

Notes from December 5th Community Conversation Hosted by Jen Daiker and Endeavor Elementary School

CHALLENGES

Technology – Not able to use the basic programs like Word, Excel, etc.
– Need more real-life usage training

Get textbooks back

- ┌ A standard reference for a parent
- └ Or an online reference

More parent support as co-educators at higher levels

Discipline challenges

- ✓ Repeat offenders that keep distracting
- ✓ And to help the parents even if they don't care



Kids now sit at tables to get distracted

Students falling behind

- ✓ Help with their gaps
- ✓ How can this be systems?

Gifted kids aren't challenged enough

- ✓ No dollars for support because of class size and staff cuts

And even middle of the road because they are doing "fine"

Smaller staff asked to do more in new ways because fewer staff and shuffled roles

Too much "on the test"

- ✓ Labels kids, traps them
- ✓ Not taught to think
- ✓ Go back to basics (3 Rs)

Grammar, spelling because not on test

Need to do real world skills

The test drives assessment of skills that aren't real world helpful

Cutting back arts

- ┌ Creative release and outlet is key
- └ Misses another method of instruction
- └ Misses opportunity to nurture creativity as a core goal

Needs basics to build on

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| Economics | ✓ Read, THINK, spell |
| Global Issues | ✓ Write, grammar |
| Technology | ✓ Problem solve – Basic math |
| | ✓ Geography – History/Civics |

Treat people with respect

Larger social supports for kids and behavior issues

Help kids through adjustment periods – Welcome new kids

SUCCESES

EVERYONE can agree on these:

Leadership
Global reach
Problem solving
Innovation
Collaboration
Risk taking
Service
Role models
Creativity



The tests can't get to this?!
The test stops short

We need to take risks as a district

We are failing our kids

New leadership from the community

We all want the same thing

Technology

Individualized instruction
Advancing it
Using to learn
Knowing limits
Knowing basic programs

Lack of participation

Where is the 70%? → And school and parents?

Tell the story of what we already do

For community
Aligned with these goals

Always same faces