

What are some of the key challenges you see in our schools?

Alcohol and drug use	G14
Thought: The use of drugs and alcohol is increasing within our district at a fast pace. I believe the districts policies on use have went backwards, assisting in leading to the increase. I feel strongly that the district needs to invest in random drug checks with drugs dogs and urine checks with athletes. I want the district to realize we have a growing issue and address the problem. We need to adopt a no tolerance policy and start investing some money into educating our students a a young age the affects of drugs. I understand for the district to start addressing this issue we are admitting to having a problem and this may not be a step the district wants to make. However, I would much rather have my children attend a school that is working to avoid a problem rather than igorning it (which is what the district is currently doing).I have a middle school student that is attending a school that every week a student is being caught with pot. If you ask a high school student how accessible drugs are to them, they will tell you they can get it anytime that they want i	T18
Thought: Drug use	T55
It seems so easy for kids to get drugs at school. The security camera's help but it would be nice if there was a constant presence of an Officer who made rounds and checked in with kids. Having more assemblies on drug and alcohol abstinence and positive reinforcers...	
Thought: Drugs and Alcohol	T118
Thought: Alcohol and drug use	T143
Thought: Drugs	T148
My children have expressed concern over the use of drugs during the school day by a large portion of the Student Body. Although I have personally talked with my children regarding this topic, they have been approached and offered these illegal substances.	

Athletes are blatantly told they are better than other students	G41
Thought: athletes are blatantly told they are better than other students	T3
At the parent orientation assembly before school started, the principal announced that the athletes would be offered school promotional items at a discounted rate and other (non-athletic students) would have to pay full price. I was shocked at the words coming out of his mouth, telling these student athletes that they are "special" because they play sports. Which "core values" is that?? They are no better or worse than the non-athletes. Attitudes like that only create problems within the student body and set students up for future problems in life.	

Availability	G52
Thought: Availability	T17

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Availability

G52

It seems like the staff members leave the school premises faster than the students. When are teachers suppose to be available for parents and students to discuss the needs of completing class work and proficiency?

Thought: Accessibility

T136

Bad interactions between students that cross school/free time

G86

Thought: Bad interactions between students that cross school/free time

T78

Sometimes there are interactions between students that happen at school and they continue to out of school. When students need help solving these problems help is limited.

Example: Boy A steals other Boy B's shoes, goes to staff for help tp solve problem, no resolution. Boy A taunts Boy B because he "wins" by wearing the shoes and flaunting them in front of Boy B.

Bullying

G1

Thought: Addressing bullying, especially in middle school. I hear from many parents that are having trouble with this issue.

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Thought: Bullying

T56

Kids are mean. They don't have an understanding of how they affect other people. Having an Officer or two that make rounds and get to know the kids and educate the kids would help. A no tolerance policy should have stiffer consequences to kids who bully.

Thought: To much peer pressure from other students

T74

Thought: Bullying

T111

Thought: The safety of children walking home. Some kids are being bullied

T120

Changes in curriculum

G74

Thought: Changes in curriculum

T54

The biggest challenge I see the decision made by the high to change curriculum that also affects the middle school students academic road map.

What are some of the key challenges you see in our schools?
Children getting lost in the system

G54

Thought: Children getting lost in the system.

T21

Children getting left behind, left out and furthermore just LEFT. There has got to be a better way of managing kids who become credit deficit, drop out of school, or lose interest. These kids are capable academically to perform the assignments which eventually test their competency skills which earn their credits enabling them to graduate. Often, there are situations outside of school attributing to why a child is not succeeding. These kids need to be attended to by the counselor and /or school psychologist so they are able to assess the issues and take a plan of action together to turn kids around. Expulsion is not the answer, as this is where the child getting left behind all begins. No staff, in my experience, monitors the child's needs in a structured way, Malcom Mcrae needs to assign a task force. Not take on himself. He is too busy directing other things and spreads himself too thin. The kids begin to slip thru the cracks of education and become a label.

Classes need to reach all types of learners

G15

Thought: Classes need to reach all types of learners

T26

Teachers should receive training every year on how to excite kids and reach them with the material. More hands on, and discovery style learning. Today's school system is not adequately preparing kids for a world that no longer lives and learns like the ancient Greeks! School should reflect our changing workplace.

Classroom chaos

G109

Thought: Classroom chaos

T124

Walking into the building at any class time and there is generally a lot of noise coming from the classrooms. This in addition to comments made to me from my kids makes me question how much distraction is going on. I know that the school district is under funded and under staffed. I don't have a good answer for this problem. I just wish that things could be different.

College counseling not sufficient

G100

Thought: College counseling not sufficient

T104

We need more than one counselor to help all of the college-bound students prepare for college. With a little more staff help, more than just the most motivated students could receive help and encouragement to attend and prepare for furthering their education.

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Common Core

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Thought: Common Core - Single most destructive change made to education ever

T67

Thought: Get rid of common core. The standards based grading where tests mean test count for everything and this is not conducive for an accurate picture of what the student knows/retains.

T81

Communication

G5

Thought: Communication

T15

HAC is a great tool but should not be a replacement for communication between parents and teachers or teachers and students

Thought: lack of communication from parents to teachers and vice versa

T75

Thought: Teachers who communicate.....I E: not there for conferences and another Teacher puts out a sign sheet and they don't reply.

T91

Consider elimination of overhead/facilities that are not necessary

G95

Thought: Consider elimination of overhead/facilities that are not necessary.

T96

Consolidate to 3 schools

G53

Thought: Consolidate to 3 schools. Continuing to fund Territorial for less than 150

T20

students in our district is a poor use of our funds. Bring those students into our Laurel and Oaklea or at least explain how we are saving money by keeping that school running.

Developing students interest in education and graduation

G65

Thought: developing students interest in education and graduation

T37

these students need to gain skills to enter workforce in today's economy and to want to continue education either in colleges or in trade schools.

What are some of the key challenges you see in our schools?

Dress Code G75

Thought: Dress Code T58

I see so many girls dressed provocatively for dances and even for school. I have seen more panties and thongs than anyone should see because of the short skirts and dresses.

Dysfunctional learning spaces such as the media center and E Wing G120

Thought: Dysfunctional learning spaces such as the media center and E Wing classrooms. T146

Electives at the Middle School G106

Thought: Electives at the Middle School T116

Facilities and school grounds overall condition poor G7

Thought: The grand stands are in desperate need of an up grade. T7

Have been watching football games since 1990. They are not designed for large or overweight people. Every time I climb the steps I wonder if I am going to fall through the boards. That has happened before. The center step needs hand rails so spectators can use for ones that needs assistance. To sit in the grandstands for people in wheelchairs needs to be lifted up. Watching from the sidelines in a wheelchair is a big disadvantage. And maybe additional lighting in the stands.

Thought: Appearance of school grounds. They look ran down, weeds everywhere, pot holes in parking lots. I understand there could be funding issues however when trying to pass a bond to upgrade buildings it would help to know that the district can maintain simple things to make the grounds look good. Why invest funds into the new buildings if the district does not care to keep the simple things maintained. T22

Thought: Condition of the buildings need addressed T38

Convincing the older, majority of the city, citizens will be difficult.

Thought: The ability to maintain the physical properties (buildings and grounds) T41

The most valuable asset the district has are its buildings and properties. With only two people working in the district maintenance positions, this seems inadequately staffed to properly maintain all of the district properties.

Thought: As you have mentioned, the age and current condition of the school is a T42

What are some of the key challenges you see in our schools?

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Facilities and school grounds overall condition poor

G7

concern, any harmful materials still in the structure is a bit scary. The heating and cooling systems throughout the buildings, specifically the East Wing, really need some attention to keep the climate more moderate.

Thought: The current main parking lot speed bumps are truly too large, especially for low riding vehicles.

T43

Thought: Facilities and school grounds overall condition poor

T47

1. Laurel old unsafe. New school needed.
 2. JCHS old unsafe. The focal point of a communities educational opportunities. New school needed
 3. Oaklea Middle School needs updating but in good overall shape
- With open enrollment and parents having opportunities to send kids to other schools it is critical to have facilities parents feel are safe and well kept.
A drive by (which parents do) almost anytime during the year and you can see uncut grass, paint peeling, weeds, ball fields overgrown and other problems. Just because a school is old there is no reason it can't be keep nice. I have traveled to many schools throughout the state and seen schools older than ours in very good condition. It takes pride and a little work. The condition of our athletic fields are at times an embarrassment to the community.

Thought: Laurel Elementary and the High School buildings are in need of repair.

T79

Asking the community to more than double their taxes is not going to get the job done. Instead of paying out hundreds of thousands of dollars on committees, find someone willing and qualified to take on the task at a rate that we can afford. Find local businesses that could assist with materials. What would it take to do a remodel job... over time? Improve the schools in steps that move forward, but do not take a tremendous amount of finances all at once. Is there a business (or many businesses) out there that would assist us in finances if we promoted their product? When businesses cut employees hours to work the system so they don't have to payout more in insurance and other benefits, it results in families not able to make ends meet. Asking them to pay more in taxes is not feasible. They just don't have the money to give.

Thought: Upkeep of the facilities should be mandatory.

T94

Thought: What maintenance is being done?

T102

I see buildings in much needed repair and a lot of money in maintenance. What are the plans to take care of what we have? The high school mural peels, you can spray pesticide, but then you don't order mulch? Desks fall in on students, power outlets don't work...how are we to know what you are doing, when all we see ow what you aren't?

Thought: I think our biggest challenge is that the schools are old and working with

T109

I think are biggest challenge is that we are working with old buildings that make it hard to house and teach all the children as the number of children grow, It is hard for people in this area to pass bills that allow us to get more money to improve our schools.

What are some of the key challenges you see in our schools?
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Facilities and school grounds overall condition poor

G7

Thought: Facilities

T117

Thought: None that I really see

T121

As a parent, curriculum wise, I see no challenges. Really the most significant I see is facility upgrading, safety. FB stadium, electrical systems. Etc.

Thought: Old stadium, gyms and fields

T147

These don't represent our school or our community well compared to facilities in other league and 4A schools.

Thought: aging buildings, probably too many kids to teachers

T159

Foreign Language Options

G25

Thought: Foreign Language Options

T57

Kids don't have many choices for their foreign language credits. American Sign Language is a great way to get the credit. There are wonderful teaching tools (DVD's and such) that have been developed and are easy to administer. The teacher doesn't have to be proficient but willing to learn what is on the DVD's. I would teach it if I weren't so busy already!

Thought: Other language electives besides Spanish are needed

T86

For those kids that do not want to attend college there should be tech/vocational courses

G34

Thought: Not every student has the desire, or ability to be college bound.

T76

We need to have vocational skills available that will spark interest in future goals, but do require an additional college degree. Woodshop, metal shop, welding, simple mechanics, culinary, and technology are just a few ideas that I have. Find people in the community that would be willing to train through an internship for students that show promising skills. A wide variety of Music and Art classes need to be available.

Thought: For those kids that do not want to attend college there should be

T133

vocational/tech offered as well as basic education.

kids need to be accountable, have respect for self and others, gain interpersonal skills.

What are some of the key challenges you see in our schools?

Getting a bond to pass to improve schools **G113**
Thought: Getting a bond to pass to improve schools T132

Graduation rates **G110**
Thought: Graduation rates. Keeling child engaged and motivated T125

Heat/cooling system **G30**
Thought: Heat/cooling system T83
 The heat system breaks down often and does not work well in winter.
Thought: Heating/Cooling T137

Instill prevailing thought process that teaching students comes first **G96**
Thought: Instill prevailing thought process that teaching students comes first. T97

Keeping students and parents engaged **G23**
Thought: Toughest challenges I think are keeping the students engaged in their School work. T2
Thought: Engage-Inspire-Educate T64
 I have yet to see any of this happen at an exceedingly high level.
Thought: Keeping students and parents engaged. T129
Thought: Keeping kids and teachers engaged for learning, offering vocational studies T131

Keeping technology current **G32**
Thought: Keeping technology current. T53
 Technology is a way of life. Students need to be equipped with the skills for utilizing it and using it in their careers. Things change quickly and with no money, it is hard for schools to keep up.
Thought: Our technology sucks T101

What are some of the key challenges you see in our schools?

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Keeping technology current

G32

We don't have wifi accessible to our students or patrons. Computers constantly not working.
Compared to other districts we aren't even close

Lack if interesting subjects

G31

Thought: Not enough class choices

T45

1. One foreign language class option. Other schools have 2-4 different choices.
2. No Auto shop
3. More AP class options

Thought: Lack if interesting subjects. Miss the elective choices

T127

Lack of alternative educational opportunities

G21

Thought: Lack of alternative educational opportunities.

T10

Lack of basic math skills

G20

Thought: Lack of basic math skills

T87

We have seen it in the past several years the lack of basic math skills in students, like simple handling of money and giving change

Thought: I have to say this year I have seem challenges to your math program.

T151

Lack of drug testing for athletes and student leaders.

G48

Thought: Lack of drug testing for athletes and student leaders.

T11

Lack of full time autism specialist on staff

G117

Thought: Lack of full time autism specialist on staff. With the growing ratio of autistic students identified on a national level, a full time specialist is key

T141



What are some of the key challenges you see in our schools?

lack of parents involvement in their child education

G39

Thought: lack of parents involvement in their child education

T73

Lack of school spirit

G10

Thought: Lack of school spirit

T88

The school as well as the community hardly shows any school spirit or pride. Its hard to contribute to people that don't care.

Lack of up to date equipment

G114

Thought: I believe some of the biggest challenges is lack of up to date equipment.

T135

The school does not seem to be keeping up with Eugene schools with what is offered and what type of equipment is used. Most electives have been eliminated or so minimized that there aren't any choices. Computer equipment, lab areas, wood shop, metal shop and so many other things are just falling behind or don't even exist at the school. I am very surprised when I hear about the elective options that the Eugene schools have and they seem to have less school days then Junction City Schools and still fit in things geared to help kids learn a skill or find other interests.

Lockers

G88

Thought: Lockers

T82

Locks are worn down and not easy to use. Typically it takes 9 tried to get it to work.

Maintenance staff insufficient to handle whole school district

G17

Thought: Maintenance staff insufficient to handle whole school district

T105

Having only one maintenance employee and one head of maintenance employee for the whole district, seems too few. I believe this has made it impossible to complete the regularly scheduled maintenance required to keep the buildings sufficiently maintained. This may account for some of the problems we are encountering now.

More AP classes

G40

Thought: More AP classes (good improvements so far), fix the stadium, more computer

T130

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More AP classes

G40

work. The new software for the teachers makes following my students' grades difficult... Kids complain that it's never up to date.

More observation/control of the behavior of the students.

G92

Thought: More observation/control of the behavior of the students.

T92

Not enough counseling support for students

G33

Thought: More counseling options for behavioral problems in elementary schools.

T89

Thought: Not enough counseling support for students

T145

Not enough focus on academics

G35

Thought: Focus on athletics instead of academics

T1

When I registered my son, he was auto-enrolled in several courses. On official registration day, four teachers would not sign his registration allowing him to be in their classes because they were already full. When I went to speak with the principal about the issue, I was brushed aside (literally, waved his hand at me and told me not to worry about it) then he quickly asked my son if he was going out for a sport. My son answered yes, and the principal commented that he was "one of the good guys" and then dismissed us without fixing the registration issues. We had to figure out a new schedule and find classes he could be in without any help from the admin staff. My son ended up taking several band classes because he has been playing piano and guitar for 5 years. I wonder... since he is also a musician, is he no longer "one of the good guys"? Where is the support for music and arts?

Not having a universal grading system

G42

Thought: Having a universal grading system. Some teachers if you get below 70% then you fail

T4

Not willing to run the schools like a business

G26

Thought: Not willing to run the schools like a business

T114

What are some of the key challenges you see in our schools?

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Not willing to run the schools like a business

G26

In business you either run with a balanced bank account or you do not stay in business very long. Business's do not have the option of asking tax payers to buy them a new building or upgrades to current systems.

Not willing to work with outside business's and organizations

G105

Thought: Not willing to work with outside business's and organizations.

T113

If the business or organization is religious based, JC schools will not allow to advertise or promote themselves. This hurts the schools since those organizations could end up helping the schools out as well, but can not do so due to the restrictions. Example: Boys Scouts. They could do projects around the school to help the school out, but since they are not allowed to promote themselves on JC school grounds they would not be allowed to do those type of things. The JC schools come off anti-religious.

Offer more challenging curriculum

G90

Thought: offer more challenging curriculum

T85

Open Campus for Lunch

G121

Thought: Personally , I don't think open campus for younger students is ok

T128

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Thought: Open Campus for Lunch

T149

Sending children to school is entrusting them to the Junction City School district for that period of time, for their personal safety. An open campus provides opportunities for violence and rape against students who were expected to be safe at school. This is a subject that has personally affected my family.

Over spending

G80

Thought: One word SPENDING. From legacy costs PER's, absurd rates of pay, no

T66

What are some of the key challenges you see in our schools?

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Over spending

G80

incentive based pay structure, union (organized criminals) collective bargaining, and the fear mongering created by organizations on a level including local, state and federal. Costs per school lunch is beyond excessive, waste is huge. Annual steps in pay that are based on years rather than successes eliminates competition (see question 1) and when you don't compete to educate our children they immediately suffer then we as a society suffer then you as an education system suffer (see current circumstance of funding-spending)

Parent-teacher conf and registration circus

G46

Thought: parent-teacher conf and registration circus

T8

The two opportunities for parent-teacher conferences have fallen on days I've had to work late and I wasn't able to attend. If I want to speak with my son's teachers, I have to schedule separate meetings on different days? That is inconvenient as a working parent. I work every day until 5! The first-come, first-served model this school seems to use for everything (registration, parent-teacher conferences) is a nightmare! The registration (new student AND high school registration day) was a circus and one of the least helpful events I've attended.

Post secondary options for students not satisfactorily addressed

G27

Thought: Inadequate classes to distinguish my child academically for colleges

T23

There are limited classes (AP, Honors, IB) that allow my child to really show what she is made of in order to build a portfolio for colleges that is attractive.

Thought: Preparing students for college.

T30

I think more can be done from middle school through high school to prepare our students for college by incorporating more language and writing classes.

Thought: Preparing students for college or work with course work that is challenging

T46

1. Teaching down to the average student and not pushing the above average students to achieve at a higher level. An example of this is math where all 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th grade students and so on are in or being offered the same math. We do offer a lower class for students behind the curve but the highest achieving students have no options.
2. Allowing students to retake and redo test and homework to improve grades. This is not real world and does not help students long term.

Thought: Post secondary options for students not satisfactorily addressed

T103

We need to offer more vocational and/or technical courses in order to round out the students going onto college, and prepare the students heading directly to the work force.



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Preparation for life beyond High School	G126
Thought: students making sure students graduate with skills they can use to find work and be a productive member of society	T33
Thought: Providing more career guidance. Most kids graduate from high school with no idea what they want to do with their life. There should be more individual assessment of aptitudes, interests, etc.	T52
Thought: Teach students to be productive professionals for their future.	T99
Thought: Preparation for life beyond High School With help from school and family, students after graduation should be prepared to continue their education or join the work force, etc.	T157

Proficiency	G51
Thought: Proficiency This new addition to the school grading and class work is not easy to understand for parents and requires staff members to be available after class to explain to students	T16

Providing a challenging education for higher functioning students	G81
Thought: Providing a challenging education for higher functioning students I think this is challenging to do while also providing an adequate education for those who are mentally, or emotionally challenged, or who may not want an education. I appreciate and support that in our society we have decided to provide education for all, even the most difficult. However, we must recognize that to educate the most difficult students reduces the amount of resources available to educate the majority. We have to be okay with spending less on the majority so we can keep some from falling through the cracks but also be wise in how we do that and how far we take it.	T68

Providing a challenging & meaningful education for all students	G28
Thought: Providing a challenging & meaningful education for all students.	T154

What are some of the key challenges you see in our schools?

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Providing a challenging & meaningful education for all students

G28

I have found from personal experience while student teaching and now while guest teaching in 8 different school districts, how difficult it is to keep all students engaged. This has probably always been an issue, but maybe more so now that we seem to have a wider range of abilities as some mentally or emotionally challenged students may be in the same classroom with higher functioning students.

Providing an education that motivates students to want to learn.

G87

Thought: Providing an education that motivates students to want to learn.

T80

When you remove all of the fun from learning...you turn kids off. Kids need a reason to go to school. They need to be involved in activities that build self confidence, motivation, and pride. For some it is sports. For others it is vocational classes. Music and art activities that extend outside of the classroom make lifelong memories, and lead to opportunities for the future. You need too provide extra curricular activities that spark students interest (the robotics club is a great example). Have students provide opportunities for their community. Students could host activities for seniors, families, and businesses. I know that achievement standards have been raised that make getting a diploma even more challenging. If we want our students to perform we have to give them a reason to want it. They need the motivation to strive for success. If they don't feel like they can make it they won't.

Retention of good teachers

G125

Thought: Retention of good teachers., painting, landscaping...would be cost effective

T153

Rising costs with dwindling revenue

G82

Thought: Rising costs with dwindling revenue

T71

I think we may be at a break point in our economy where regulation and conservation are testing the limits of what we can provide in the way of services. There is a limited amount of revenue generated by the resources we are willing to use, and that revenue has to be divided among the many services we want to provide, one of those being schools.

School safety

G64

Thought: safety

T34



What are some of the key challenges you see in our schools?

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School safety	G64
make sure our students are safe in the school environment from all threats including bullies	
Thought: building safety	T35
making sure that the buildings are safe and in full working order	
Thought: Safety is a my utmost concern for our school district.	T49
Thought: Other than safety, I really don't see any other key challenges in our schools.	T50
Thought: Work with parents closely on safety concerns for their students.	T98
Thought: Safety concerns, layout of high school and separation worries my student	T126
Thought: Safety (schools with multiple buildings)	T138

Schools being expected to fill in too many holes left from broken families	G83
Thought: Schools being expected to fill in too many holes left from broken families.	T72
Schools are expected to do so much to help with students that have no help at home. As those problems grow in our society, it will make it even more difficult to meet the demands of educating every student. I read today the graduation rates in Eugene schools are below 70% and they hope to be at 100% by 2016 or something like that and I assume Junction Cities goals are similar. That will be very difficult to do and in fact impossible without more support at home. If we can reduce the decline of the families, then schools have a chance. If not then schools will have to lower their goals and expectations.	

Seems to me that if you have to have special help for students either they	G124
Thought: Seems to me that if you have to have special help for students either they	T152
give up the their lunch hour, or you have after school help where you have to feed them and then bring them home something is not right. I don't know if this has to do with that common core program or not. But having kid having to go back and redo work while trying to move forward seem counter productive to me. Some students do not do well this word problem and no program can be a cookie cutter for every students needs we saw that with that no child left behind program. I think a lot of pressure is put on student to preform like college students while still in high school.	

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Setting not appropriate for some families

G104

Thought: Setting not appropriate for some families.

T112

Over all good job at Laurel, but then let the kids run wild in Oaklea, use foul and sexually suggestive language.

Socioeconomic status of families in the District.

G129

Thought: Socioeconomic status of families in the District.

T9

Some students do not feel welcomed, appreciated, or respected .

G12

Thought: Some students do not feel welcomed, appreciated, or respected .

T60

As a community member I have heard the students' side of conflicts with teachers. One felt "humiliated in front of the rest of the class and almost just walked out" (high school). Another said " only the Mexican kids had their lockers and back-packs gone through" regarding a drug find (middle school). Another said a teacher encouraged him to "get his (expletive) together".

Sports are getting/demanding too much focus

G56

Thought: athletic schedules interfere with school and home life

T6

games are scheduled either so early that working parents cannot attend, or so far away that the students return home near midnight (and again... parents cannot attend without a long-distance drive and taking time off work). I wonder why there are not rules governing game times and locations that account for these issues. My son has been active in various athletics for over 10 years and never have I missed games or had to return home that late on a school night. This experience has soured us on high school athletics. Playing sports does not necessitate so much interference with the rest of life.... homework, sleep. School should be first.

Thought: Sports are getting/demanding too much focus

T25

I am frustrated with sports that demand hours and and hours of time everyday after school and on weekends. Sports are important and the benefits of sports are numerous, but some coaches demand hours that interfere with a students ability to remain academically intact. Furthermore it can be a burden on parents of non-driving youths--especially in a rural area like Junction City.I believe the coaches who elevate sports to this level are not thinking of families or children, but there own stats. We are not college and draw no money for sports. Let's keep our kids on track and sports in perspective.

What are some of the key challenges you see in our schools?
Staffing of activities seems to be a problem

G85

Thought: Staffing of activities seems to be a problem

T77

FFA activities aren't happening the same, Mr Tiger isn't the same, I know the teachers are spread thin but we need to continue the activities. Maybe there are volunteers who would commit to a period of time. Different people every year wouldn't work.

Standardize testing is choking the life out of teachers and students

G130

Thought: Standardize testing is choking the life out of teachers and students

T28

Some kids will NEVER test well, but outperform many in the workplace. Teaching to the test keeps teachers from the ability to see their kids needs and strengths and then bring them out. When I have to be on page 62 on December 13, I am forced to leave kids behind or move too slow. By using the feed lot mentality to fatten kids up for test slaughter we are reducing education to something that will never benefit our society-drudgery. Lets keep kids engaged and capable to learn on their own, not testing well. A LOVE OF LEARNING IS ESSENTIAL TO A HEALTHY SOCIETY

Student to teacher ratios are going up year after year

G99

Thought: Student to teacher ratios are going up year after year

T100

Could more \$ be siphoned off of the balance left at the end of the year to hire more teachers? It's seems like a lot of \$ left every year.

Teacher's cooperation with parents

G77

Thought: Teacher's cooperation with parents

T61

I always hear from all the teachers "we LOVE to have our parents involvement". NOT TRUE!! As soon as you try to get information from the teachers about a student you either get ignored or fed a line of excuses. All of which doesn't help the child be successful in school in which they give up.

Teachers teaching and keeping their political views to themself

G70

Thought: Teachers teaching and keeping their political views to themself

T48

1. Debating issues is one thing but teachers pontificating have no place in the classroom

What are some of the key challenges you see in our schools?
Teaching children tolerance and diversity creates a separatist culture

G79

Thought: Teaching children tolerance and diversity creates a separatist culture

T65

where everyone is right and everyone is wrong. Creating unity in schools, including community, local, and national pride regardless of race, gender preference or anything else that is currently defined as diverse is often locally frowned upon. Disallowing passion in the context of competition because it is deemed intolerant and impolite reduces the ability of a child to strive to succeed. Everything we do in life after high school is competitive. We must compete for jobs and compete for increase. With the belief that righteous aggressiveness has no place in society, we will be bound to fail as a community and ultimately as a country. This generation has been held back by political correctness and tolerance from birth, and as we as a country slide into lower credit ratings, laughable foreign policies, and disrespected as a nation, we have been limiting the masses by not empowering them to be the best they can. We(you) have been not allowing them to compete from their circumstance.

Tenure is at 2 years when it should be at 5

G55

Thought: Tenure is at 2 years when it should be at 5

T24

By allowing tenure to be at the 2 year mark, schools often get saddled with with bad teachers. I believe tenure should be at 5 years. As a former educator it takes 4 years to really figure out if a teacher is good. Furthermore, tenure should be granted based on student and parental inputs on teacher performance. I understand the frustration with big money lobbying for the teachers union making these rules. Can't we just hire teachers outside the union?

That is difficult to keep up with the ever changing Technology

G37

Thought: That is difficult to keep up with the ever changing Technology

T14

That some students feel like they are being ignored by teachers

G116

Thought: That some students feel like they are being ignored by teachers.

T139

The budget of our school.

G128

Thought: The budget of our school.

T160

What are some of the key challenges you see in our schools?

(continued)

The budget of our school.

G128

A lot of the equipment and facilities around the school are old/outdated and could use replacement. There's also trouble with electives, and some classes in general, around the school. Some of them fill up quickly so students are unable to take them; but then there feels like a lack of electives too. The selection isn't as widespread as other schools like Willamette or North, and the Spanish program at our school only goes up to Spanish 2, bigger high schools offer college level Spanish classes. The budget our school has affects on all of these, and as our school district grows I feel like these problems and others like it will become more and more relevant.

The class sizes are too large.

G3

Thought: Class sizes that are too large for students to focus and learn

T108

With the previous concerns mentioned - the decay of the family and the over-empowerment of students an additional factor deeply hindering students from learning is the fact that so much time is spent on non-educational issues that instruction time is becoming more and more limited. Feeding kids takes away from instruction time, disciplining students seems to be an endless issue as troubled students tend to dominate the teachers time and energy while the "good" kids are not being challenged and instructed as they could be. To aid in this matter - stronger discipline in the classrooms, smaller class sizes and/or adding aids for every class to allow for more individualized instruction would be beneficial. Making smaller classes is a start but it needs to be combined with other factors mentioned to allow students to have the optimum atmosphere for learning.

Thought: Class sizes.

T115

Thought: The class sizes are too large.

T140

In the younger grades especially, large classes and too little academic support compromises learning and emotional well-being.

The decay and disarray of family life for many students

G101

Thought: The decay and disarray of family life for many students

T106

What are some of the key challenges you see in our schools?

(continued)

The decay and disarray of family life for many students

G101

It seems the schools have taken on what the family used to be responsible for - feeding children, teaching them basic manners, morals and ethics, discipline and even basic education that parents used to fulfill - at least in my experience. Because of this reality students come to school not ready to learn due to emotional or physical issues. On top of this the teacher is now expected to fill these gaps so taking care of basic needs now takes time and energy away from educating children. If the schools see this as a continued role they must fill in our society then perhaps other facilities and specific staffing is required so that teachers can do what they are gifted and feel called to do - teach! Ideally schools will be left for teaching educational matters and other avenues can or must be found to educate students in the basics of living life.

The division between long time residents and new families in the district

G122

Thought: The division between long time residents and new families in the district

T150

Although this is probably true in many school districts, Junction City appears to close opportunities to those who do not have a family tradition in the district.

The key challenge is lack of funding in general.

G50

Thought: The key challenge is lack of funding in general.

T13

People aren't willing to pay more taxes-- we are already over taxed as it is. Unless you have a child in school, it's hard to want to spend more money on something that doesn't directly affect your family.

Thought: Funding: I feel the district does not work hard to locate and apply for grants to assist with funding.

T19

Thought: grandstands

T36

I don't think the district should worry about the grandstands. It should be up to the organizations to raise the funds through donations and fundraisers to get the money for this. We can't even afford paper for the class rooms.

Thought: Adequate funding for long term district and community educational goals.

T39

State school funding is on a 2 year cycle with each year receiving similar but not always equal amounts. When (if) the 2nd year becomes less than the 1st, programs supported by the funding in the 1st year tend to be reduced due to lack of effective dollars from the state.

Thought: More Funding

T155

What are some of the key challenges you see in our schools?

(continued)

The key challenge is lack of funding in general.

G50

High School--We would love to see JC students have a school campus like Cottage Grove...although appearance does not make a good school. We would like JC students to have the opportunity to take 4 years of a foreign language in school and the re-establishment of FFA for ag families because ag is a large part of our community.

The kids arent set up to succeed

G103

Thought: First off you are now doing proficiency.

T110

You are setting our Children to fail. And the drop out rate to increase. Many children do not test well. And when none of their work counts you not only cause the failure rate in academics to increase, but on a personal level. It cause depression and lack of self worth. Children already struggle with feeling good about themselves. And even when they try they fail. Then the school basically is producing children that feel worthless. AND worthlessness leads to many issues in life. One of my children who has a hard time testing, but always did well on assignments said she might as well not go to college because she is a failure. Since she can hardly pass a test. And she studies for it. She has major test anxiety. And you do nothing to help her. You either need to add pretest study sessions and study skills and help these students, or count the work they have done.

The over-empowerment of the student

G102

Thought: The over-empowerment of the student.

T107

From my observation teachers have had their position of authority and healthy power usurped for a variety of reasons. I have witnessed and experienced firsthand elementary students fearless defiance of simple and normal requests - such as "You need to go sit down with the rest of the class." "NO!" "Please hand me that toy that car that you are playing with during reading time and distracting your friends with." "NO!" "It's time for our class to go to _____." "I am not going!" A high school athlete (at another high school) throws a major temper tantrum, swears at the coach in front of the entire team, throws equipment, refuses to ride the bus home and is given a slap on the wrist and is back at practice the next day per the administration. The lack of respect and a healthy fear of authority is undermining order in the classroom and regaining that is vital, in my opinion, for the health of teachers, students and schools as a whole.

The tax payer willingness to fund all the projects at once

G68

Thought: The tax payer willingness to fund all the projects at once

T44

What are some of the key challenges you see in our schools?

(continued)

The tax payer willingness to fund all the projects at once

G68

I think by asking for funding for Laurel school only you would have had a much stronger chance of passing. I felt like the additional 12 million was sort of a blank check. I have talked to several people that have thought the same thing. That big of a tax jump in one year is also hard to swallow. More smaller increases may be easier for people to approve

Thinking outside the box to generate new attitudes/ ideas towards funding,

G66

Thought: Thinking outside the box to generate new attitudes/ ideas towards funding,

T40

curriculum, athletics and school/student pride. Sometimes I feel JC school district is "no we can't do it this way because we don't do that" for no other reason then its not historically allowed. New times make new policy!!

Too many mandates

G119

Thought: too many mandates

T144

The focus on meeting mandates takes time, attention and resources away from being able to offer kids more choices, and more individualized support.

To save money consider switching to 4 day school weeks.

G43

Thought: To save money consider switching to 4 day school weeks.

T5

I think if the days are switched to 4 days weeks extending the day by an hour a day would help with the budget. It might not be the complete solution but it might allow some of the things that needs fixed to get the most important things fixed.

Underparented children

G61

Thought: Underparented children

T31

I think one of the biggest challenges currently faced by our public schools are children who are underparented or not parented at all. There is no one at home to give the children parameters in life-meal times, bed times, home work schedules or curfews.

What are some of the key challenges you see in our schools?

Unimpressed

G108

Thought: Unimpressed

T122

I am completely unimpressed with the help I have received with my son and him getting failing grades.

Updating our buildings when our community is not a wealthy one.

G8

Thought: Updating our buildings when our community is not a wealthy one.

T119

Very concerned for the below-average academic student

G76

Thought: I am very concerned for the below-average academic student.

T59

Testing seems to take away more and more instructional time. The rigidity of performance levels and measurement tools does not adapt to learning styles, interests or aptitudes. The present structure appears to set many up for failure, leading to eventually dropping out. I understand there is opportunity within the state requirements to present applied course work to meet math standards for example, but the district does not seem to have these options available at present.

We need better nutrition

G59

Thought: We need better nutrition

T29

I would love to see better, locally sourced food for kids. NOT FROM A CAN OR FREEZER BAG

Thought: food

T84

Prison style food is served daily. The nutrition value is next to nil.

Thought: Good healthy lunches

T90

We need to teach critical thinking in Middle school

G57

Thought: We need to teach critical thinking in Middle school

T27

Too many kids are coming out of school like robots, unable of thinking critically for themselves. 11-13 is the time to capitalize on the brain development for critical thinking skills. Let's not miss that window.

What are some of the key challenges you see in our schools?

Work Ethic

G62

Thought: Work Ethic

T32

many children do not have a work ethic, they don't even know where to start. They have a liaise-faire attitude about their education and take the easy way, or simply don't do the work. It must be very discouraging to the teachers.

Work with parents cooperatively to resolve issues of concern

G93

Thought: Work with parents cooperatively to resolve issues of concern.

T93

Would love to see a youth transition program for our special needs

G118

Thought: Would love to see a youth transition program for our special needs students.

T142

Youth leaving campus during lunch

G49

Thought: Youth leaving campus during lunch.

T12



What are some things we are doing well in our schools?

Administration is engaged and approachable

G14

Thought: Administration is engaged and approachable

T13

I appreciate that my interactions with administration have been friendly and they really seem to care about the students. I feel great knowing that I can approach my administrators with any problems or concerns I have and I am not shooed away. Thanks Administrators!

After school program

G27

Thought: After School Program

T32

My daughter uses it regularly and the bus ride home makes it so much easier for me!

After school programs

G24

Thought: After school programs.

T29

Our schools have a wide variety of after school programs that enable kids to explore areas that aren't available during school hours, like robotics and drama.

Awesome support for college applications and scholarship applications

G71

Thought: Awesome support for college applications and scholarship applications

T87

A wide range of College Preparatory Courses

G76

Thought: A wide range of College Preparatory Courses

T92

Junction City does a good job of preparing students for College, if students take advantage of these opportunities. It is also beneficial that a counselor is dedicated to walking students the college search, application, and financial aid process.

Caring group of teachers

G1

Thought: Your thought and caring for the students

T18

Ample opportunity for the parents to be involved

Thought: Caring group of teachers

T27

What are some things we are doing well in our schools?

(continued)

Caring group of teachers	G1
Thought: Caring, educated teachers.	T28
Our schools have many teachers who go "above and beyond" on a daily basis to do what needs to be done to provide the best possible educational experience for our kids.	
Thought: Caring Staff	T44
Most staff/teachers actually care about the students. The ones who don't are limited. After school help, homework extentions, before school help. All great things.	
Thought: I feel that the teachers at the Junction City really care about their	T60
I really feel that the teachers care about how their student lives are at school and at home.	
Thought: Staff is 100% for the students	T65

Challenging students	G26
Thought: Challenging students	T31
I think the school is doing a find job in providing advance level courses for students who excel academically by providing honors, AP, etc courses.	

College/Career counseling	G49
Thought: College/Career counseling	T58
The help provided for students to discern college options and the search for financial resources to be able to attend those schools was extremely beneficial! Our own kids have all attended college and without the help of this position I am not sure that would have been possible for us financially. Keep this position!	

Communication from teachers to parents	G3
Thought: A Lot of teachers email updates.	T2
Thought: Communication from teachers to parents.	T16
From grade school through high school, most of the teachers really make great efforts to let us know how our students are progressing in their classes.	
Thought: Communication	T33
I always have good access and response from teachers and administrators.	

What are some things we are doing well in our schools?

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Communication from teachers to parents	G3
Thought: Daily Annoucement Emails	T45
Love the emails. It's nice to know what's going on. One improvement would be to know the schedule of the next day of school instead of current, by the time we get the email school has already started so hopefully we knew the schedule, but it would be helpful to prepare for next day.	
Thought: Keep parents informed of their individual student	T59
The online resources to be up to date on students classwork along with the daily announcements sent out by the high school and the automated phone-calls if our student has missed a class were wonderful resources for parents to help their student and keep them accountable.	
Thought: I think the staff is friendly and tries to keep parents informed.	T79
The staff for the most part has been friendly and positive in dealing with my childrens education.	
Thought: Communication with parents through daily student announcements, flash alert, automated phone calls.	T86

Community involvement	G33
Thought: We do feel that the schools do try hard to involve the community.	T5
Compared to when I was a kid, I see JC being more involved in their schools and being brought in more by the schools and activities. If people are aware of things that are going on, they are more likely to want to be involved in some way.	
Thought: Good public relations and community involvement	T40
I think we have a lot of caring staff members and a supportive community in many ways. We need to continue to build on that, making sure we are working together and using every resource available to make families and schools stronger.	

Counseling services have been a great help	G46
Thought: Counseling services have been a great help.	T53

Curriculum	G70
Thought: Curriculum.	T85

What are some things we are doing well in our schools?

(continued)

Curriculum

G70

I like that the elementary teachers are now teaching all the same thing, so they can collaborate and support each other.

Dealing with students individually

G63

Thought: Dealing with students individually

T75

Dedicated staff

G5

Thought: The teachers are amazing and dedicated to doing what needs to be done

T72

Despite their class sizes, resource struggles and increased workload they fight everyday for our students. And the district needs to do everything they can to make sure these teachers are supported at every level so we can keep them in our classrooms for decades. This isn't just money, but also district office support in maintenance so they have functioning classrooms, technology so the students have access to our societies technological needs, custodial so their rooms are clean for our kids EVERY day, and principals who focus more on supporting their teachers and less on getting good data.

Thought: Having teachers that give kids an extra edge or recognition.

T78

Each school helps students get their diplomas

G69

Thought: Things that are being done well in the schools are that each school helps students get their diplomas by the end of high school

T83

Education Together Foundation is amazing

G72

Thought: Education Together Foundation is amazing

T88

Everyone tries their best

G62

Thought: Everyone tries their best

T74

What are some things we are doing well in our schools?

Finally admitting that changes need to be made and assessment looks to be beginning

G19

Thought: Finally admitting that changes need to be made and assessment looks to be beginning.

T20

Good CTE programs

G74

Thought: Good CTE programs

T90

But we need more options for kids who aren't college bound and need different career choices and skills.

Good public relations

G81

Thought: Good public relations and community involvement

T40

I think we have a lot of caring staff members and a supportive community in many ways. We need to continue to build on that, making sure we are working together and using every resource available to make families and schools stronger.

Good student to staff ratio

G23

Thought: I feel the students have a good ratio with how many children are in our classrooms per each teacher.

T26

Great AP classes

G73

Thought: Great AP and College Now classes

T89

Great interaction and respect between students and faculty

G60

Thought: Great interaction and respect between students and faculty

T71

I see and hear much admiration and respect from students towards faculty. Also, that admiration and respect returned. Also there is a great emphasis on student athletes maintaining grades to participate.

What are some things we are doing well in our schools?

Great teachers	G2
Thought: Good Administration and Teachers.	T4
Thought: Teachers are great, all the extra classes that are offered.	T6
Thought: Educators	T15
We feel there are some top notch educators at the schools. They give it all they've got and then a little. Some are even available for the kids after graduation.	
Thought: teachers	T17
I think you have a great group of teachers who are dedicated to the success of the students.	
Thought: Teachers are well-educated and obtain good results from their students	T54
I feel that my children are getting a good education and are being motivated to achieve their best. While I would like to see more options for vocational and technical skills, I feel that the education that they are receiving in math, reading, language arts, history, and science is superb.	
Thought: Passionate Teachers	T57
While there are certainly those instructors who are coasting - they are the exception not the rule. Our kids had great teachers from K-12. Again, there were a few exceptions but overall they had tremendous teachers who challenged them educationally and relationally. Quality instructors at every level that prepared them for college and for life. It has been a blessing to not have our schools burdened with major teacher scandals but instead have instructors who have been, on the whole, role models worth emulating.	
Thought: You have teachers who continue to teach with more students, higher and more difficult expectations from the state and federal governments to the best of their abilities.	T67
Thought: Staff	T70
I have been very impressed by the majority of the teachers I have met and the support staff. I enjoy the conferences and the chance to talk with teachers face to face.	
Thought: Hiring quality teachers	T81
Thought: Good teachers	T84
There are some really great teachers in the elementary school. Some good ones in the older schools as well, but some bad teachers go too long in our classrooms.	

Having speakers with real life experience	G65
Thought: Sports, extra curricular activities, having speakers with real life	T77

What are some things we are doing well in our schools?

*(continued)***Having speakers with real life experience**

G65

experience's, personal finance, physical education, music.

Increased academic expectations for sports participants

G57

Thought: Increased academic expectations for sports participants

T68

Inspiring students in sports programs

G45

Thought: Inspiring students in sports programs.

T52

keeping kids involved in sports, clubs & other activities and helping kids

G79

Thought: keeping kids involved in sports, clubs & other activities and helping kids
achieve there goals

T95

Keeping rural school open

G67

Thought: Keeping rural school open

T80

Keeping sports a priority

G68

Thought: Keeping sports a priority

T82

Lack of turn over of instructors

G42

Thought: Lack of turn over of instructors

Having maintain a good level of staff turnover is making a strong stable teaching enviroment

T49

Making great use of the resources we have available

G54

Thought: The district is doing an outstanding job with what they have.

T21



What are some things we are doing well in our schools?

(continued)

Making great use of the resources we have available

G54

With the number of staff that are employed by the school district, a great job is being done to provide a quality education to our students.

Thought: Making great use of the resources we have available.

T64

Making opportunities available

G15

Thought: Making opportunities available

T14

There are opportunities for children who are self motivated and driven to succeed. They are able to seek out help and direction from educators at the school.

Most teacher up date home access often would like all teachers to do also.

G4

Thought: Most teacher up date home access often would like all teachers to do also.

T1

Thought: HAC

T7

Some teachers use this as a great tool to assist students in keeping track of class work due in the future and what may need to be completed

Thought: Online System

T46

The newer system for grades and attendance was an improvement.

Music

G83

Thought: Sports, extra curricular activities, having speakers with real life experience's, personal finance, physical education, music.

T77

Music programs at Laurel Elementary and High School are excellent

G47

Thought: Music programs at Laurel Elementary and High School are excellent

T55

The music program at Laurel provides a great start to get children interested, and the offerings at the High School are excellent. Mr. Lasley keeps great control over the students while keeping them motivated. I was truly excited when my children were able to move to the High School program and enjoy their music classes again.

What are some things we are doing well in our schools?

No favoritism

G29

Thought: No favoritism

T35

My daughter had been to schools where it felt like teachers picked favorites. She doesn't see that so much here.

Offering vocational classes

G7

Thought: Offering vocational classes.

T3

On campus security measures are being carried out very well

G75

Thought: On campus security measures are being carried out very well

T91

From cameras at the High School, to security information given at the other schools, Junction City has done well.

One on One help

G28

Thought: One on One help

T34

many of the teachers are accommodating to kids who need one on one help or print out slide shows or notes for the slower writers or learners.

Overall the high school provides the community with a sense of pride

G53

Thought: Overall the high school provides the community with a sense of pride

T63

Overall the high school provides the community with a sense of pride through sports and other activities where the community is invited to be part of it.

Personal finance

G82

Thought: Sports, extra curricular activities, having speakers with real life experience's, personal finance, physical education, music.

T77

What are some things we are doing well in our schools?

Providing food for kids in need so they can focus

G13

Thought: Providing food for KIDS IN NEED SO THEY CAN FOCUS

T12

Providing some good electives at the high school level

G32

Thought: Providing some good electives at the high school level.

T39

Because I work as an engineer, I appreciate the construction related electives, metals, woods, and drafting courses that are offered. I admit I am a bit skewed to these because I also have a teaching certificate related to these areas so that is my passion for teaching as well.

Providing some good electives at the high school level

G78

Thought: Providing some good electives at the high school level.

T94

Since I also work as an engineer, I appreciate the construction related electives, metals, woods, and drafting courses that are offered. I admit I am a bit skewed to these because I also have a teaching certificate related to these areas so that is my passion for teaching as well. But I have seen firsthand how a welding, wood shop, or drafting class helps to connect academics to life after school for students. I have seen how it can help a student to stay engaged in school just having that one class a day that they enjoy.

Providing transportation to and from school

G12

Thought: Providing transportation to and from school

T11

Recognition of above average academic and sports participants.

G11

Thought: Recognition of above average academic and sports participants.

T10

Recognition of the above average academic and sports participants is not a bad thing. These kids have earned and deserve praise above those who choose to be the "average or below average" student. But some of the average or below average students are doing their best and if they do not get the praise for their efforts along with the others who do, may not get any praise at all! Children who's successes are not recognized or pointed out to them tend to feel no one cares, and in todays world, unfortunately, we live among very co dependent people and the need for recognition by all is essential for a kid to strive for more positive for him/her self in addition to those they want to be recognized by.



What are some things we are doing well in our schools?

Reporting on absences

G61

Thought: letting us know when our child was absent

T41

Thought: Reporting on absences.

T73

I truly appreciate knowing when my daughter is marked absent from a class. I also, appreciate the bulletins that were dispatched during this latest storm. Jan, in attendance, is wonderful. :)

School spirit

G41

Thought: School spirit

T48

Staff members try to be supportive

G51

Thought: Staff members try to be supportive

T61

Many staff members from teachers to cafeteria staff, etc really seem to care even with all the challenges.

Standard classes like math, science and english

G80

Thought: Standard classes like math, science and English.

T96

The math program at our school is great, we offer classes ranging from Pre-Algebra to Calculus and Stats, so there's a level suitable for everybody at a high school level. The department does a good job ensuring we do well on learning the material, and the math classes are some of the more enjoyable classes available.

The science department is pretty standard, with AP Biology being the most advanced class available. I hope that there may be an AP Chemistry class available at some point for students that found Chemistry more enjoyable than Biology, many of the bigger 5A and 6A schools offer more variety in the science department with classes like IB Chemistry. I'm aware our high school isn't IB, but we should offer classes that can compete.

English classes like the honors program are alright.

Stretching budgets creatively and applying for grants to help supplement.

G25

Thought: Stretching budgets creatively and applying for grants to help supplement.

T30

Our schools seem to do a very good job of using the little amount of money they have to accomplish the most that they can.



What are some things we are doing well in our schools?

Striving for increases in the positive areas and decreases in negatives

G56

Thought: Striving for increases in the positive areas and decreases in negatives

T66

Structure and expectations

G52

Thought: At Laurel there seemed to be some structure and expectations

T62

At Laurel there seemed to be some structure and expectations for the

Student announcements

G44

Thought: Student announcements

T51

Students are provided with food, clothing and schools supplies for free,

G58

Thought: Students are provided with food, clothing and schools supplies for free,

T69

if it is needed.

Students feel supported by their teachers

G6

Thought: My students feel supported by their teachers. I feel the teachers and

T9

Admin staff in both Oaklea and Laurel work with individual students and give them 1 on 1 assistance when needed.

Support for students in high school seems really good

G43

Thought: Support for students in high school seems really good.

T50

Teaching has improved

G40

Thought: Teaching has improved

T47

Oaks testing has reflected higher scores of late



What are some things we are doing well in our schools?

Teaching the student core values	G36
Thought: Core values at the high school "5 High"	T24
Thought: teaching the student core values	T43

Team teachers access and availability	G10
Thought: Team	T8
Team teachers access and availability to help students	

The college credit	G64
Thought: I'm seeing more AP classes being offered and I like the college credit	T76
eligible classes - a great option for students who may struggle to afford college! Good teachers who desire to help students.	

The new progress of a project	G35
Thought: the new progress of a project	T42

The ongoing effort in communication with the community	G18
Thought: I appreciate the ongoing effort in communication with the community.	T19
Although any community will have varying viewpoints, the schools and district provides opportunities to be heard: forums, School Site Councils, open school board meetings, and often just general information sessions at the schools.	
I also feel that if I need to speak to a person in the school and district office, it's always possible --- I get a real live person to help with any issues that come up.	

The Positive Behavior System	G48
Thought: The Positive Behavior System	T56

What are some things we are doing well in our schools?

(continued)

The Positive Behavior System

G48

This system used in Elementary and Middle schools has helped bring a more positive attitude in our schools by encouraging students already making good choices and challenging others to make such choices.

The schools have been responsive when a meeting was requested.

G30

Thought: The schools have been responsive when a meeting was requested.

T36

As a tutor I have requested several meetings and communications from teachers and counselors and have always been able to talk with them.

You have begun in recent years accepting help

G31

Thought: Strictly on a local level, you have begun in recent years accepting help

T38

from local helpers regardless of the reason they are helping. i.e. When the local churches get together to help out the schools in late August. Additionally in the JC area you do a decent job involving the community and loving the community and its events which in a way are its people



What are the most important skills students should be developing in our schools?

Ability to get along with others in society and the workplace

G20

Thought: Ability to get along with others in society and the workplace

T104

Academic success

G14

Thought: Academic success

T45

Being a small town/school, the most important skill is providing students with the ability to "compete" with other schools academically.

Accountability

G28

Thought: accountability

T8

A love of Learning

G19

Thought: A love of Learning

T15

Thought: a love/like for education, Interpersonal skills, respect for self and others, life after high school? work, vocational or college? work ethics and perseverance.

T94

An ability to know how to get information they need

G32

Thought: An ability to know how to get information they need

T16

Appropriate dress code attire

G15

Thought: Appropriate dress code attire.

T66

Basic math skills

G3

Thought: core academics (math, language, science)

T9

Thought: Math.

T43

What are the most important skills students should be developing in our schools?

(continued)

Basic math skills

G3

Not every person enjoys math, but everyone needs basic skills in it. Innovative ways should be discovered that help reach all kids.

Thought: Skills

T50

Advocating for them selves (without being dismissed by teachers)

Math

Personal finances

Being self reliant

Thought: Math. Budgeting. Politics. As a whole (see Q1 line 2) As a whole the

T52

schools budget should be a learning tool. It is a topic that has impact on them, and the numbers dont lie. This lesson and skill will also dramatically improve their ability to budget and understand income vs expense, and how to project income and not to spend more than they make. They need to know what things cost and where the money comes from and that emotion does not and should not change either. Most young adults dont know why or how schools are funded, but they certainly know that school doesnt have enough money. I cant remember a time when a school has ever come out annually and said "All is well financially..... dont worry we're good" Kids need to learn that just because they dont see something doesnt mean they shouldnt.

Thought: Math, communication, computer, and other high tech related skills.

T53

I know we recently got a grant to help with technology so I am hoping that we spend that money wisely to build quality technical programs that will stand the test of time. I hope we can keep up with technology and be able to provide students with the knowledge and skills they will need to work in a quickly changing world.

Thought: Basic Math

T60

Algebra and other math dominate curriculum, when student can't even handle simple math

Thought: Math

T88

Math is used everywhere and math teaches excellent problem solving skills. Our math instruction needs to be focused more an actual application as they learn instead of textbook made-up scenarios. Teach science through math, teach social studies through math...it is everywhere and yet or kids think it is a class into itself.

Thought: Math, computer, and other high tech related skills.

T108

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Thought: Skills that will be relevant later in life.

T111

What are the most important skills students should be developing in our schools?

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Basic math skills

G3

Good social skills that way solid networking can be made in college to secure jobs in high demand. They should learn math, science and English cause those are standard subjects that everybody should have general knowledge of.

Besides academics they should learn leadership, how to contribute to their,

G30

Thought: Besides academics they should learn leadership, how to contribute to their, community, teamwork, and organizational skills.

T13

Build life skills

G18

Thought: 1 how to give them tools to build life skills and begin their life
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T6

Thought: Life skills along with academics! I love the personal finance required classes. This is a wonderful way to introduce the real world to our kids. I feel the academics are covered so possibly the concepts of acceptance of others and skills in interacting with all class levels would be beneficial.

T35

Thought: life skills that will prepare them for the real world

T36

Give the students the tools they need to move them to the next chapter of their life weather it be college or skilled craft or trade. be sure they know what options are out there for what ever they decide to do after high school.

Thought: Song with the obvious learning skills, I feel life skills need to be addressed also

T63

Career readiness skills

G23

Thought: Career readiness skills

T102

Community awareness and understanding of social responsibilities

G80

Thought: Community awareness and understanding of social responsibilities

T98

What are the most important skills students should be developing in our schools?

Community minded

G16

Thought: Community minded

T47

Kids who learn to serve make the best employees or CEO's. Taking responsibility to make our community a better place and being involved helps everyone win. I miss the requirement to do community service toward graduation.

Creativity

G21

Thought: Creativity - music, arts, building on strengths and life skills.

T3

Thought: To think outside the 'box'.

T46

Problem solving and creativity are key to success these days.

Critical thinking

G17

Thought: Critical thinking skills

T17

Thought: Critical thinking

T92

Deference

G38

Thought: Deference

T24

How can we model deference so kids can be humble enough to receive instruction? Every teacher should watch, "To Sir With Love" again to get them thinking in that direction.

Determination

G68

Thought: Determination

T80

Develop individual skills sets and uniqueness

G76

Thought: Develop individual skills sets and uniqueness

T91

What are the most important skills students should be developing in our schools?

Extracurricular involvement

G6

Thought: Academic excellence, Extracurricular involvement, Personal development

T106

Academic excellence should speak for itself; Students should be stretched to grow academically. Extracurricular involvement opens the doors to a wide range of experiences and inclusion for all students who would be interested (Drama, Music, Athletics, Science, Debate). Personal development is equipping students with the tools to make it as adults.

Financial awareness

G22

Thought: math, science and reading also life skills such as money

T33

management, computer/web page skills, personal communication and health/physical education.

Thought: Financial awareness - both life and college training

T99

Focusing on following their dream

G86

Thought: focusing on following their dream in life & learning how to do it with

T110

school offered programs they are the future.

Higher grades for passing

G41

Thought: grades

T30

I don't think D is a passing grade. We should not keep passing students to the next grade if they did not pass their classes. What ever happened to keeping a student back a grade until they did the work to pass?

Honor

G35

Thought: honor

T20

How governmental systems work and how to engage them

G33

Thought: How governmental systems work and how to engage them

T18

What are the most important skills students should be developing in our schools?

How to contribute to society

G37

Thought: How to CONTRIBUTE to society

T23

Lets create a climate where contributing is normal. These people will be caretakers and neighbors. Learning that giving back is key--and instilling that value-- even if it is an imposed status quoa, will really keep our nation from collapsing.

How to reason

G62

Thought: How to think!

T72

It is essential students learn to think and reason not just learn information. The challenge in our day, with information being nearly instantaneous through internet, is to help students go beyond getting a hold of information for an assignment to personally wrestling with that information.

Independent information acquisition

G73

Thought: Independent information acquisition

T86

The world and workforce is constantly changing and students need to know how to find info they need and advocate for themselves and their needs. We are preparing these kids for jobs we don't even know exist so they need to be chameleons, able to adapt and acquire skills at a fast pace:

Inquiry

G81

Thought: Inquiry

T100

I think students need to have freedom to develop an interest in the current topic, explore it, find and outlet for their own creative thoughts, and be able to share their findings successfully.

Learn how to set goals and achieve them

G52

Thought: Learn how to set goals and achieve them

T58

Learning how to think and apply real word applications

G51

Thought: Learning how to think and apply real word applications

T57



What are the most important skills students should be developing in our schools?

Less attention to cell phones & more attention to academics

G58

Thought: Less attention to cell ph & more attention to academics.

T67

Listening skills

G39

Thought: Listen

T27

The kids need to be taught how to listen. The teacher shouldn't have to yell or get profane to get the attention of their class. There should be consequences for not listening. The teachers should be able to use their indoor voices at all times.

Making sure they are on the right track

G50

Thought: making sure they are on the right track.

T55

More emphasis on learning

G40

Thought: learning

T29

I think more emphasis needs to be put on learning. Some of the kids graduating can even spell simple words. They rely on spell check instead of learning how to spell. If they can't read the odds will be against them.

Organization

G66

Thought: Organization

T78

Personal development

G7

Thought: How to personally work on themselves to become better people

T22

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T106

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Personal responsibility

G8

Thought: Personal responsibility

T39

1. Life is a series of choices good or bad
2. How to recover from a poor decision

Preparing them for college and life

G49

Thought: preparing them for college and life.

T54

Problem solving skills

G67

Thought: Problem solving.

T2

Thought: Problem solving ability

T38

1. Conflict resolution
2. With teamwork
3. Overcoming new challenges

Thought: Problem solving

T73

Use the tools available and relationships to solve problems - daily life issues, educational issues

Thought: Problem solving skills

T79

Professional attitude

G57

Thought: Professional attitude.

T65

Proper and effective communication

G13

Thought: Communication

T10

All aspects of life whether that be talking to your teacher, your parents, your employer or just a clerk at a store requires good communication skills

Thought: How to communicate in healthy ways

T21

Thought: Proper and effective communication.

T34

While students can talk and text well amongst their peers, there appears to be a lack of communication skills when they are amongst the general populous.

What are the most important skills students should be developing in our schools?

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Proper and effective communication	G13
Thought: Communication	T40
Thought: Communication. Kids are not capable of receiving constructive criticism (see Q1 line 1) Kids are not able to express feelings of anger or frustration at school which are normal healthy emotions even if and when they offend someone. Sensitivity to others in all cases has no benefit in the long run. When kids leave HS their emotional and communicative tool boxes dont have many tools in them because it might offend someone else.	T51
Thought: I think communication skills may be the most important. Every job as well as personal relationships (family, husband-wife, parent-child) require good communication skills. Good communication skills can help to avoid problems and are a must to help solve problems.	T109

Reading skills	G1
Thought: Reading, math, history, language arts.	T4
Thought: reading, writing and math	T11
Thought: Reading We feel there needs to be a more stringent reading curriculum so that kids are reading very well by high school. Maybe we need to be reading deeper. Maybe we need to check into what the private schools are reading and at what grade level they are reading it.	T25
Thought: Reading, Writing, Math	T31
Thought: The basics plus room for creativity and challenge. The basics include the infamous Reading, Writing, and Math. I also appreciate the opportunities for technology --- I'm amazed by the exposure to classroom SmartBoards, Chromebooks and iPads that is increasingly being offered. I'm also pleased that the 14-15 State Assessments (Smarter Balanced) include the Common Core Standards and Essential Skills (requirement for a high school diploma). Along with the 'basics', the schools still offer K-12 Music and Physical Education; have counselors available at each school site, and a wide array of electives at the high school level.	T32
Thought: math,science and reading also life skills such as money management, computer/web page skills,personal communication and health/physical education.	T33
Thought: I feel reading, writing, mathematics are the most important skills students should be developing in our schools.	T37
Thought: The basics reading, writing, and arithmetic	T41

What are the most important skills students should be developing in our schools?

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Reading skills	G1
Thought: Math and Reading	T56
<p>Solid math. So many math trends explain why and how we think or some new way to do something. Lattice division for example doesn't work in real life. Basic pen and paper math, most of this needs to happen by 6th grade. Every student should be able to do long division by hand and multiplication by hand. If they can't do this then they are missing steps that they will need for other math.</p> <p>Reading, there are two types of readers, sound readers and whole word visual readers. Both kinds work fine. Emphasis should be put on reading and comprehension and not the rate in which the child reads. Rate is irrelevant other than making the child feel slow. If they hate reading they won't do it, if they feel stupid they won't do it. Reading should be comfortable, speed comes with practice.</p>	
Thought: Math, Reading, Respect, Responsibility, Technology, Arts	T75
<p>Are children need to learn the basic Math, Reading and other subjects but they also need to learn how to make it once they are not in school. They need to learn about the arts Music and other forms of art they are important to make a well rounded person.</p>	
Thought: Math, Reading, Writing, Etc.	T77
<p>I believe that JC should go back to some of the old school teachings (especially in math). JC students end up being way behind other schools in elementary school with math due to the program that is used.</p>	
Thought: Reading and writing	T87
<p>These skills transition to any job and yet I feel we focus too much on reading and too little on writing in the lower grades. The students need both, equally, in order to communicate their ideas and assimilate information.</p>	
Thought: Literacy	T101
<p>Strong literacy skills remain necessary even in a world of high technology.</p>	

Real world skills	G72
Thought: Real world skills	T84
<p>Learning how to live productive lives</p>	

Respect	G34
Thought: respect	T19

What are the most important skills students should be developing in our schools?

School Spirit

G55

Thought: School Spirit

T62

I believe it is really lacking in our school, you can see the kids are not involved

Science

G4

Thought: math, science and reading also life skills such as money

T33

management, computer/web page skills, personal communication and health/physical education.

Self reliance

G75

Thought: Self reliance , interest in life long learning,

T90

Skills needed to succeed at college

G60

Thought: Skills needed to succeed at college

T69

Students need to be able to succeed at college, whether they go onto community colleges or the university system. To succeed, students need to be self-motivated and able to study effectively.

Skills needed to succeed in the work force

G11

Thought: Skills needed to succeed in the work force

T70

Whether going onto college or straight to the work force, students will need to have the skills to work. Having been a manager of employees straight from high school and college, I know that we need to prepare them to be accountable and to have the proper respect of management and co-workers. I believe that Junction City Schools definitely teach these to our students. We need to continue teaching them these skills and reinforcing their importance in the work place.

Social skills

G46

Thought: Social skills, skills to work and strive independantly and as a team player

T14

I believe this explains its self

Thought: Social.

T44

What are the most important skills students should be developing in our schools?

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Social skills

G46

Make sure kids learn how to interact appropriately. They need to learn not to put their innermost secrets on the internet, and how to carry on a conversation without texting.

Solid basic skills.

G10

Thought: Solid basic skills.

T49

This includes academic skills but also social skills as needed in the work place and as an involved citizen. They should be encouraged to take intellectual risks . They should be encouraged to use their learning style and their unique strengths to be successful. It appears the school is trying to cram everyone into the same learning model. Not everyone needs to be prepared for a four-year plus university experience but everyone does deserve a chance to be successful in a chosen career and in managing one's personal life.

Studying skills

G65

Thought: Studying

T26

We need to be teaching kids how to study and take notes-either on paper or electronically. These are life long skills.

Thought: Learn how to discipline yourself to study

T59

Too often students cram the night before the exam. Good study habits will help the student beyond high school.

Thought: Study Skills.

T76

Add encouraging study skills, so when it comes to testing our children feel empowered. ANd know they can!

Thought: IMHO

T89

Work/Study habits. Goal setting and plan of attack to attain the goal.

Thought: Learning how to learn and how to study

T93

Teaching to their skills

G48

Thought: Teaching to their skills

T48

What are the most important skills students should be developing in our schools?

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Teaching to their skills

G48

Many students are not strong in the verbal linguistic areas which can make all their classes a struggle. Assessing kids intelligences helps kids to try to improve as well as validates them in their strengths. Making students well rounded.

Technology

G45

Thought: Technology.

T42

Ability to use technology - how to search the internet, keyboarding skills, how to use common programs used in the workplace - Microsoft Word, Excell, etc.

Technology fluency

G9

Thought: Technology fluency

T85

We are far behind our world and the student need to experience technology as it is used in the workforce, not just as a social connection.

Thought: computers, and how to be independent working adults

T96

They should be learning life skills that will help them after school.

G26

Thought: They should be learning life skills that will help them after school.

T5

It is difficult to find jobs, go to college or choose a career these days-- the more the kids are prepared to go out to do these things, the better the results will be.

Time management

G27

Thought: time management

T7

Thought: Time management.

T68

Tolerance and compassion for others

G84

Thought: Tolerance and compassion for others

T105

What are the most important skills students should be developing in our schools?

Trade skills

G29

Thought: trade skills

T12

students today no matter how bright will not be able to afford college, these students as well as those that are bright in ways other than academics need opportunities to achieve a working wage, high school only prepares you for graduation and college, not to enter the human work force

Thought: We need to bring back things like FFA, Auto shop, wood shop, etc.

T61

We need to offer these skills, more and more people can't afford to go to college. They need these skills for those jobs

Thought: More "Trade" classes

T83

I think coming from a prior mechanical trade, I think there should be opportunities for students to have more advanced trade classes. Advanced carpentry, automotive, etc. I know in the past there was a automotive class. I also know that these types do require a higher financial obligation.

Vocational and technical skills

G61

Thought: Vocational and technical skills

T71

Especially for children not continuing their education, we need to provide them with the vocational and technical skills needed in the work force so they do not have to resort to fast food or menial labor jobs.

Thought: We need to provide more vocational training because not everyone is not college bound.

T82

Thought: Vocational studies for those kids that cannot or are not attending college.

T95

Well rounded education

G85

Thought: I think just passing test is not good enough they students need to have a

T107

well rounded education and possible classes that might help them approach their interest in High school be that moving on to College, Tech College, Military or the work force. Sometimes I think too much emphasis is put on these standardized tests. I saw a new article where teacher are putting their class lectures on Your Tube and concentrating on home work in school and getting more hands on with the students this way, and be able to help them more readily in class instead of the other way around.

What are the most important skills students should be developing in our schools?

Work Ethic	G69
Thought: They should be concentrating on students work ethic, academics and future	T1
Thought: Work ethic and endurance through trials	T74
While this is largely on the parents, or should be, schools can teach work ethic through studying/homework, sports, music, etc. Challenging students beyond getting by. Included in this could be "finishing strong" - endurance. With a state graduation rate in the mid 60% students fail to grasp hard work and endurance through trials. Again, this should be something the schools do to supplement instruction of these qualities at home.	
Thought: Work Ethic	T81
Thought: Work ethic	T103

Writing skills	G2
Thought: Language and writing	T28
In both college and the working world, speaking a second language and possessing quality writing skills are very important.	
Thought: Good writing, respect, responsibility, and kindness	T64
Thought: Ability to read and write at a basic college level.	T97