

## TOP TEN RESPONSES FROM COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS SURVEY

### Question #1: What are the positive aspects of our school corporation?

- \*Great teachers - 65
- \*The security officers/liaisons make the students feel safe -55
- \*Involvement in the community - 44
- \*Community outreach – Backpack Program, volunteer services – local organizations donate their time - 38
- \*Quality curriculum (AP courses offered) - 35
- \*Teachers who care for the whole student & are interested in helping with needs at home - 33
- \*New Superintendent is trying to make a positive impact - 28
- \*Great leadership both inside and outside the classroom - 23
- \*These Community Meetings - 22
- \*Many activities available to students and parents -22

### Question #2: Identify areas for improvement in our school corporation

- \*Upgrade technology/more computers available to students -62
- \*More field trips/hands-on learning - 46
- \*More teachers/smaller classes - 40
- \*Better pay for our teachers/higher starting pay- 38
- \*More nutritious lunch menu options for our students - 36
- \*More physical/social activity time for students at all levels (Don't take away elementary recess time as discipline) - 27
- \*Longer lunch time for students - 25
- \*Building cleanliness/repairs done efficiently - 23
- \*More vocational training for students not going to a 4 year college - 19
- \*More open access to Aquatic Center -18

### Question #3: How can the VCSC support all students with excellent learning opportunities both during and outside the school day?

- \*More field trips - 40
- \*More vocational opportunities/better technology -32
- \*Ipads for every student - 32
- \*Offer more after-school programs -32
- \*Tutoring for students (who are struggling) whose parents can't afford it -25
- \*Smaller class sizes with more EAs at the elementary level -22
- \*Transportation provided to home after school sponsored activities (5:15 pm) - 22
- \*More clubs and intramural sports - 21
- \*Expose students to different service learning projects -21
- \*Organized study groups during lunch/after school - 16

## TOP TEN RESPONSES FROM COMMUNITY CONSERVATIONS SURVEY

### **Question #4: What are your biggest concerns with any upcoming school building projects?**

- \*Funding - 77
- \*Don't build "mega" schools - 55
- \*Build to last long-term with quality & handicap accessible - 39
- \*Upgrade buildings & take care of what we have - 35
- \*Feasibility – the reliability - 31
- \*Consider adding an "East Side" school due to the growth in that area -30
- \*Transparency throughout the building process - 29
- \*High quality safety and security is a must - 29
- \*Community support - 29
- \*Best facility vs. what we can afford - 27

### **Question #5: How can the district and our schools improve communication and better connect with families and the larger community?**

- \*Have a user-friendly website -47
- \*Better communication options – consistent - 41
- \*Emails and texts - 30
- \*Continue with automated calls and text messages - 29
- \*Hire a Communications/Public Relations Director - 25
- \*Involve the community – keep them informed of activities & priorities in our schools - 23
- \*Easier access to students' grading system (student portal) - 20
- \*More meetings like these - 18
- \*Be more transparent - 16
- \*Hire a Marketing Director - 15

### **Question #6: Is there another important consideration that has not been identified?**

- \*Teachers are not paid enough -26
- \*Communication: Seeing results of these meetings - 20
- \*Teach more life skills: bill paying, budgeting, social skills, team work, conflict resolution - 16
- \*Offer more trade classes – not every student is college bound - 13
- \*New Superintendent is a bright spot - 12
- \*Need additional support for students who struggle academically but don't qualify for Special Ed - 10
- \*GT programs in all schools - 8
- \*Pay substitute teachers better so the good ones will continue with us - 7
- \*Students need more physical activity throughout the day - 7
- \*Help the community understand the importance of our students' education - 7

