Comment Cards and Notes Conversation October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2013 Cari Wynne SUCCESS Program

## **Comment Cards**

With an increase in technology, how will the district address the loss associated with a lack of teacher/student relationships, interactions, etc.?

How are we going to meet the incredibly diverse needs of our students with limited resources? How do we re-engage our staff to be empowered?

How can I keep my child's interest in learning? How can I balance books with election?

Are all students being treated by school staff the same as they would treat their own children?

About to return to work force, feel overwhelmed now preparing child for school and being involved.

What will happen when return work? Is there help for working moms?

Don't want my child to get behind. Know there is a lot of pressure on teachers.

How can I prepare my kids for next grade level?

Mom at poverty level, no internet, no car, teacher forced to use paper, talk with me by phone – Not bad thing.

What about parent who don't have technology?

Lack of healthy school lunches
Inability to control/monitor what younger students eat for lunch

How can we offer tutoring for parents that is local? Tutoring for special needs kids? Summer school?

Fund technology for all students
Engage businesses fund programs or grants
Different school day
Electronic age
Universities – Electronic tests, papers

Bus

Communication – Need info in Spanish, no internet

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## **Key Questions**

No busing makes it really hard on parents

High schoolers miss out especially

Paperwork is all in English so Hispanic parents can't respond

Without computers, some families have to take kids to libraries, which is difficult

How do we support families in getting and helping kids with technology?

Technology focus can widen the disparity with some families

HAC is not in Spanish, and some families/parents can't use the technology

Much communication is not in Spanish and puts parents at a huge disadvantage

Translators are not always offered during parent/teacher conferences or sign ups

Better ID all barriers to access/involvement up front

Language/culture barrier even affects food choices

How can we empower all parents to better manage kids' health and meals? Finances, choice, control

No choice with free lunch

How can we support parents in helping kids do all their school work and partner with teachers to prepare kids to next level?

Communicate
Build relationship

What jobs will be available for our kids today and in 10 years?

i.e. Are we preparing our kids for the future?

What partnerships will give our students on-the-job exposure to careers? How to expand

How do we meet diverse needs of our students?

How do we re-engage staff?