

Guided Group Discussion: What do parents want?

1. Each group member is to take a few minutes to note down two statements that describe what parents want from public education for their children. Please do so from the vantage point of your role as a delegate.

That is –if you are a teacher draw upon your experiences as a teacher working with parents; if you are a trustee or an MLA what do you hear from parents in your district/constituency; if you are a parent representative what do you personally want for your children and what do you hear from other parents in your role as a PAC, DPAC participant.

It is quite likely that many of us occupy several roles simultaneously. But we would like you to focus on your primary role at this conference as you write down your two statements.

2. Once everyone has written two statements we would like you to do a round table in your groups. For the first round we would simply ask that each person share their two statements with the group. Next we would like you to identify the points of commonality that arise. We will place a sheet of paper at each table for you to write this information down on.

3. Once these points have been identified you now need to reflect on what are the most effective methods, techniques, processes for assessing whether or not the parental expectations that you have identified have been met in the context of public education. This is part brainstorming –so please make certain that there is a recorder identified to take notes- and part recommendation.

4. At the end of this process we will ask each group to share their key expectations with related assessment recommendation.