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Strategic Plan Survey

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22.	Comments	Full Response
1.	Instead of taking two fridays off, take national holidays on following mondays! No school Friday, parents work. School Monday, parents off on holiday. Dumb! Match them up please!	view
2.	Drivers education taught during school hours/normal school year please.	view
3.	I think there needs to be a good plan in place for active shooters on school grounds. Students and parents need to be made aware of what the plan would be if the school were ever faced with this.	view
4.	Each category for each question should have had its own question. This survey will not produce the valuable feedback that you are looking for. Change the setup of future surveys.	view
5.	Pick up and drop off is unsafe in most areas around school. I propose development for a safer pick up drop off area around the elementary and middle school.	view
6.	I would add more... but I just got a warning that I have 5 minutes before I'm kicked out of the survey.	view
7.	Kids should not have to be exposed to other students vaping, smoking, using drugs, vulgar and abusive language or violence. School code is established fora reasons and needs to be enforced and supported when enforced.	view
8.	Need more after school programs, not just sports	view
9.	Students off on federal holidays instead of random days!	view
10.	I put walk to skill under curriculum even though that wasn't explicitly stated. This would help build our tier 2 and 3.	view
11.	If we did a 4-day school week, I would love to see a half day of “Friday school” offered for students failing or with missing work. Teachers could volunteer to tutor on Fridays and be compensated for the extra time.	view
12.	focus on academics	view
13.	When planning scheduling changes please take into account the lack of child care in this county.	view
14.	Staff and students should be held more accountable for not following rules and doing their job.	view
15.	Having a loop for pickup/drop off at the Elementary where parents can essentially drive through to pick up students. Rather than parking all over and walking to the school to get the kids.	view
16.	There are lgbtqia+ kids in this school system, and they are suffering. Please don’t make their lives harder by specifically banning things that might help keep them a little bit safer. Also, please learn what CRT actually is rather than what extremists misunderstand it to be.	view
17.	Safety issues to include- Work with city to create a one way street for students to be dropped off at elementary school. Also a sidewalk on Haley Street from Elementry to high school.	view
18.	We need a police officer at all campuses,,	view
19.	Focus more on education and less on social issues.	view
20.	Mental health issues should be a priority, one in five students think about suicide. Find a better superintendent that cares about the students, teachers, school and community. With the amount of money being paid to Scully he should be living in our community and present 24/7. The school board continually ignores teacher input and Ryan Frields should not be allowed on the board pushing group home issues for his benefit, ban group homes they are a bad influence, our community should not be funding their education.	view
21.	1. Giving the children in Middle school and High school something to do on days off from school to keep them from doing bad things. On days off from school, many parents have to work means a lot of free time for older kids. There is not much to do around that does not involve nature. Clubs, Classes, Sports, something that would help. 2. Have all the kids K-12 help support and care for their school like in other countries. Kids can help clean up in class and halls, help in library, kitchen or lunchroom clean up and serving, get the kids involved in the school care. Rotate the kids on days needing to help and it should get them to respect the school more. 3. Uniforms I think is a good thing. The poor and not so poor have the same clothing for kids. 4. Year round schooling. No 3 months to forget, longer and more holiday breaks. Kids can have clubs, sports and activities year round. There are many advantages to year round schooling. 5. Foreign language is best learned in younger students and when it is used. I think Foreign language should start in the younger students and a required class. Again like other countries do.	view

22.	No 4-day school week. We just got finished with Covid "stuff." We should address current low test scores, educational lapses, and social struggles before we look at changing school days. Why fix what isn't broken?	view
23.	Hire teachers that are certified in the subject area they are teaching	view
24.	Special needs director, space and equipment used for special needs, Behavior specialist. Trained special needs aid/paras, more resources. Special education training	view
25.	Vet new teachers to have the conservative values of the town they will be teaching in.	view
26.	Top Priorities: 4 day school week! This will help with retaining and recruiting teachers. Free school lunch for all students. Hiring more subs and retaining Paras. Hire a full-time special education director. Maybe look into creating a charter HS for our group home students and local students that want to attend it. I'm concerned about the environment at the HS for our local students. It just doesn't have its own identity.	view
27.	There should be some sort of consequence for students who have excessive absences, like going before the Board to plead their case.	view
28.	The teachers need to have more respect and support from the community. The teachers have the most effective view of all aspects of the school and the perceived needs. TRUST YOUR STAFF!!!	view
29.	Honest to god, what the hell are these suggestions about. What in the Proud Boy insanity is happening. Constitution class/day?? We used to call that Government class. No CRT?? I doubt any person who suggested that could come even moderately close to what CRT is. This jingo-istic, flag waving, head in the sand, fear-mongering meddling in our education must not be allowed to happen! Educate our kids and don't let flag draped adolescents to even influence curriculum!	view
30.	Make parents and community members feel more welcome. Better scheduling of subs with an online database and automatic call system to alert subs. Get rid of the paper sub requests.	view
31.	Teachers need to place zero in places where students who are gone do not make up their work to hold them accountable for their frequent absences/choices. This is how you can make attendance part of their grade. We have several students who are frequently gone for silly reasons who make honor roll. This should not happen!!	view
32.	Please, let's not kowtow to the current trend of making school policy and classrooms a political expression. So many of the suggestions above are examples of doing just that - No CRT, Constitution day, bathroom genders. Those are all examples of applying a strong political lens to academics. It never works well.	view
33.	I love our schools and our community. I am glad to see we are creating a plan to improve but value the small, close knit environment our school provides.	view
34.	I appreciate our schools and teachers and know that everyone is working so hard without enough resources. Knowing more ways that parents and community can support you all would be helpful.	view
35.	Students could use decent basketball hoops outside at every school. Replace the ones at the high school with two hoops.	view
36.	a shooting range at high school	view
37.	Leadership dictates direction and quality. If you want to improve your school system, evaluate what leaders you have in place. What are their strengths/weaknesses? How can you encourage them in their weaknesses. Consider some increased accountability -- offer parents surveys and teacher peer surveys to help provide direction. You can offer different classes and have better facilities, but what makes or breaks education is your staff and teachers. Does the staff feel empowered to do their jobs? Are they in a rut with how they teach? Who is excited to be at school?	view
38.	Increased tutors available for students that can occur in a non-shaming environment. When you pull kids out of their normal classes to attend a different class they are labeled as "stupid". All the kids hate it and are ashamed of it. Providing after school assistance in private would be much more effective versus announcing to the entire class that this group of students need to leave and attend a different class. Its really poor support for kids.	view
39.	Block scheduling for the HS.	view
40.	definitely culinary engineering and other extracurriculars	view
41.	You have problems with this survey. Nothing stops an individual from completing it multiple times. It allows multiple same rankings - I could rank all items as 10 if I wanted to. But more importantly, one of the important jobs of school administrators and the district is to be the experts the average person cannot be. I would have expected you (the district and leaders of public schools in Thompson Falls) to filter out some of the items that do not belong here: No CRT: Did you ask for clarification from those that suggested this, what they meant? Did you provide insight as to what CRT is? Did you share that information related to CRT was actually taught to all of us when we were in school? Or did you simply let the tide roll over the room? Same questions for Constitution Class (also known as Government), Genderless Bathrooms, Library Material Review (particularly frightening), and Follow Core Values (whose, exactly). There is a fine line between allowing community input and craziness. I expect the district to know and apply that line well. We should not be seeking expertise from the masses. We should be seeking it from the experts. Hopefully, that's you. If not, I expect you to know where and how to find the experts.	view
42.	After school programs	view
43.	One of the things that bugged me really bad, is communication of the school with parents, last year we was getting messages, calls, texts, emails, that some one was sick or had coughed…. Multiple times daily, but when there was the tiktok school shooter threat, the only reason I knew about that was cause I work for sanders county sheriff.	view
44.	More warning for upcoming courses and activities.	view

45.	Year round schooling helps in many ways. Clubs for K-12 added to year round schooling would give students something to do instead of causing trouble. Get parents more involved so everyone is aware of what is going on regarding the students education. Have students help care for the school. Students in different grades can do different tasks such as making food, hand out food, clean up after lunch, help in library, clean classrooms before going home and so much more. This would be getting students involved in their school and it could help the school in many ways. Uniforms can help bring in income and helps students the visual difference between family wealth. Having foreign languages are best learned and maintained when interduce at younger ages and continued to be used. Having teachers who want to stay and can stay would also help, so making sure those teachers have a place to stay is very important. Even if it is apartment living until they find a place of their own, also could bring in income for the school to use.	view
46.	Improve elementary playground surfaces, smooth k-2 grass area, new picnic tables for k-2 playground to make an outdoor learning space. Address the muddy area beside the office window. Run a water line inside the greenhouse.	view
47.	This survey was very difficult how it was laid out. I think our schools need more emphasis on academics and extra curricular activities as well as more of the fundamental learning classes. Including Library and Art. These things help kids who cannot meet academic requirements to still feel great about their accomplishments. Human education so kids are not confused about male and females. Bring back classes that kids will learn real life skills with. SRO is a huge help for gettin kids in the right direction before they end up repetedly in the court systems.	view
48.	Poor presentation of a survey and I feel it could be a written and categorized better.	view
49.	This survey was not user friendly. I'm wondering how many people in our community were even aware of the survey or that they could comment.	view
50.	I truly believe the push to switch from a 5 day to a 4 day will hurt the students and the families in this community!! strongly against	view
51.	Students/staff safety/learning should be number one/two concern not no censorship of education materials at all the schools or CRT trainings/classes.	view