WHAT IF?
We invited you to DREAM with us...

In late 2015, the Spring Branch School District opened its doors to host four nights of engagement and ‘big dreaming’ as part of a community conversation on the future of education. In total, close to 400+ parents, students, community members, business leaders and staff turned out to add their voices to this critical conversation.

Participants at each event learned about strengths and opportunities that emerged from Dr. Muri’s 90-day Look, Listen and Learn tour. They also learned about the new Districts of Innovation Opportunity under House Bill 1842*. Then, they were asked to think about our schools, the student learning experience and the future of education in Spring Branch.

*HB1842 was passed during the State’s 84th Legislative Session.

The BIG 5
What trends emerged?

(Ranked per Category; Some trends appear in one or more categories.)

Most Frequent
• More Career Exploration
• Second Language Fluency
• Hybrid Learning Models
• Blending Classrooms
• 24/7 Learning
• Flexible Times & Calendars
• Greater Real World Student Learning Opportunities

Most Popular
• 4 Day Work Week/Year-Round
• Greater Real World Student Learning Opportunities
• Kinesthetic, Project-based Classrooms
• More Career Exploration
• Career Development Incentives

Most Thought Provoking
• Progressive, Community College Model for high school
• Mastery, growth-based grading
• Eliminate grade levels
• Extended Learning
• Beyond-School Learning Support for Low SES Families

When and who participated?
• 4 Nights with Approx. 400+ Attendees Across Our Feeder Patterns

What were participants asked?
• What did you consider most exciting?
• What caused the most concern or anxiety?
• What If? What are your biggest and boldest ideas?

GREAT EDUCATORS + AN ENGAGED COMMUNITY + GREAT IDEAS = GREAT OUTCOMES FOR KIDS

Excitement & Concern
The BIG 5 Trends voiced as both an EXCITEMENT and a CONCERN:

• Sustainability of Funding
• Teacher Development
• Stakeholder Buy-in
• Managing Risk
• Teacher Retention

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