



Cowichan Secondary School Closure and Disposal Public Consultation Feedback Summary

Public Consultation, November 14, 2023

Should the Board close Cowichan Secondary School for educational programming?

Total Responses: 16 **Yes:** 11 **No:** 1 **Other:** 4

Themes:

Most responses were in favour of closing Cowichan Secondary

- Use as a School Board Office
- Keeping the Sports Field

If the Board closes Cowichan Secondary to educational programming should it be disposed of?

Total Responses: 20 **Yes:** 12 **No:** 0 **Other:** 8

Themes:

Most responses were in favour of closing Cowichan Secondary

Most feedback related to for what purpose it should be sold:

- Reserved for a community facility
- Sell to highest bidder and redevelop
- Multi-use. Commercial, residential, retail, parks, cultural, museum, baby clinics, non-profits, resource centre
- Seniors' housing
- No private purchasers
- Hotel
- Priority to Cowichan Tribes

If the Board keeps Cowichan Secondary, what should it do with it?

Themes:

- Multiple comments were related to arts education
- Repair the school and use it in place of Quamichan School
- Develop into a post secondary facility
- Offer it for community use.
 - Shelters, food banks, warming centres, overdose prevention centre, etc.
 - Housing
 - Museum and archives



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Public Survey

Should the Board close Cowichan Secondary School for educational programming?

Total Responses: 206 **Yes:** 143 **No:** 63 **Other:** 0

If the Board closes Cowichan Secondary to educational programming should it be disposed of?

Total Responses: 201 **Yes:** 134 **No:** 67 **Other:** 0

If the Board keeps Cowichan Secondary, what should it do with it?

Themes:

- Redevelop the property for mixed uses
- Educational centre for International / Refugees
- Rent it for conferences
- Use it as a temporary location while other schools get repaired
- Youth programs / after school programs
- Extreme weather shelter / other services for the unhoused
- Grow food on the site
- Trades centre
- Sell it and use the money to repair other schools
- Low income housing
- Use it as an extra school. Keep the gym
- Rent it for community programming
- Indigenous Education Centre
- Sell it to developers for a hotel and conference centre
- Use it for post-secondary programming
- Use it for alternative education program
- Mental Health facility
- Keep it in reserve for future growth
- Turn it into green space
- Art Gallery
- Subdivide. Board keeps the field
- Indigenous Health Care facility