



Guiding Coalition - January 9th Summary

This summary highlights the guiding coalition's progress toward designing the *Bellflower Framework for the Future*, with a specific focus on the development of our new learner profile.

Purpose

The Guiding Coalition—a diverse group of students, teachers, parents, and community members—convened to begin designing a shared vision for the future of Bellflower Unified. The goal is to create a *Framework for the Future* that provides a "North Star" for decision-making and ensures all students graduate with the skills and characteristics needed for success in an ever-changing world.

Key Outcomes from the January Session

During this first session, the coalition achieved three primary goals:

- **Built Community:** Established a collaborative foundation among diverse stakeholders.
- **Explored the "Why":** Analyzed national and local data to understand why we must evolve toward learner-centered education now.
- **Drafted the "Learner Profile":** Began ideating a high-level draft of the skills and characteristics every Bellflower learner should possess.

Insights from our Community (Survey Results)

We reviewed feedback from over 800 survey responses and 7 student focus groups. Here is what we learned:

- **Strengths to Build On:** Students feel school is welcoming and safe, and strong adult-student relationships are a hallmark of our district.
- **Opportunities for Growth:** We need to increase real-world relevance in our curriculum and ensure every student has a consistent, trusted adult connection.
- **Top Priorities:** Our community wants us to prioritize critical thinking, self-advocacy, and mental health while preparing students for life, not just for school.

The coalition worked in teams to begin drafting updated Vision, Mission, and Values statements. Key themes emerging from this work include:

- **Future Readiness:** Moving beyond college prep to include trade skills and lifelong learning.
- **Belonging:** Ensuring every student feels valued and included.
- **Equity:** Providing equal access and resources based on individual student needs.

What's Next?

This is a collaborative process, and we need your input. Guiding Coalition members will be seeking feedback from students, staff, and families between sessions to refine our drafts.

Together, we are building a path to success for every learner in Bellflower Unified.