

SSA Notes 9/25/19

1. Reducing Academic Disparities: What are challenges for students, schools, and educators? Manners, basic behavior skills-not being taught at home. How to determine academic disparities? What suggestions do you have for improvement? -Behavioral intake, -let parent have a chance to explain the child, -where can they tell the story when they register?
2. Meeting Students Mental & Behavioral Needs: Food needs to be better, Teachers yelling at kids is not okay (science). What are challenges for students, schools, and educators? No options here in the RR, waitlists, teacher stress due to needs of students. "So much testing going on but it's not about the kids."
3. Providing Access to Academic Courses: What are challenges for students, schools and educators? They don't teach music like they used to. Where are all of these classes? Woodshop, metal shop, culinary arts and other electives. Not enough hand on learning, need field trips. What suggestions do you have for improvements? Music teachers, teach more health relate topics: nutrition and mental health.
4. Allowing teachers and staff to have sufficient time to collaborate, review data, and develop strategies to support students to stay on track to graduate: What are challenges? Too much testing, need more hands on.
5. Establishing and Strengthening Partnerships: Power imbalance between teacher and students- this needs to change. What suggestions do you have for improvement? -accessibility to health care, more campus monitors.

Other questions or comments about Student Success?

- Smaller class sizes especially- 20 max, 18 in K-3, 20-22 for older grades
- Manners respect>basic skills
- Students input-have anxiety so smaller classes would be great
- 2 SVA students attended SSA Input Meeting
- Food program-community partnership?
- What is the difference-Why is Youth Authority schooling getting more opportunities then school districts?
- Instructional time-don't increase the day, less testing and more teaching, testing is not realistic, after school tutoring (optional) nice to have after school tutoring for k-12, good for athletes to complete homework before practice.
- Teach appropriate use of technology
- SVA needs more opportunity for movement (from a student)