

Community Conversation on Blueprint for Education Session 4 Discussion Guide

WELCOME

- Introduce anyone new to the group.

REVISIT GROUND RULES FOR DISCUSSION

- I am here as your facilitator—your guide—but this is YOUR discussion. My job is to keep you within the parameters of time and task.
- Everyone has what he or she needs to participate—you thoughts, your experiences and your ideas. You do not have to be an expert or have all the facts.
- When someone has the floor, can we all agree to listen respectfully—even if we don't agree?
- If you don't agree with someone else in the group, we need to know that. Will you agree to speak your mind when it is your turn?
- Will you all agree that I, as facilitator, can move us along in the interest of staying on time and on task?

QUESTIONS

1. Review the notes from Session III. What additional insights have you had since our last meeting?
2. What are the most essential elements of a blueprint for education for our students? (Facilitator/recorder list the elements the group agrees on as well as a list of items they disagree on.) Note: Include the State Board of Education's graduation guidelines as essential elements if they are available.
3. What tradeoffs might we have to make to achieve this blueprint?



4. What advice does this group have for the school board as it develops its blueprint for education for this school district?

CLOSING

1. Can anyone summarize what we talked about tonight?
2. Did we discover any shared sense of direction or common ground?
3. Is there anything we still need to talk about?

WHAT'S NEXT?

- Inform group of next steps in the process, i.e. what will be done with their work, the next steps in the process for developing the blueprint, when the board will act, etc.

THANK THE GROUP FOR THEIR WORK!!

