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TOP 5 RESPONSES BY SURVEY CATEGORY

HIGH SCHOOL (37 survey items)

SUPERINTENDENTS
More tutoring opportunities for students who are struggling
Programs after school and during the summer to keep high school students on track for graduation
More links between high schools, technical colleges, and 2-and 4-year colleges and universities
Vertical teams of teachers to strengthen the links between middle schools, high schools, and post-secondary education
A curriculum more aligned with college coursework and job requirements

PRINCIPALS
Smaller class size
Small high schools
More tutoring opportunities for students who are struggling
More counseling in high school to deal with personal and family issues
Development of small learning communities in high schools
A curriculum more aligned with college coursework and job requirements

BOARD MEMBERS
More links between high schools, technical colleges, and 2-and 4-year colleges and universities
More tutoring opportunities for students who are struggling
Programs after school and during the summer to keep high school students on track for graduation
A curriculum more aligned with college coursework and job requirements
More counseling in high school to deal with personal and family issues
A wider variety of vocational programs
Earlier guidance to prepare students to take Honors, AP, and IB classes

ELEMENTARY TEACHERS
Smaller class size
More tutoring opportunities for students who are struggling
More counseling in high school to deal with personal and family issues
Small high schools
A wider variety of vocational programs

HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS
Smaller class size
A curriculum more aligned with college coursework and job requirements
Vertical teams of teachers to strengthen the links between middle schools, high schools and post-secondary education
Small high schools
More links between high schools, technical colleges, and 2-and 4-year colleges and universities

MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACHERS
Smaller class size
More tutoring opportunities for students who are struggling
A curriculum more aligned with college coursework and job requirements
A wider variety of vocational programs
More links between high schools, technical colleges, and 2-and 4-year colleges and universities

STUDENTS
More links between high schools, technical colleges, and 2-and 4-year colleges and universities
More tutoring opportunities for students who are struggling
More strategies to help parents get involved in their child’s schooling
A curriculum more aligned with college coursework and job requirements
Smaller class size

PARENTS
More links between high schools, technical colleges, and 2-and 4-year colleges and universities
More tutoring opportunities for students who are struggling
More strategies to help parents get involved in their child’s schooling
More counseling in high school to deal with personal and family issues
Programs after school and during the summer to keep high school students on track for graduation

BUSINESS LEADERS
More links between high schools, technical colleges, and 2-and 4-year colleges and universities
A curriculum more aligned with college coursework and job requirements
More strategies to help parents get involved in their child’s schooling
More tutoring opportunities for students who are struggling
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