



Community Conversations

Our Vision: All students graduate and are prepared for a successful life.

Making reductions in a school district that serves 39,000 students impacts our whole community. We value the voices, perspectives and experiences of our staff, students, families and community members. There are difficult decisions ahead of us and that is why we are doing this work together. In the fall, we held community events at each high school and collected more than 1,300 responses around priorities and values. This spring, we collected more than 4,000 responses through a survey to rank the programs and services that are most important to the Salem-Keizer community.

Round 1: Fall 2023

Round 2: Spring 2024

1,300

Responses Collected

4,324

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What do you like best about your school?

- 1) School culture/ community
- 2) Sense of belonging, communication, relationships, student supports

What programs do you most value?

- 1) Music/Sports/Arts
- 2) Academic programs

Most important board priority

- 1) Sense of belonging
- 2) 3rd grade reading level

What does our community want to protect?

- 1) School safety and security
- 2) Fine art electives
- 3) Student mental health supports
- 4) Athletics and extracurriculars

80%

of responses show CTE options are important

82%

of students said access to rigorous coursework is important to them

What resources does your school need to reach the priority?

Increased staffing and reduced class size/ratio

What is your role within SKPS?

(Please check all the apply)

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