

## Summary of Selected Open Response Items

**Which of the following types of communication from the school are you most likely to read? What other way would you suggest?**

- Teacher Web Pages
- Have the local newspaper partner with the school for a school section that has announcements from each campus. A section that is easy to find and read in the same place of the paper weekly.

**How can parent teacher conferences be improved?**

- Greater variety of times...this year looks better than in years past.
- A parent with limited time doesn't always have a chance to visit with all teachers at GMS because of the wait
- Conferences need to be scheduled at different times than 2-4 or 2-6 -- a time like 4-7 would get more parents out. As it is those that work during the day have to take off work to attend conferences. If it would be possible to make them more convenient for the majority of parents to attend.
- You can't really talk about very much in 15 minutes
- I'm not exactly sure, but a little more organization would be good. I started at the middle school then had to go to the intermediate school then come back to middle school to finish up. It took 1 1/2 hours to see teachers in both schools. I don't know what the solution is , but something needs to be considered. Maybe the 1st 1/2 of alphabet the first day then the 2nd 1/2 the next. Don't think that would work either but.....
- Provide samples of work or writings from child.
- lists of "extra curricular" classes (teachers) to be visited.
- Need to separate the four schools for parents having to visit all four in two days with only limited time. I was unable to visit with everyone of the high school teachers that two of my kids attend.

**What type materials would you like to find in your child's school's Parent Center?**

- study aid, parenting tips
- Things I can do to help them with academics.
- educational learning tools that students can check out and parents can help their children with these.
- college financial help.
- Curriculum Guides for each grade level.

- Resources for parents of gifted students.
- Schedules, lunch menus, upcoming activities, etc
- Homework helps. Reading helps. Counseling info.
- Ideas for helping children that learn in ways different then the normal way of learning
- Access to child's grades. Activities going on during and after school hours.
- extra worksheets for practice in math

Note: All responses to all open response items have not been included on this public report. The administration of the district and individual campuses have read and discussed all open response responses. The items above were selected to give other staff members and parents access to ideas that might improve our district's practices.

I offer my personal thanks to all who participated and want to assure you that all responses were given due consideration.

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