

Blueprint for Education Community Conversations

Discussion Questions

Session I

1. How are schools different today than when you went to school? How are they the same?
2. When you hear the term “21st Century education,” what does that mean to you?
3. What skills do our students need in order to be successful in the 21st century?

Session II

1. Review the notes from Session I. What additional insights have you had since our last meeting?
2. How do we need to educate our students differently in order to equip them for the future?
3. What needs to remain the same?
4. How do we assure that we are equipping all students for success?

Session III

1. Review the notes from Session II. What additional insights have you had since our last meeting?
2. What are the challenges and opportunities for our community as we work to provide a 21st Century education for our students?
3. What “sacred cows” might we have to consider addressing as we develop a 21st Century blueprint for education?
4. What resource issues do we need to consider?



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Session IV

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.)
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?



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