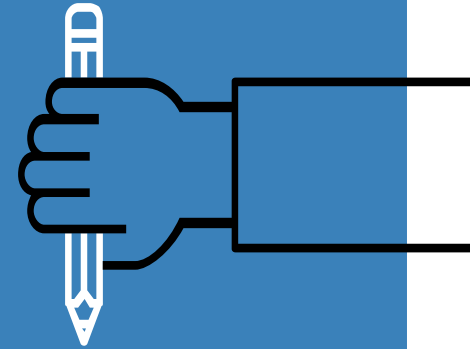




2024 Student Summit



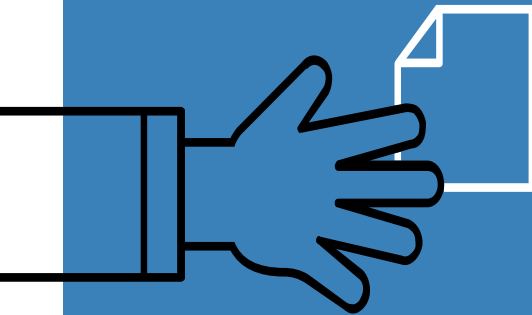
Strategic Plan Update



Superintendent's
Student Advisory Council
Presenters:

Yumna Hashmi - South Elgin High School
Chloe Horn - Elgin High School
Logan Iott - South Elgin High School
Camila Monroy - South Elgin High School
Kavya Shah - Elgin High School

April 15, 2024



Student Summit

- April 4, 2024
- Approximately 220 students participated from all 7 high schools
- Superintendent Advisors facilitated table top conversations in three areas:
 - ◆ Post-Secondary Success
 - ◆ Academic Opportunities
 - ◆ School Environment & Safety



Post-Secondary Success

Based on feedback from all high schools, our biggest takeaways in the area of Post-Secondary Success were:

→ Communication

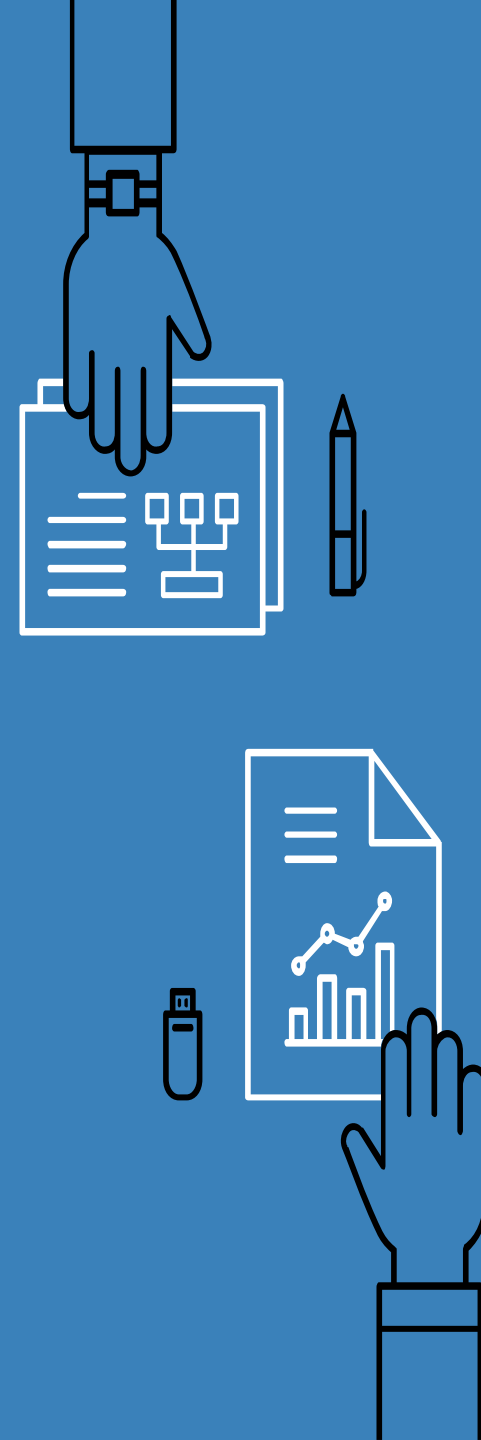
- Counselors reaching out earlier in high school careers about post-secondary plans
- Broadcast opportunities and events more/Lack of Awareness

→ College Prep

- Alumni visits per different colleges/military/trade schools
- College application help/FAFSA explanation/SAT prep/College Jumpstart/Scholarships

→ Career Prep

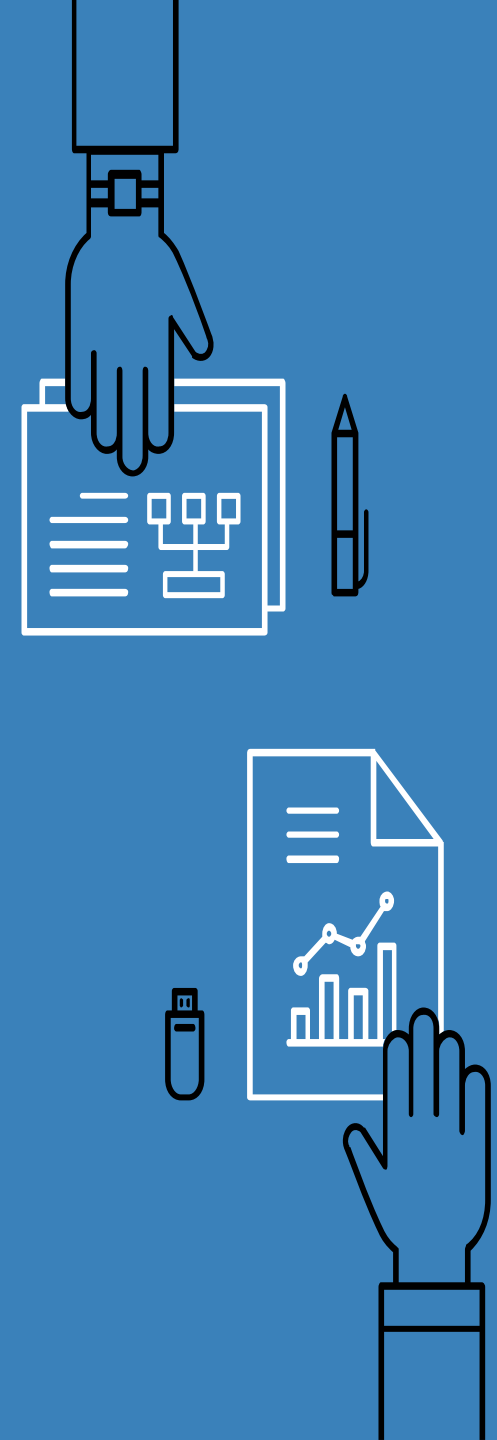
- High schools tend to prepare students for colleges more than careers
- Financial independence courses/seminars/supports
- Perspective career opportunities



Academic Opportunities

Based on feedback from all high schools, our biggest takeaways in the area of academic opportunities were:

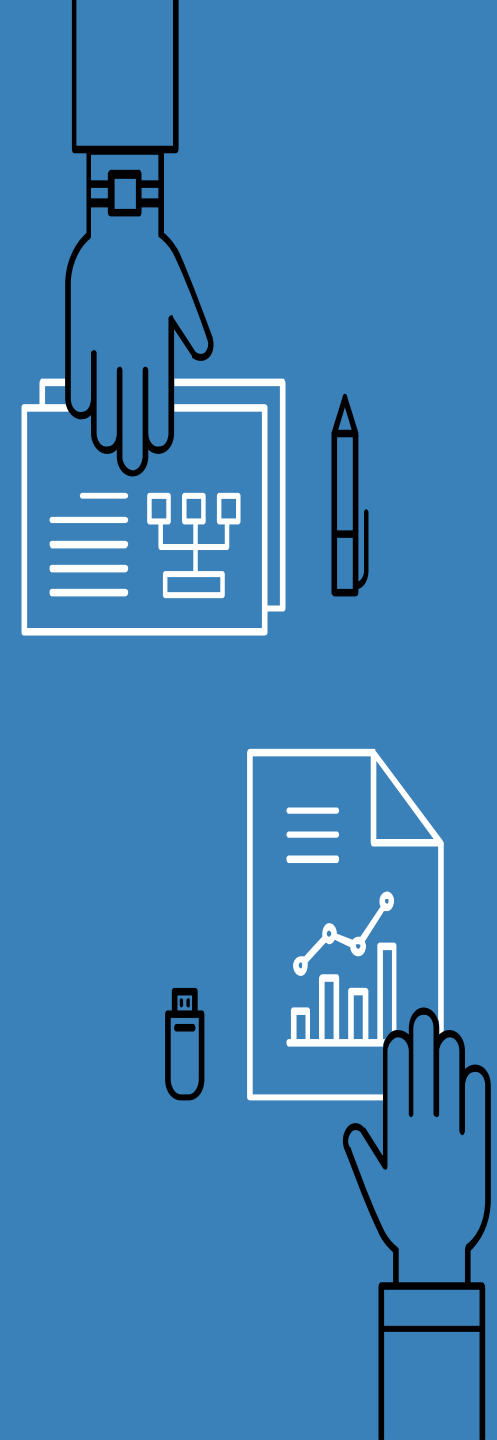
- **Addressing Grading System**
 - Alter grading system to be in alignment with other districts to prepare students
 - Retakes are beneficial for growth, though the reassessment window and teacher help should be consistent to promote growth
 - Include regular assessments: summatives, formatives, finals
- **Preparation in the Classroom**
 - Inconsistency with the teachers and the curriculum
 - Hands-on experiences to motivate and engage students
- **Non-curriculum based preparedness**
 - Promote talk about other options apart from college (include trades)
 - Counselors meeting expectations to help students to the best of their ability.



School Environment & Safety

Based on feedback from all high schools, our biggest takeaways in the area of school environment and safety were:

- **Securing Student Safety**
 - Individualized connections to understand root cause of behavioral issues (i.e. fights, bathroom safety)
 - Incentives for students who are respecting school rules
- **Staff-Student Relationships**
 - Stricter enforcement of the rules currently in place (i.e. bathroom sweeps, mental health checkups)
 - Prioritizing creating more positive, meaningful connections amongst students + staff (staff workshops and more camaraderie)
- **Prioritizing Mental Health**
 - Providing staff with more resources to assist students who are struggling
 - Encouraging teachers to find engaging, fun, hands-on ways for students to be more motivated





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