

NOTES

Independence Elementary School PTA

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Community Conversation

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EDUCATIONAL CHALLENGES

Social challenges

Big schools and introverts

Lost in system

Resources for special needs

Kids need situational awareness of real life

Social media – Is there equal access? Using not abusing

Must connect with real people

Human Interpersonal

Speak in public

Know how to connect in person

Specials limited

Obesity/health

Music/art access different part of brain

Without them kids leave district

Equity issues



Separates the community

Hurts reputation RE: Well rounded kids

Inequality in help at home

Population changes

Less for gifted kids

Teacher time constraints

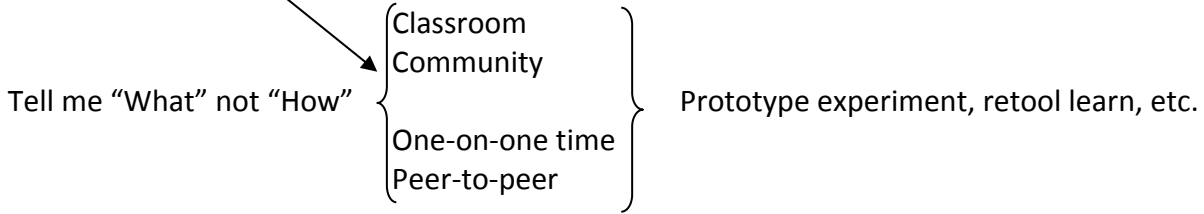
State mandates

Beat the minimums

Kids don't know how to fail

SUCCESS

Education starts at "local" level



Respond/change to evolving conditions

Students to have accountability for their own lives

Work hard to achieve their goals...No entitlement

More time for teachers to plan
for collaboration
for less burnout

Experienced teachers

Stable learning community
Consistent teaching assignments

Be open to new teacher ideas

Good reward systems for teachers

Teacher recognition and support

Longer school day
And varied

Real-life learning situations
Collaboration
Social Skills Problem solving
Critical thinking

Learn how to learn

Communication skills

Supportive peer environment
Social connections
Small group learning

Project learning

Adaptability

Situational, constructive, feedback

Praise (honest)

Get feedback from the kids

Highly qualified educators

Question of teacher evaluation

Various roles