

Table One - Robust Student Programming and Supports
Overview of Data - LSD Strategic Planning Community and Staff Input

Table One represents a review of responses collected during Community Input Sessions where participants responded to key questions about their impressions of the school district. The responses allowed the Michigan State University (MSU) planning team to identify broad categories to which the input could be assigned. The table’s purpose is to, 1) Name the categories and use them as tools to organize the responses, 2) provide participant responses to **TWO** key questions, and 3) summarize those responses as data the sub-committees will use to facilitate planning. **Information in this table will assist sub-committees in making decisions about Strategic planning goals, objectives and success indicators.**

The two questions posed at community input sessions are, “What are your hopes for the district?” and “What do you think we need to change about the district?” The color of text identifies the community venue where the comment was made. Please see the color key in each table.

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164 total responses	<p>Improved Leadership Practices (ILP)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Consistent and focused central administration</i> ● <i>Administrators more present in buildings (stop making decisions without teacher input; admins should serve as subs) (ILP)</i> ● <i>Decisions should include teacher and staff input (ILP)</i> <p>Greater District Support of Teachers (GDST)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>District that supports educators rather than cater to parents. Stop throwing us under the bus. (GDST)</i> <p>Strategic Planning and Implementation (SPI)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Compare ourselves to our standards and beliefs, not other districts (SPI)</i> ● <i>Time to make the adjustments needed (SPI)</i> ● <i>Common Voice (SPI)</i> ● <i>Silos are eliminated (SPI)</i> 	

- *Best school district in the country (SPI)*

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164 total responses	<p>Improved Communication in General (IG)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Consistency and accuracy in information provided. (IG)</i> • <i>Better communication from administration including superintendent's office, principal's office and athletic department (IG)</i> <p>Improved Communication to Parents (ICP)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Students don't always share what's happening in schools with parents, important for schools to inform parents of what's going on. (ICP)</i> • <i>Communication: include address of events so people can use their phones/GPS for directions, include virtual events, not just face-to-face events - this is more equitable; also make sure not to just communicate via text or website - send paper notices home with students (ICP)</i> • <i>Use of Social Media needs to expand (Instagram, Tic Toc; needs to reach parents who are now digital natives) (ICP)</i> <p>Improved Communication to Students (ICS)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Communication to parents/families/students (ICP: ICS)</i> 	

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Increasing Teacher Planning and Collaboration (ITPC)

- *Planning time (equitable) (ITPC)*
- *Consistent quality planning time (ITPC)*

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164 total responses	<p>Increased Salaries (IS)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Increase pay (IS)</i> ● <i>Competitive pay (IS)</i> <p>Change Contracted Services (CCS)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Custodial services (CCS)</i> ● <i>Improved contracted services (CCS)</i> ● <i>Quit universal transportation (CCS)</i> ● <i>No more Dean Transportation and Sydexo (CCS)</i> <p>Changes to Teacher Evaluation (CTE)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Teacher evaluation change; being rated on 27 things is too much (CTE)</i> ● <i>How teachers are evaluated (CTE)</i> <p>More Diverse Curricular Programing (MDCP)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Programs that feature trade school programs (MDCP)</i> ● <i>Art, music, PE and library offered CONSISTENTLY (or at all!) (MDCP)</i> 	

- *Building library programs (MDCP)*

Increased Value and Appreciation of Staff (IVAS)

- *Teachers should feel more valued (IVAS)*

Smaller Class Sizes (SCS)

- *Smaller class sizes, even things out at buildings (SCS)*
- *Small class size caps*

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Improved Facility Use (IFU)

- *Better use of HILL facilities- making all that equipment that had been invested in available for students in preparation for college and life, entrepreneurship (IFU)*
- *Better use of facilities, ie. music practice rooms (IFU)*
- *Ability to cover windows (IFU)*
- *Screens for windows (IFU)*

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

Equity as the Priority and Diversity an Asset

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This section’s reference to Diversity Equity and Inclusion is not envisioned as the instrument of any one Sub-committee. Rather, it is intended as a tool to assist each of the five sub-committees in ensuring that goals, objectives and success indicators created during the strategic planning process meet the standards set by the Lansing School District’s Systemic Equity Review. It is, as well, a reminder that Diversity, Equity and Inclusion are core values and requirements of every facet of district planning and execution. As such, it is incumbent upon each of the sub-committees to, “. . .explore [and adhere to] the central elements of culturally responsive and sustaining education.” (Systemic Equity Review of Lansing Public Schools, p. 8)

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44 total responses	<p>Increase Staff Diversity (ISD)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>More diverse staffing (ISD)</i> ● <i>Increase minority staff in district (ISD)</i> ● <i>Diversity of staff (ISD)</i> ● <i>More representation in staffing (ISD)</i> ● <i>Provide classrooms for DIAF staff within school buildings! (ISD)</i> <p>Cultural and racial representation in staff/ education ranks</p>	<p>What would our organization look like if it were more diverse and inclusive?</p> <p>What is one thing we can do to positively impact diversity and inclusion?</p> <p>Adapted from:</p>

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- *Equity becoming more of a reality*
- *Build on the Equity Audit and report (IEA)*

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Open-Ended Responses from the Student, Family, Community, and Staff Survey
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What is Working Well?

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Hopes and Desired Changes

The table starting on the next page represents a review of the open-ended responses collected from the student, family, community member, and staff surveys. The responses allowed the Michigan State University (MSU) planning team to identify broad categories to which open-ended responses could be assigned. The table's purpose is to, 1) Name the categories and use them as tools to organize the responses, 2) provide participant responses to **TWO** key questions, and 3) summarize those responses as data the sub-committees will use to facilitate planning.

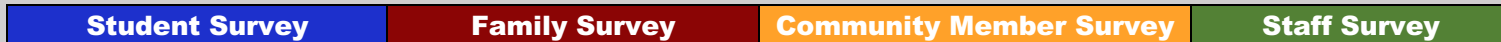
Information in this table will assist sub-committees in making decisions about strategic planning goals, objectives and success indicators.

The two questions posed in the four surveys (student, family, community member, staff) include: "What are your hopes for the district?" and "What do you think we need to change about the district?" The color of text identifies the source of the comment. Please see the color key in each table.

TABLE 1 - CHANGES AND HOPES FOR THE FUTURE – OPEN ENDED RESPONSES

Equity as the Priority and Diversity an Asset- *“Equity is the removal of systemic barriers and the creation of policies, practices, and cultures that achieve fairness, justice, and liberation for marginalized students, families, community members and educators in our educational system.”*

The diagram below is a key that indicates the source (e.g., student, family, community member, staff survey) of the comment:



Total number of Responses	Sample Responses	Guiding Questions for Goal and Objective Development
<p>96 Total Responses</p> <p>Students: 69</p> <p>Family: 10</p> <p>Comm. 0</p> <p>Staff: 17</p>	<p>Increase Staff Diversity (ISD)</p> <p><i>Hiring of full time, qualified, experienced and professional African American men school support advocates to consistently offer support and guidance to all students especially those who are at-risk</i></p> <p>Increase Diversity of Instructional Materials (IDIM)</p> <p><i>inclusivity in the curriculum.</i></p> <p><i>More LGBTQ and women’s rights lessons</i></p> <p>Teach Values of Diversity and Inclusion (TVDI)</p> <p><i>I feel that teachers, students, public safety, and staff need to start respecting others with disabilities, different skin colors, certain religions, and more.</i></p> <p><i>How we view and discuss racial issues among staff. Staff are very disinterested in discussing racial issues. Discussing racial issues always seems like it stresses staff out. We need some Black diversity specialist to address staff, not someone from admin.</i></p>	<p>What would our organization look like if it were more diverse and inclusive?</p> <p>What is one thing we can do to positively impact diversity and inclusion?</p> <p>Adapted from: <i>“Five Questions to get the Diversity and Inclusion Conversation Started with Your Organization,” Kratz and Young, 2022</i></p>