



Hilldale Public Schools

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Community Forum 1/26-27/15

The following information was obtained during Community Forums held on two evenings in the new Hilldale cafeterias. Approximately 45 people attended the two forums. After review of some district information (available in a powerpoint), attendees were broken into small groups and asked to identify priorities of the four goals in Comprehensive Local Education Plans. Below are those responses. The number in () indicates the number of persons who selected that item as a priority. Those with no number were discussed during brainstorming but determined not to be a top priority.

GOAL 1: Provide quality curriculum and instruction that prepare all students for the future using a variety of methods including technology

- Electronic tablets for specific grades – pledges from parents; start one grade at a time (31)
- Enhancing specials at elementary – music, band, art, math lab at elementary (16)
- HS Career Class (6)
- More text books (3)
- Baseball and football camps in elementary
- Jimmy Johnson and Lowes grants for more
- MS Soccer

GOAL 2: Provide a safe learning environment for all students and members of the school community

- Elementary – better check-in process, connect buildings for centrally located office, extra set of doors for visitors to pass through, more fences (24)
- Improve crosswalk at both ends (7)
- Improve intersection of Smith Ferry & Cherokee (7)
- Separate the elementary campus into two campuses (6)
- SRO at each site = 4 officers (6)
- Parental group to reinforce current procedures; “rule cheerleaders” (6)
- Separate resource officers for MS/HS
- Technology to scan-in visitors
- More support staff in offices

GOAL 3: Attract & retain qualified, competent teachers and staff members

- Better pay and benefits, equal to Muskogee schools (34)
- Ask city how they are going to get more industry in the district (18)
- Lower class size (7)
- Actively recruit new grads – promote what Hilldale does well (6)
- Teacher evaluation – high expectations (6)
- Dedicated grant writer (3)
- Recruit more district businesses (3)

GOAL 4: Provide quality facilities

- Add wrestling and swim team (18)
- Another classroom per grade level (13)
- New or another gym for elementary (9)
- Make/beautify entrances at all sites – more secure (6)
- Facelift outdated facilities (6)
- Admin offices – move to church purchased (6)
- Separate 5-6th grade center(6)
- Preschool all together
- Soccer facility
- Air condition elementary gym
- Better labeled entrances, especially at elementary
- Teach students to respect/maintain facilities
- Get rid of Latch Key portable building