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A Community Discussion on the Future of Education in Brownsburg

EnVision Commission Meeting No. 2
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Small Group Session No. 1 Discussion Notes
What you value about BCSC now?

1) Curriculum choices at the secondary levels;
2) Senior Academy;
3) Teachers
4) Transparency of operations and community involvement
5) Reasonable class sizes
6) Individual attention, especially in special needs;
7) School district represents the community well, particularly in extra-curricular events
8) Safety within the schools
9) Academy opportunities
10) Flexibility to customize curriculum
11) Small community feel
12) Technology to keep parents involved (Moodle and PowerSchool), for staff, and for students.
13) High standards set for the students
14) Anti-bullying program
15) *Need to know the "Mission Statement of Each School"*
16) Reputation of public school system
17) Quality of Facilities and maintenance
18) Arts
19) *Using funds correctly in consideration of the future*
20) Campus concept and location of schools
21) Parent and community involvement
22) Variety of activities that are offered
23) Personalized approach
24) Differentiated instruction
25) Clubs beyond the "usual" programs
26) Service learning programs
27) Challenger Learning Center
28) Harris Academy
29) Affiliation with Ben Davis for Technical Education
30) Transportation
31) World Language offerings
32) Employment
33) Incorporation of technology into the program
34) Professional Development of staff
35) Innovation
36) High Ability programs compared to other districts
37) Responsive leadership
38) Clear connection to and partnership with community
39) Special and unique programs (EMS Green Roof, Chinese Programs, Vision Program)
40) Connecting with all children
41) Quality of Education
42) Well rounded education of students
43) Accommodating growth while maintaining educational standards
44) Community Service
45) Good value
46) Growing cultural diversity
47) Responsive staff
48) Character education program
49) Reputation of schools
50) School and league sports

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What do you envision BCSC being like 10 years from now?

1) Investigating school impact fees
2) Online education
3) A new high school/renovate the old high school
4) Larger volunteer base
5) Increase of walking and biking to school, with neighborhood involvement
6) Expanded use of technology
7) A different/better way of preparing students for different careers
8) Meshing technology with "the basics"
9) The school must be in step with its community
10) Four day school week with online education
11) Efficient use of assets (rent when not in use)
12) Internships
13) Fees for sports?
14) Year round education
15) Bring all students along
16) Alternate funding sources for schools
17) Help HS students with finance options for post-secondary education
18) LEAN management for schools
19) Share costs with other school corporations (utilize common assets)
20) Share facilities between schools as district grows
21) Maintain current student/teacher ratios
22) IB Program
23) Turn out knowledgeable students
24) Integrate technology
25) No Police Force
26) Motor sports and Technology Education
27) Scale back in-school counseling
28) Increased diversity
29) National recognition for student outcomes, employer of choice
30) Incorporate technology earlier and more broadly
31) Prepared for a demographic shift
32) Increased fiscal responsibility
33) Creative funding
34) Increase responsiveness of Board and District
35) Improved communication and timing
36) Continue to improve safety (anti-bullying program, etc.)
37) Prepare children for the "real" world (real life skills for all students)
38) Use technology in the classroom
39) Healthier lunches
40) Increased use of on-line and teleconferencing
41) Technology-driven
42) Potential loss of small town/increased global
43) All students graduating and productive students regardless of where they started
44) There may not be traditional school buildings
45) Extra-curricular programs may become more "regional"
46) No-year-round schools
47) HS graduates able to secure employment without necessarily having to attend college
48) Electronic text books
49) Continuing current extra-curricular programs (sports, arts)
50) Maintain current student/teacher ratio
51) Continued use and growth of technology
52) FDK options

53) Maintaining field trips to expose students to those things not possible within the traditional classroom
54) Children need to come home happy from school
55) Maintaining and improving parent involvement
56) Innovative, global classrooms
57) Self-sustaining school system, not relying on state funding
58) New sources of revenue
59) Highly rated at the state and national level
60) Improve communication and self-direction of students
61) Maintain a well-rounded education, including the fundamentals and citizenship
62) Character development from early age, nurturing common sense
63) Continue the open and welcome classroom, maintaining partnership between parents and school
64) Vigilant in the expenditure of funds
65) Identifying individual student strengths and interests at an earlier age
66) Paying for extra-curricular activities
67) Fluid curriculum, developing many different skills
68) Communication skills are increasingly emphasized
69) On-line books and classes to get rid of backpacks
70) Endowed teaching positions
71) Bailouts to schools instead of car companies and banks
72) Keep food service within the schools
73) Interaction with the parks department