

## Notes from November 29<sup>th</sup> Community Conversation Hosted by Terri Doerr and Kim McKinney

“Back to the Basics”

Don't know how to survive in life day-to-day

Life skills

Joint effort – “Takes a village” to raise a child today

Parents need to be involved in educational process

### CHALLENGES

Size of classroom

Individualized attention – Difficult to achieve

Continuity – Lots of moving around

No safe haven

↳ Being thrown into lots of different buildings

Effect of sleep deprivation – Physical and emotional

“Farm Mentality” – Routine

Start later and end later

Do away with latchkey

What's Important? – In the future

More life skills

Well rounded students

Career and self-sustaining

Children #1 in the country

Innovative learning

Communication

Socialization

Individualization

Self esteem

All inclusive environment

Students with disabilities

Embraced

Advanced students mentoring others

Technology – Specialized learning environment

↳ Small learning groups despite size of district

↳ Communicate personally without relying on technology

Teach kids character at home

Family centered education

Variety of learning approaches

↳ Tied to IEPs – Everyone needs one of these – Not just for disabled children

Facilities usable by all residents

**TO SUCCEED:**

Eliminate structure

→ Group differently than by grade – By specialization

Tapping into community expertise

“Grandparents for Lakota”

Community involvement in structuring individualized education

Proper use of technology

Group work vs. individualized work

Prepare for workforce

All student grade levels together in one building

More flexibility