

Arlington Public Schools
Community Engagement
Community Engagement Meeting Report
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1) Identify the points of pride, accomplishments, and achievements of the school district.

- Variety of Extracurriculars (5)
- Class Sizes (4)
- Success of Extra Curriculars (4)
- Test Scores (3)
- Bank In School (3)
- Work-to-School Opportunities (2)
- Community Investment/Support (2)
- Longevity of Staff (2)
- Staff with Advanced Degrees (2)
- Care of Teachers/Coaches (2)
- SPED Program (2)
- Trade Programs with Metro (2)
- Safe and Welcoming (2)
- Dual Credit (2)
- Great Students and Families (2)
- Budget
- Veteran's Day Engagement
- Well-Rounded Graduates
- High Graduation Rate
- Opt-In
- Focus on All Levels of Development
- Elementary Education
- Kick Start
- School Is Heartbeat of Community
- JAG
- External Services Provided for Students
- Small Town Feel
- 2nd Best Place in USA to Raise a Family
- Good Admin Team
- High Expectations
- Team Environment
- Ag Community

2) Identify the challenges facing the community how this will affect the school district.

- Growth in Enrollment/Town (5)
- Lack of In-Town Business/Main Street (4)
- Maintain/Recruit Good Educators/Staff (4)
- Managing Opt-In (4)
- Expansion of School and Community Space (3)
- Housing (2)
- Increased Poverty (2)
- Demand on Resources for All Activities (2)
- Ag Paying Most Taxes (2)
- Tax Levy
- Substitutes
- Fund for Updating Tech
- Maintaining Alumni

3) Identify what you believe are the top two most important areas the district might focus on to improve and expand learning facilities and grounds.

- Industrial Tech/Trade Opportunities (6)
- Wrestling Room (5)
- Land/Space for Growth (4)
- Parking Lot (4)
- Temperature within Building (3)
- Roof (2)
- Community Business Partnerships (2)
- Curb Appeal of School (2)
- Theater (2)
- Expansion Possibilities West of Offsite
- Athletic Facilities
- Grants
- Functionality of Learning Spaces
- Classroom Modernization/Updates
- Lighting

4) How can the board/district improve communication to inform patrons of the district's needs and priorities?

- Communication Director (3)
- Bus Barn Communication Board (2)
- District App (2)
- More Discussion-Oriented Engagement Meetings (2)
- Unified Messaging (2)
- Social Media Use (2)
- Use Snow Day Communication for District Wide Push Notifications
- Engage Patrons with No Children
- Updated Technology
- Budget Information
- Calendar On Website
- Highway 30 Advertisement
- Classroom Dojo App
- Link on Social Media to Board Minutes
- Clarity
- Update Website
- Scrolling Marquee
- Email
- Remind App
- City/Fairgrounds Partnership for Sign Usage