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Hilldale Public Schools

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Community Forum Feedback – 9/29/15

The following information was obtained during Community Forums held on one evening in the Elementary cafeteria, with approximately 51 people attendance. After review of some district information (available in a powerpoint), attendees were broken into small groups and asked to identify priorities of the six goals in Comprehensive Local Education Plans. Below are those responses. The number in ( ) indicates the number of persons who selected that item as one of their top three priorities, out of everything listed. 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

- College readiness for HS, add classes (5)
- Less emphasis on testing, more on learning (3)
- Updated textbooks, iPads, chromebooks (2)
- Online textbooks/technology (2)
- More age appropriate curriculum (1)
- Life skills for "real life" situations for Jrs and Srs,, ie budgets, checking accounts, etc. (1)
- Go back to old school math curriculum (1)
- Training for literacy across the curriculum
- Textbooks
- More concurrent classes
- Increase athletic class choices
- Stronger partnership with OSSM
- Less emphasis on lesson plan construction
- Quality Staff Development to train teachers for technology classes and AP
- More diversity: language classes (ie Spanish, German)
- More hands-on activities: gardening
- Creative approach to learning

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

- Physical connection between the two elementary buildings (2)
- Counselors that actually have time to work with kids
- Keep our SROs
- Central office at sites
- Street crossing at MS/HS
- Smaller class sizes

- More paras/volunteers w extensive background checks
- Update student ID cards annually
- Expand anti-bullying program
- Keep major discipline/sped to a minimum (out of classroom)
- Expand the access road around the school
- Bicycle safety training
- Stranger danger
- Allow time for hygiene before lunch
- Assign lockers based on height

GOAL 3: Attract & retain qualified, competent teachers and staff members
- Lower class size (2)
- More volunteers
- 4 day week
- Positive community support and partnership with schools
- Year round school
- Support from admin
- More Staff Development opportunities
- Adequate instructional materials
- Rewards and recognition facilitated from parents/admin/coworkers
- Expand the budget to pay teachers and support staff
- Mentoring teachers
- Establish incentives to join HACT
- Spruce-up classrooms

GOAL 4: Provide quality facilities
- Football field turf (36)
- $5^{th}/6^{th}$ grade center (2)
- Wrestling facility (1)
- More space, classrooms
- New HS or Elem – split Elementary
- Storage
- More gyms
- Additional preschool classrooms or PreK center
- Art room at elementary
- Barns for livestock for FFA program
- Expand/redesign/secure football field house

GOAL 5: Increase communication
- Better use of School Way App, Remind 101 (4)
- Quality technology for two-way communication
- Social Media format to subscribe to for announcements – App
- Keep teacher websites current
- Schedule Parent-Teacher conferences so there's no conflicts with events
- Send reminders more often
- Email reminder and info about everything
- Better usability of website

- Maintain and use our resources, ie website
- Expand bandwidth
- Bigger LED sign to display events

GOAL 6: Maintain stable finance
- Have a bond issue (8)
- Talk to city for improvement of our area/businesses to come to this district (7)
- Elect state legislators that are Pro-Education (1)
- Help and encourage families to complete paperwork for district, ie Free/Reduced lunches, Indian Ed, etc.
- Keep in communication with legislators