Community Listening Sessions Summary

Our goal is to seek consistency in the thoughts shared during the community sessions. The summary below outlines responses which were shared more than two times during our discussions with the most common responses listed first.

1. **What is your School District known for today?**
    1. Community outreach and opportunities
    2. Athletics
    3. Performing arts
    4. CTE
    5. Quality staff
    6. Advanced courses and dual credit courses
    7. Public relations and opinion
    8. Extra-curricular activities
    9. Visual arts
    10. Facility upkeep

2. **What do you hope your School District will be known for in the future?**
    1. Best education quality
    2. Public relations and positive opinion
    3. Setting the example for neighboring districts
    4. Adapting to changing needs and technology
    5. Meeting needs of future business and industry
    6. Good culture and environment
    7. Safe and secure school
    8. Proactive
    9. Advanced courses and dual credit courses

3. **What additional programs or services should be provided for students and community by your School District?**
    1. Childcare during school and outside of school hours
    2. Advanced courses and dual credit courses
    3. Partnerships with business, educational and training institutions
    4. Expanded CTE
    5. Mental and social health services
    6. Mentoring and tutoring programs

4. **What are the major obstacles facing your School District?**
    1. Finances and understanding finances
    2. Loss of staff
    3. Communications and misinformation
    4. Discipline and behavior issues
    5. Aging facilities
    6. Lack of transparency and trust
    7. Mental and social health issues
    8. History

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5. If you could do anything you wanted to improve the facilities of your School District, what would you do?

1. Updated classrooms
2. Building repairs and maintenance
3. Accessible schools
4. Collaborative and flexible environments
5. Expanded CTE
6. New athletic fields
7. Improved performing arts facilities
8. New fitness center / performance facility
9. Safe and secure schools
10. Additional staff

Common Themes

Common general themes or subjects were identified in the review of all responses to all five questions. Those themes are reflected by the following.

1. A focus on improving and providing a quality education through improved performance and additional educational opportunities.
2. Update current facilities.
3. Address the district's current public relations, image, and communications concerns.
4. Improve quality staff retention and attract new quality staff.
5. Address athletic needs.
6. Provide additional CTE programs and facilities.

Community Interviews

Additional feedback was provided through interviews with local business leaders and affiliated educational providers. Focus areas to improve community and school partnerships and community development include;

1. It is critical to understand the importance of the relationship between education quality with community growth.
2. Provide additional childcare options for the community.
3. Alignment of local education providers with local resources.
4. Develop additional education capacity and opportunities in conjunction with technical colleges.
5. Recognize potential growth opportunities from Highway 29 corridor and industrial parks.
6. Build on current partnership successes with business, industry and service providers.

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