

# Community Conversations

with the Board of Education

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Lee's Summit  
R-7 Schools

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## What is going well in LSR7?

### Variety of opportunities

- academic - careers
- innovations - Special needs
- activities - inclusive

### ACADEMIC RIGOR

Improvements on inclusion

Clubs being available during the day

Preparation for life - career & college

SRA - great job!

more community opportunities

WORLD CLASS FACILITIES  
- sports  
- arts  
- more robotics

LETRS training all K-2 teachers

Partnerships with local businesses

BUS DRIVERS

Growing support for struggling readers & other needs

Kids receiving what they need to succeed

TEACHERS SHARING WHAT THEY LEARN

Responsive teachers

Well-meaning teachers

Some community & growing

Listening to parents

Working with admin - helpful

ARTS!

Special Services Team goes extra mile

WELL WORKING BOARD

## WHAT ARE YOU WRESTLING WITH IN LSR7?

SpEd, IEPs, 504s  
↳ discipline rates too high

Struggling with PTA partnerships  
↳ how are they vetted?

Diversity & inclusion topics

Discipline issues

BULLYING  
dehumanizing language

NEEDS  
Elementary Standards  
- consistency needed

think out of the box to get kids in gifted program

EXPAND READING PROGRAMS  
↳ other programs

not everyone is comfortable in their building

TEACHER BURNOUT & students

Bullying behavior  
Suicide

YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES

Graduate life skills

LACK OF CLASS CREDIT  
middle → high school

use of phones in school

Scheduling classes - 504s accommodations

BOOKS

Lunchroom assigned Seats - middle school

Reading, spelling, math, writing  
↳ academic inequities

High achieving kids

VOLUNTEERS

↳ lacking

Anxiety, emotional needs

Free & Reduced lunch issues

SCHOOL CULTURE  
- each building is different

Dignity for kids

manners at school not making it home (or being reinforced at home)

## HOW CAN THE BOARD OF EDUCATION SUPPORT YOU?

Special Committee on bullying

PTA Partners application

Board verify rumors  
Find out what is really happening

Better diversity

less board turnover

Look closer at disciplinary measures.

Parent access to counseling centers

LOOK OVER DRESS CODE!

Board transparency

Communication between Board & students

LATE BUS

Students at Center

more listening events

Board transparency

Better 2 way Communication

help with standardized testing  
↳ struggling students

Other parental involvement than PTA

Phone Policy review

Bridge gap for dyslexia  
↳ more help

Vocal support for Public Education

Over relying on Screen time