6/2018 10:09 AM
4	I would like you to think about the huge expense of the newspapers and magazines? They have got to be a huge expense that goes right into my garbage because most of the time I don't have time to read it. Please think about at least cutting this expense of these things by only sending 5? copies per school to be shared in the staffroom with the eventual discontinuation of the waste of all this. I can't be the only one chucking these papers without reading them. I didn't realize you had social media accounts.	3/4/2018 2:16 PM
5	Not everyone likes or uses twitter or Facebook.	3/3/2018 8:02 PM
6	It was a bit of a pain trying to print off ID for convention and then it wasn't checked at all. I liked getting something physical to carry around. Also, I do miss the booklets so that I can scan and write notes in it.	3/3/2018 5:08 PM
7	French media	3/3/2018 4:20 PM
8	The convention website needs to have a thorough check of the site map done as various pages contained out of date information regarding the schedule and there is no explanation of what it means to "log in" to the convention website.	3/2/2018 5:36 PM
9	The app needs to be able to update from year to year. Needed to delete & reload to get correct info.	3/1/2018 8:53 PM
10	An app would be great, and if there was one, more prominent links to download it.	3/1/2018 6:57 PM
11	Evaluations were so easy this year. Thanks!	3/1/2018 11:03 AM
12	Improve the website. It's not user-friendly at all. The online/mobile app is useless. It's never worked on my phone.	3/1/2018 7:47 AM
13	I find the convention website difficult to use. It is not overly user friendly. I would like a clear distinction on keynote speakers. Every year I struggle with navigating the website.	2/28/2018 9:44 AM
14	I believe that substitute teachers should be informed when everyone else is about convention. I only knew what was happening sooner than my email, because I asked and went looking for the information.	2/28/2018 12:12 AM
15	Why can't keynotes be designated in the program? We always have to search up by venue in order to see which are the keynote speakers.	2/27/2018 8:43 PM
16	Why did I need to download an ATA card and etc.? I saw no security anywhere and was never asked for my card	2/27/2018 8:25 PM

17	Sessions overlapped too much over the lunch hours. Lunch hours are an excellent source of networking at convention but there was also so many good sessions scheduled for that time.	2/27/2018 7:47 PM
18	Keep the app, it was great.	2/27/2018 7:31 PM
19	PLease on the app, it would be great if the schedule « erases « the sessions already passed	2/27/2018 3:15 PM
20	The information on the 2018 convention was difficult to find; the Google link took users directly to last year's convention information and how to download the app and build the schedule was not intuitive of user-friendly.	2/27/2018 12:31 PM
21	Love the app. Remember the days where we had to walk around with our booklets? People were mad when that was discontinued. Now look at how far we've come!	2/27/2018 12:00 PM
22	Sched is a great tool for the convention. Very handy and easy to navigate.	2/27/2018 11:47 AM
23	The app was wonderful!	2/27/2018 11:33 AM
24	-more small paper handouts w/ brief description of keynote speakers	2/27/2018 11:09 AM
25	None	2/27/2018 10:37 AM
26	The app stopped working halfway through convention for me, and several other people I ran into. It was a great idea, but some bug fixes seem to be in order.	2/14/2018 8:35 PM
27	I thought the message about Safe Travel to convention was received as heavy-handed. Yes it is appropriate to remind teachers, and I understand the timing because of the storm, but maybe do this earlier, or on the mynctca website.	2/14/2018 4:53 PM
28	The feedback tool for sessions did not work on the App or website.	2/11/2018 8:26 PM
29	keep up the good work.. and thanks.	2/11/2018 3:44 PM
30	Thank you for allowing members to attend convention with their ATA membership card. The pins that were required at previous conventions were an unnecessary expense and generated material waste.	2/11/2018 10:15 AM
31	Our Ata rep was wonderful with updates and reminders ! That was Kim N from Edson	2/10/2018 10:15 AM
32	Option to purchase a program book?	2/10/2018 8:38 AM
33	Nice to have reduced security for convention	2/10/2018 6:25 AM
34	More Kindergarten sessions.	2/9/2018 9:08 PM
35	Great job again this year! Thank you!	2/9/2018 7:50 PM
36	Make sure sched has the most up to date address for all sessions. Enjoyed the information about the keynotes before convention on social media	2/9/2018 7:35 PM
37	Printed materials to go out to schools in advance so that teachers can start thinking about and planning their convention sessions easily	2/9/2018 6:43 PM
38	prefer the ease of a printed convention booklet	2/9/2018 5:32 PM
39	Work through local ATA reps and email.	2/9/2018 4:56 PM
40	Just ensure that the materials required for entry - it was very frustrating for local reps to reinforce the need for a member card and the panic that ensued to then have no one look even once for it all conference	2/9/2018 4:13 PM

41	I never receive information on ore-registered session in enough time before they are full	2/9/2018 2:18 PM
42	Getting more information about the sessions earlier would be nice, because signing up for certain sessions that later were edited and clarified for content meant that I had to then change my schedule very close to convention days, and most everything is booked up.	2/9/2018 12:21 PM

Q28 Were your current professional learning needs met by the teachers' convention that you attended this year?

Answered: 657 Skipped: 76



#	IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO EXPLAIN YOUR ANSWER, YOU MAY DO SO HERE.	DATE
1	There was little to support my PGP.	3/17/2018 8:27 AM
2	Some sessions were repeats of things I already knew, so they did not help improve my teaching practice, while others provided new ideas I can incorporate into my classroom.	3/13/2018 2:46 PM
3	Too many things were geared to junior and senior high level students. Not enough elementary especially Div II.	3/11/2018 11:41 PM
4	I find convention brings me relevant and practical information that I can use in my role I just wish I could get to all the sessions I want !	3/4/2018 9:41 PM
5	Because of the wide area NCTCA serves, it is hard for the people partake in the whole convention and get home at a decent time on often traitorous highways. I am tired of missing out on the sessions that I am really interested in but don't attend for safety reasons.	3/4/2018 3:27 PM
6	As an Early Educator with many years experience there were very few sessions I was interested in attending that focussed on the unique perspective of play and smaller children that were not run by experts in their field. Their were some by colleagues that were more geared for new teachers or those new to teaching Kindergarten.	3/4/2018 10:46 AM
7	I didn't see anything for second languages so I went to general sessions which was informative but not really subject specific.	3/3/2018 5:09 PM

8	The sessions put on by the Makokis family on truth and reconciliation were without question the highest-quality learning experience I have had in years. They were genuine and authentic, and so incredibly knowledgeable. I feel that the knowledge they share should be offered on an ongoing basis. WOW! Phenomenal.	3/2/2018 2:30 PM
9	more math material- in particular assessment	3/2/2018 2:20 PM
10	Attended some fantastic sessions that had a lot of hands of ideas.	3/2/2018 11:55 AM
11	Most sessions just gave a taste for a topic, but were not long enough to gain a lot of insight.	3/1/2018 10:14 PM
12	There was nothing really, for a Photography teacher.	3/1/2018 6:59 PM
13	As I have said before, the amount of sessions offered to a senior high science teacher such as myself were minuscule compared to the amount of sessions offered in other discipline areas. Additionally, many of the very small number of relevant sessions are ones that are very similar to those I have attended before, leaving me with even fewer options for professional growth.	3/1/2018 4:02 PM
14	I am retiring in June so I was just happy to see some excellent keynote speakers!	3/1/2018 12:50 PM
15	Reasons outlined in previous answers.	3/1/2018 11:35 AM
16	The full day welding course at Sturgeon Composite was extremely well run and helpful. I would highly recommend this type of an experience to anyone in the CTS Trades and Technology stream of education. Unfortunately I miss all of the sessions that I had an interest in because they were offered on the same day. I would like to extend a huge kudos to the instructors at Sturgeon well done.	3/1/2018 8:53 AM
17	-young children should not be attending convention reminders to teachers	3/1/2018 12:45 AM
18	The sessions are all introductions. Most teachers need more than an introduction.	2/28/2018 8:37 PM
19	In 2018, it is unbelievable that we still have to spend 2 days in person everyone at the same time, at the same place, doing the same things, there is so much more options :(with the technology.	2/28/2018 8:16 PM
20	I wanted to see more sessions more specific to French Immersion and/or early childhood education (Kindergarten).	2/28/2018 4:44 PM
21	Too big a convention. Not enough quality sessions that specialize in my field. Too small of rooms for the number of people. Only quick snapshots instead of in depth sessions.	2/28/2018 4:12 PM
22	I needed more things for a learning support/inclusion teacher and found those subjects severely lacking!	2/28/2018 4:10 PM
23	Again, more quality early learning sessions would be great. Having been in this field for several years, I find the information presented in a couple of the early learning sessions was fairly basic, and I didn't learn anything new.	2/28/2018 3:49 PM
24	I like to go to sessions that are specific to my grade level or primary based. If they are geared to the higher levels they do not have many ideas to help with the younger students.	2/28/2018 2:59 PM
25	There are so many professional learning needs, as there is always something new to learn, that no one convention can possibly address them all. I consider teachers' convention sessions an introduction to most topics, or a brief insight into a thought or program. What I learn there leads me to deeper investigations.	2/28/2018 12:31 PM
26	There was nothing. I considered it a total waste of time. It would be better spent teaching or developing curriculum for which we receive hardly no time in the contract and instead do it at home. Every one I talked to said home much a colossal waste of time it was except the session where you could do an exchange. What does that say about the membership? What does that say about the ATA?	2/28/2018 11:57 AM

27	Coming from Ontario, this convention is an absolute bonus! It encourages professional development, camaraderie, and an appreciation of the Edmonton area resources. /there is certainly nothing like it in Ontario that I am aware of. Thank-you for the time and effort that this valued Convention provides for teachers/educators.	2/27/2018 11:29 PM
28	I found that most sessions that were relevant or interesting to me were all around the same time periods or overlapped so I was unable to see all of them. Then other large chunks of time I was unable to find choices that were beneficial or relevant for me.	2/27/2018 8:46 PM
29	I was only able to attend and present on Friday, so didn't get an opportunity to participate in other sessions.	2/27/2018 7:42 PM
30	Couldn't make a couple sessions due to conflicts	2/27/2018 7:07 PM
31	The sessions I was interested in were always full. I was able to attend one session I was interested in because I got there a half hour early	2/27/2018 7:04 PM
32	Not very many interesting or pertinent sessions for math 7-9 teachers	2/27/2018 6:21 PM
33	Unfortunately the cancellation of several presentors due to the weather meant I was not able to go to all of the sessions I was most interested in.	2/27/2018 5:40 PM
34	I really focused on my understanding of the ATA in the profession. Those sessions were helpful.	2/27/2018 4:49 PM
35	I know I've said it a lot but that drama session was the most impactful thing I've seen offered in theatre in almost a decade.	2/27/2018 4:13 PM
36	Not enough CTS professional development.	2/27/2018 3:08 PM
37	My professional learning wasn't met at all, but in some aspects I don't mind. Convention doesn't necessarily have to feed my professional learning when it can feed my personal learning. With that said, I've never had many great sessions over the years that would feed my area of professional learning. I treat convention as a possible wellness break and try to focus on attending keynote speakers.	2/27/2018 2:38 PM
38	Couldn't get into the ones I wanted...too full...	2/27/2018 2:22 PM
39	There was little that interested me	2/27/2018 2:05 PM
40	I feel like I get more value out of school PD sessions and specialist council conferences, as well as PD sessions offered by ERLC, etc.	2/27/2018 1:37 PM
41	I unfortunately didn't get to attend some of my sessions due to the amount of traffic trying to get there and the overcrowded rooms so my professional needs were not met.	2/27/2018 12:57 PM
42	Last years was excellent, this year too many that would apply to the same subject were scheduled at the same time.	2/27/2018 12:50 PM
43	Would feather have money to choose my own PD Convention wats a ton of money	2/27/2018 12:27 PM
44	I'd like more sessions for early childhood.	2/27/2018 12:19 PM
45	I find that these sessions give me a good overview but it is my desire to know more so I do far more reading afterward than I did in my early teaching years.	2/27/2018 12:01 PM
46	I make my own successful experience happen!	2/27/2018 11:31 AM
47	There were no sessions for band teachers.	2/27/2018 11:30 AM
48	Not enough sessions to support my areas of interest.	2/27/2018 11:13 AM
49	-need how to and consequences for attacks on social media by parents	2/27/2018 11:10 AM

50	Wish there was more :)	2/27/2018 11:05 AM
51	Total waste of time.	2/27/2018 10:51 AM
52	Loved Shelley Moore, appreciated the session on calculating assignable, instructional time, as well as the session with the ATA President and the Education Minister, where people could ask questions. I think that particular session should be in a larger venue and for a longer period of time, perhaps divided into issue sections. I wish there had been more "educational" keynote speakers, that both improve practice and entertain and enlighten.	2/27/2018 10:48 AM
53	-I would like to have more music sessions.	2/27/2018 10:48 AM
54	I would like to spend two days working intensively in one area and come away with bankable skills. I would like to have a certificate of learning or training that I can put on my resume or build toward my masters. I would prefer to see convention be a week long every second year and the course work (which I am willing to pay for) be applied to my degree requirements. I find that the two days turns into one long lunch, with little that appeals to me.	2/27/2018 10:44 AM
55	I wanted sessions on Immersion such as guided math and reading which is different that in English.	2/27/2018 10:41 AM
56	More assessment sessions and First Nations Metis and Inuit sessions.	2/27/2018 10:34 AM
57	Would have liked more CTS foods options, but I think overall, there was something for everyone.	2/27/2018 10:15 AM
58	The chance to connect with past and present colleagues away from school is always appreciated.	2/27/2018 10:15 AM
59	There were no sessions that I wanted to attend. I attended sessions for the fact of attending sessions.	2/27/2018 10:13 AM
60	Scheduling choices! All at the same time slot	2/27/2018 10:11 AM
61	Full sessions due to space constraints that's especially frustrating when you've mapped out your schedule and then have holes to fill.	2/27/2018 10:11 AM
62	I was disappointed that the Guided Math session had to be cancelled, but I understand that it was a family emergency.	2/27/2018 10:09 AM
63	I got very little out of the few sessions I was even able to attend, due to the scheduling conflicts and difficulties finding my way around to the different buildings with sessions that even applied to my teaching assignment and sessions that I have not been to before.	2/21/2018 10:26 AM
64	I attended the new teacher seminar hoping that it would give me some tips and ideas on how to plan better, be smarter at marking, etc. Instead I got told that the way I am feeling and all of the things that I am having to go through is normal and experienced by many. I personally didn't find this helpful.	2/20/2018 8:54 PM
65	I had a really difficult time choosing sessions this time. I usually read through for anything that grabs me, nothing. then I look for sessions that could help me be a more current teacher. Nothing. Then I looked for sessions that I could painlessly attend. Nothing. Then I just chose sessions, so that I could say I attended. I enjoyed my prepaid session, but 55 was really steep for what we got. I do believe she was making up her costs from last year.	2/15/2018 2:24 PM
66	I went to some good sessions but so many overlapped that I didn't get to go to all of the ones I wanted to. Also, having an idea of how long the Partner's luncheon would be would have allowed me to better plan Friday afternoon. The speaker kind of had to cut his speech short, he should have been allowed more time.	2/14/2018 8:48 PM
67	I am doing PD on brain-development and brain based learning disabilities. I found the sessions on this were limited or were subjects I had already covered.	2/14/2018 4:57 PM

68	Needed math 30 written component session	2/12/2018 1:58 PM
69	2 out of my 5 workshops will be usefull in the future.	2/12/2018 12:28 PM
70	More sessions/opportunities to learn about robotics. I couldn't make the 1 in the a.m.	2/11/2018 3:47 PM
71	The music and special ed sessions were done well. However, I still struggle to find Division 2 relevant sessions...most are either for grades lower or Senior High....	2/11/2018 3:31 PM
72	I had a great time at NCTCA 2018. I've been going since NCTCA 2015 and this year was the best!	2/11/2018 10:25 AM
73	Loved all the Health and Wellness options not just for students but for staff	2/11/2018 8:10 AM
74	I would like work time to work on my goals and information learned at convention	2/11/2018 4:10 AM
75	I am a music specialist and there were several sessions provided in both english and french. I love this!!	2/10/2018 3:16 PM
76	So much of my planning time is spent creating adapted activities to accommodate my students. I'd like resources or tips to help me.	2/10/2018 2:22 PM
77	I am a music teacher and there are not a lot of sessions that specifically apply to music. One of the sessions was a repeat from last year. Over the past few years the music presenters are often the same people presenting similar or the same resources; teaching music when you are not a music specialist & music for Kindergarten teachers. Good sessions but repeated quite a few times over the past few years. There are interesting and inspiring keynotes and sessions that apply generally to teaching that are great. This year Garth Prince and Nicole Lafrenière had great "hands on" sessions with activities that could be used in the classroom.	2/10/2018 11:46 AM
78	More music sessions please.	2/10/2018 8:39 AM
79	Every session I affected was excellent!	2/10/2018 8:30 AM
80	The two sessions I attended(total of 4 hrs) were very useful and could be used in my class on Monday. The problem—I had no other ones to go to....slim pickings AGAIN this year.	2/9/2018 7:01 PM
81	I was looking for teacher wellness programs and I got them.	2/9/2018 6:51 PM
82	Some amazing sessions, some poor ones.	2/9/2018 6:44 PM
83	Professional learning can only be partially met through lecture-style presentations. Experience grappling with PD is an important component that is unaddressed by Teachers' Convention.	2/9/2018 5:48 PM
84	So many sessions I wanted to take but were scheduled at the same time...	2/9/2018 4:57 PM
85	More professional development for administrator would be nice	2/9/2018 4:18 PM
86	Brand new teacher, no idea what to do. Due to timing of hire, never attended any other convention (including beginning teacher conference). Bit of guidance would have been helpful, or at least knowing who to ask about different sessions to figure out if it was what I needed (some sessions attended weren't quite what was looking for)	2/9/2018 12:23 PM

Q29 If you'd like to provide any other comments or feedback to convention planners, you may do so here.

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Please have the Pub night on Thursday instead of Wednesday. Some people are travelling on Wednesday or don't want to make an extra trip into downtown. We are already there on Thursday and can just stay for the evening.	3/12/2018 7:32 AM
2	Make it more if a fun experience! Our jobs are so bogged down with the negative and too many teachers are burning out. Make convention a way to get teachers pumped and to remind them what they live about their profession. Let them be kids too. The bouncy obstacle course was a great way to have fun!	3/11/2018 11:41 PM
3	Prizes? (Reply to next question, as there was no place there to respond!) We should not ever have to be bribed to meet our professional obligations. But if I had won a prize, I would have taken it, if just to gloat. :)	3/11/2018 10:20 PM
4	I would like to see more pertinent sessions related to Kindergarten. I find the workshops offered through the ECEC to be much more beneficial to my professional development.	3/9/2018 6:59 PM
5	So much of my PD is always based on what my division wants so I really love Convention because I can choose what I want to do. Thank you for all your hard work!	3/4/2018 1:07 PM
6	It was overall pretty good. I also enjoyed Wayne Arthurson. He was quite informative. I enjoyed the keynotes quite a bit.	3/3/2018 5:09 PM
7	We should have the opportunity to try it out	3/3/2018 8:18 AM
8	Perhaps the number of teachers being served by the one convention is too large. Could it be reduced and moved to a more accessible location?	3/1/2018 10:14 PM
9	Scale it down.	3/1/2018 5:29 PM
10	Whatever money is being spent on big name keynote speakers without any substantial relevance to the teaching profession needs to be redirected towards finding appropriate and relevant presentations for teachers in their subject areas. I do not appreciate being forced to attend a convention, at my own expense, that gives me little to no benefit as an educator.	3/1/2018 4:02 PM
11	Good job on having teachers use their ATA card as ID for Convention: less expense and hassle Please have student teachers be allowed to attend Convention; this year my ST was not allowed to attend due to ?? not sure exactly why??? ATA has our personal emails; please send Convention News directly to personal emails so we can pre plan/pre register individually. Sometimes ATA representatives are not sharing this in a timely manner.	3/1/2018 11:23 AM
12	Alex Russell is one of my favourite speakers, but I was somewhat disappointed that his keynote was identical to the one he gave the last time he was here :(3/1/2018 11:04 AM
13	The food boots in the hallways should not sell food at a so expensive price. 2 sandwiches, 2 pops and a bag of chips: almost 25\$. It does not make sense. It is difficult to find a place to eat at the convention center when everybody goes at the same time so we have to look for other sources but not at that price. It is crazy!	2/28/2018 8:25 PM

14	I would like to suggest two names from a convention in Winnipeg: Phyllis Dalley: construction identitaire "J'ai mal à ma langue" université d'Ottawa and Justin Johnson président de la jeunesse canadienne française, il est Métis.	2/28/2018 8:16 PM
15	President Social. Loved the venue.	2/28/2018 1:59 PM
16	I liked how it was the ATA card for entrance this year so no money was spent on anything else.	2/28/2018 9:52 AM
17	Please consider the possibility of having teacher's convention at the beginning of the year so we can implement ideas and strategies from the start.	2/28/2018 9:45 AM
18	not once was I asked to show my ATA ID card, how much security was there?	2/27/2018 11:28 PM
19	Thank you to the volunteers and ATA members working on our behalf.	2/27/2018 10:36 PM
20	I would love to see North Central combine with another district to make a bigger convention. Couldn't we afford more expensive speakers that way, like a Dylan Wiliam or Rick Wormeli or other big name?	2/27/2018 9:56 PM
21	From a presenters point of view I felt well informed and taken care of prior to arriving in Edmonton and while at the convention. Thank you for all the communication, the lovely breakfast and lunch and your hospitality!	2/27/2018 7:42 PM
22	Have the. At a president and Ed minister at a 9 or 10 am time	2/27/2018 7:07 PM
23	I found many of the keynote speakers to be very interesting and enjoyable to listen to. I got a lot out of these sessions. However, I found very few sessions that pertain to my area of work. Those that were available often overlapped with others I'd like to see or were put in rooms that were not big enough.	2/27/2018 4:58 PM
24	How do you make teachers more accountable for attending Convention sessions? A LOT of time, energy, and resources (money) go into making this a successful event and I am disappointed that many teachers either do not attend at all or use it as a social gathering for two days and spend it in local establishments.	2/27/2018 3:22 PM
25	It would be nice if planners might start to consider options for travelers who have to combat the downtown congestion... pre-booked parking, completely different convention venues, perhaps specific convention shuttles from the edges of the city running multiple times per day? Or providing exact transit routes that would need to be taken from a variety of locations around the city (with the current costs to take them) to remove the guess work.	2/27/2018 2:38 PM
26	I signed up for a lot of sessions which ended up being moved and then conflicted with other sessions I wanted to attend. As a result, I ended up only hitting half of the sessions. It did give me time to network, but those sessions I missed would have been great to go to.	2/27/2018 2:36 PM
27	More focus on Early Education - Pre-Kindergarten	2/27/2018 2:09 PM
28	Instead of just having lecture sessions, create opportunities for sharing and collaboration.	2/27/2018 2:05 PM
29	One good speaker would be Gordon Neufeld or Gabor Mate on attachment Loved the sessions—I found lots that applied to me. Admin ones were held in rooms that were too small. Wish that it wasn't so spread out between Westin and convention center. Really liked the Westin sask. room setup—long skinny tables so lots of people could fit in with tables to write on. Thanks for all of the hard work you do for convention!	2/27/2018 1:05 PM
30	I like the Wellness aspect you introduced this year. But it needs to be longer - went to the inflatable things and they were being packed up already. Also like the idea of massages, but they seem to pack up early and take long lunch breaks. Went at 11:45 on Friday, and they told me they were going on their lunch break and come back after 1:00pm - either stagger lunch breaks or short lunch breaks. Teachers never get a hour off for lunch Thank you for all you do - it is a big project to get everything in order	2/27/2018 12:57 PM

31	I was not satisfied with various workshop cancellations last minute. It was hard for me to find one that related to my profession last minute.	2/27/2018 12:43 PM
32	I know you all put in a lot of blood sweat and tears. Thank you for your passion and commitment	2/27/2018 12:27 PM
33	Thank you for all your hard work. I am forever grateful to have such an opportunity to learn, meet and network with my colleagues!	2/27/2018 12:01 PM
34	Focus on Mental Health was a great addition to Convention.	2/27/2018 11:48 AM
35	I would love to see a format or space where teachers can post their expertise and have 15-30 minutes to share - without being an official presenter. This might open up opportunity for teachers to collaborate and share resources. This could also help to eliminate the criticism that "there was nothing for me'.	2/27/2018 11:38 AM
36	More sitting space in sessions! Year after year these rooms are way to packed full and if we are really wanting to attend that session and go 30 minutes early we should still have a seat.	2/27/2018 11:32 AM
37	I would like to see a session or round table discussion for band teachers. Even if it was a round table type set up. It would be great for networking with other band teachers outside of my school division.	2/27/2018 11:30 AM
38	It is a hard job to please everyone and if we take one or two things away then I think that is a step in a positive direction.	2/27/2018 11:17 AM
39	-need more speakers like Wade, Unsocial Media	2/27/2018 11:10 AM
40	It was nice not to need a bracelet or alternate ID card.	2/27/2018 11:02 AM
41	Thank you so much to everyone on all of the convention planning committees. You work incredibly hard, in a bit of a thankless job, to put together two days of incredible professional learning that teachers look forward to every year. Your dedication and professionalism and enthusiasm for this work is very much appreciated. Thank you!	2/27/2018 10:48 AM
42	The ATA needs to complete their evaluation on Teachers' Convention as a whole and seriously rethink their approach. Step #1 is to move away from ad hoc committees of the ATA. The ATA says it has dual purpose as union and the Professional Branch of the profession, but when it comes to Convention and Specialist Councils, it's all on the backs of ad hoc committees / volunteers rather than the central body itself. In essence, the ATA is not providing my professional needs, a valiant group of volunteers are. As a profession, we need to step up and demand that we professionalize our Professional Development Processes. Step#2 - Specialist councils also spend ridiculous amounts of money putting on subject/area specific conferences. Why can't the conventions work in tandem with the councils to provide subject specific speakers at certain grade levels? Have the Math council run Math sessions at each Teachers' Convention for example.	2/27/2018 10:45 AM
43	I feel this large convention is outdated and time to change so that people can take PD that is of interest to them. I was denied an amazing opportunity as alternative PD because the convention board thought I could take this training elsewhere. I feel we would be better off using the money put into convention if we could choose what we want to do and still be held accountable for attending sessions.	2/27/2018 10:41 AM
44	Keynote speaker on resiliency needs to speak again.	2/27/2018 10:38 AM
45	In the past I have been heavily involved in the convention Committee. This was my first year in a long time that I have not had that role, and was able to attend a lot more sessions. I thoroughly enjoyed that opportunity, and it's given me a new appreciation for the hard work that the convention committee does every year. Keep up the good work.	2/27/2018 10:36 AM
46	I would have liked more time to ask questions at the session with Minister Eggen and Greg Jeffery.	2/27/2018 10:30 AM

47	Need to be able to have choice as to our PD. Big convention can't meet all needs. It is too general. Lots of time is wasted going from venue to venue and then the rooms are often too small or have to miss on sessions (leaving early or getting there late). Too expensive to go downtown. Parking difficult.	2/27/2018 10:28 AM
48	Really enjoyed the Minister of Education session	2/27/2018 10:19 AM
49	I heard that U of A education students received passes to attend conference this year. I do not know if this is in fact true or not. However, if this is the case, and several sessions that teachers already working in the profession were not able to attend because they were full, it would be upsetting if they were full of students. Perhaps not giving passes to students would free up space for educators already working in the profession and who have a professional obligation to attend conference.	2/27/2018 10:18 AM
50	Make sure that sessions for each category are spread out throughout the convention.	2/27/2018 10:17 AM
51	I think you do a fabulous job and we are lucky to have you organize such a great event. Thank you and I'm already looking forward to next year.	2/27/2018 10:15 AM
52	Do you check with presenters to see if the room was too small, for future planning?	2/27/2018 10:11 AM
53	I hate the weekend. It is right after the beginning of a new term. We are the first convention driving in winter weather from far away.	2/20/2018 7:40 PM
54	I shouldn't have to depend on prepaid sessions to enjoy Teacher's Convention, but that is exactly what I have had to do for the past 10 years.	2/15/2018 2:24 PM
55	Could we have a round dance in the Shaw? I bet most of our teachers have never seen one.	2/14/2018 4:57 PM
56	Early February weather is horrible. Always cold. A convention later would be so much more enjoyable	2/12/2018 10:28 PM
57	Bring in a presenter from MCATA conference	2/12/2018 1:58 PM
58	one session I tried to attend - Self-regulation beyond the Zones - was overfull and I could not get in. This topic is obviously key for teachers today and thus needs more focus and a bigger room.	2/11/2018 9:20 PM
59	I am not convinced that having all teachers travel from out of town to downtown Edmonton to attend Convention is the most cost effective and efficient way for the ATA to support it's members in providing opportunities for professional growth. The ATA needs to investigate more modern ways of providing professional learning to teachers that does not require physical presence in a specific location. I found myself extremely frustrated at having to navigate downtown traffic congestion, find parking, and walk back and forth outside in cold weather to attend sessions in multiple locations. The downtown pedway is not clearly marked for those who are less familiar with it and I found myself unsure where to go and had to backtrack more than once. An additional negative aspect was the added cost of parking and outrageous prices for food items at the Shaw. A better model should be investigated to reduce overall costs and inefficiencies on many levels.	2/11/2018 8:32 PM
60	Cancel this convention. Distribute the money amongst the divisions that attend so that they can use the money to provide more valuable PD opportunities for the grades of each school within their division. This form of PD is archaic and needs to go away.	2/11/2018 6:16 PM
61	Share the presenters slides at some google site where we can access them..	2/11/2018 3:47 PM

62	There needs to be much more professional awareness of the challenges vegan students experience when trying to exist in our public schools. In many cafeterias there is very little in the way of vegan options, so students who identify as vegan will have to refuse the food that is offered which can result in social exclusion. Vegan students are rarely able to eat with their friends, which is quite problematic because eating events are frequently interwoven into school culture! Also, students who identify as vegan are frequently bombarded with questions about their dietary choices from peers and adults, sometimes to the point of bullying. There needs to be much more support for helping vegan students learn how to respond to others who may not understand their needs. It would be great if future sessions could explore this issue.	2/11/2018 10:25 AM
63	Try not to double book sessions representing specialty areas as we would often like to attend all relevant sessions and cannot be in 2 places at one time.	2/10/2018 11:42 PM
64	I liked how the length of the presentations varied from 30 minutes to longer. The 30 minutes presentations were great to be introduced to a resource .	2/10/2018 8:55 PM
65	It was the best convention I have attended in years . Nice to see the variety of sessions . I'm sure someone was missed out hard to meet the needs of all teachers and difficult to get speakers . I must say for me I loved the variety and I would also make it so more teachers can go for the retirement interviews ... double it! Nice to go and talk to these people right at convention . Was there enough for beginning teachers? That's a group you really need to look after. Great conference this year. Congrats to everyone involved,	2/10/2018 10:20 AM
66	Always looking for more tangible high school sessions. Although I enjoyed what I attended, they were much like previous years	2/10/2018 10:15 AM
67	One more comment about the venues - Hall D was tricky to locate.	2/10/2018 8:30 AM
68	I was wondering if the convention planners had ever put some thought of doing teachers convention in October instead of February. As this would allow teachers to use the sessions and ideas and implement them in their classroom. Often, by the time convention comes, teachers have already completed certain units or concept in their classroom. Also, as not everyone is from Edmonton, this would allow out of the city teachers to drive in when roads are nice. In addition, teachers do not always stay in the same grade, therefore by having convention in February, there is only a few months left before knowing if they can use the strategies learnt from their sessions or if they will be changing grade level for the next year.	2/9/2018 11:32 PM
69	This is two days of PD that was not valuable professionally or financially....AGAIN??	2/9/2018 7:01 PM
70	Please ensure the session's description actually matches what they're going to discuss. Also, sessions where I can take strategies and resources back with me to implement are the BEST.	2/9/2018 6:44 PM
71	There was so much hoopla about having to have our ATA card. I wasn't asked even once to show it. A bunch of hassle for nothing. Overall, I do want to say thank you for all your hard work. I got a lot out of convention. My feedback is meant only to help with ideas to improve. I appreciate the thought and effort made by all convention volunteers very much.	2/9/2018 6:24 PM
72	Please give feedback to presenters. Constructive - some that they know what to work on. Positive - some that they know you want them back. I have presented twice. No feedback was given at all, either time. I think things went well, but . . .	2/9/2018 5:01 PM
73	No.	2/9/2018 4:57 PM
74	I know that you have very little control over Shaw food service BUT if healthy , warm options could also be served down at the hall c level to go , I bet people would buy it en masse - especially given the lack of time for lunch	2/9/2018 4:16 PM
75	Being a closed event I was surprised to not have to show my ATA card at all. In previous years there were people checking for lanyards, buttons etc. This year I was never asked once to show my card nor did I ever seen anyone else have to show their cards.	2/9/2018 3:13 PM