

# Notes from October 10<sup>th</sup> Community Conversation Hosted by Jenny Vanden Eynden/DPC

Jeff's Notes:

- Tell a story that embodies the challenges in education
- \*Diversity in educational needs IEP → Gifted
- Teaching to the test
- STEAM – Where's the A
- Why do we need technology

## Challenges

Great

~ Diversity in educational needs – ditto X3

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Not enough "gifted" services  
Economic diversity – Kids that can't get to school  
Computer access

New parents who don't get kids on the right track by 5<sup>th</sup> grade  
Can't meet with so many administrators and teachers changes

Are customers satisfied with their education?

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students

NO

Less experienced

Teachers changing, schools, classes, etc.

Teaching to test

Too inflexible classroom style  
Less critical discussion

Less creativity — Students  
— Teachers

Can't attend to individual student needs

Taking too many tests that cover the same thing

Tests are disheartening

Burden placed on parents

- ~ \$s for extra classes
- ~ Can't get into classes they sign up for

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Burden on kids to do extra  
↓ Academics or Enrichment outside of class  
Less room in day for enrichment  
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To stay competitive

Without music (arts), what happened to math (other academics)?

District-wide strategies are hard because individual elementary schools do different things so kids are prepared differently

Athletic and Extracurricular Fees

Transportation  
and other  
CORE mandates

Common Gap  
with community

Technology

- Outdated in class
- But some kids left behind
- Teachers getting trained

eg: Over reliance on spelling technology

Long term effect of dropping a period on college admission 10 years from now

Property value

Community perception – Non-engaged

