

# ***Comprehensive Review of School Climate and Discipline***



# ***WELCOME !***



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5:30 m. – 7:30 p.m.





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# Today's Agenda

- Process & Phase I Results
- Getting Started Activity - What do WE Value?
- Community Insights & Wisdom– What are the strengths, weaknesses and recommendations
- Building on the Research – Four Priorities
- Closing, Next Steps and Collecting Your Voices w/ Survey



# Working Agreements...

- Recognize this is a journey of collective learning together
- Reframe Challenges toward a future vision
- Allow every voice to be heard
- Listen and share with future the in mind
- Respect each others' thinking and value their contributions
- Expect to be surprised
- Enjoy the process



# The Process...





# Groups ...

- ❖ Students
- ❖ Law Enforcement
- ❖ Juvenile Probation
- ❖ Teachers
- ❖ School Board
- ❖ Community Diversity Groups
- ❖ Counselors
- ❖ Health and Social Services
- ❖ School Administrators
- ❖ Parents & Community Members



# *in Phase I*

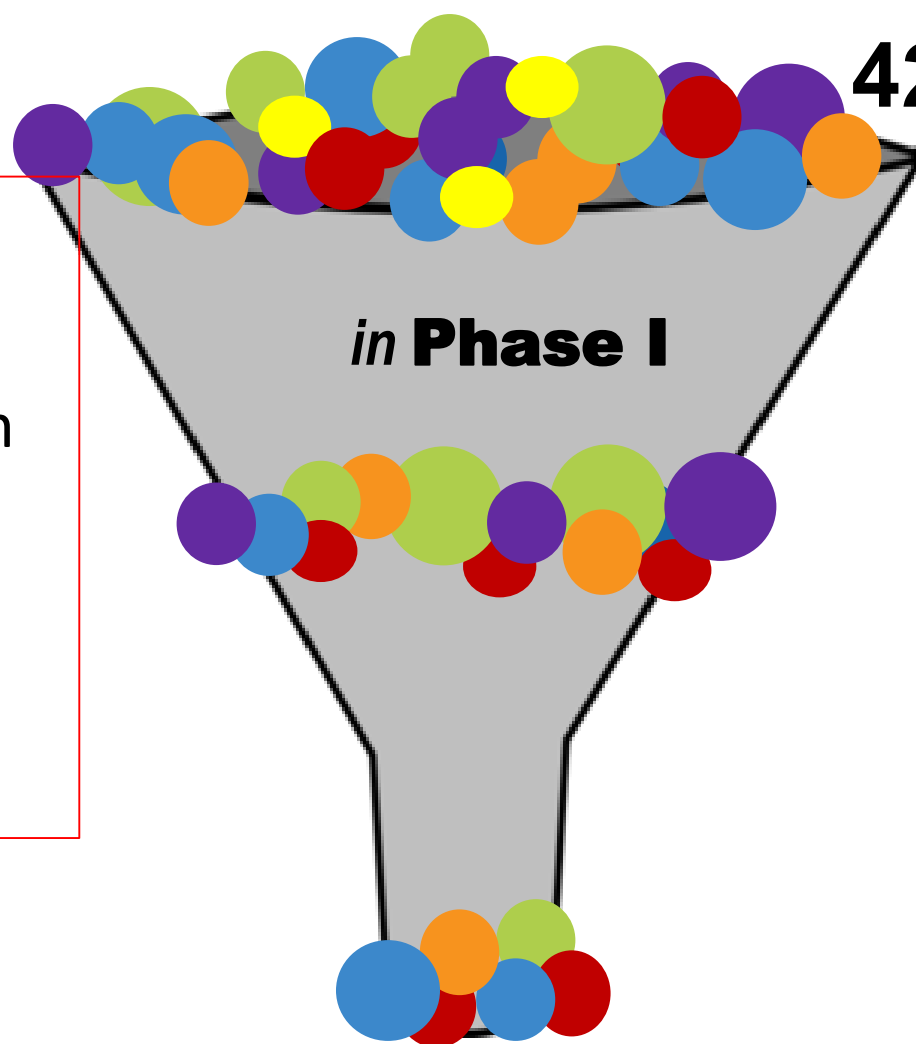
86 people



426 insights identified  
across groups!

## Conducted

- 8 Focus group discussions
- 1 District Leadership Team meeting
- 1 Advisory Committee meeting
- 1 Community meeting



7 questions

Summarized  
Themes

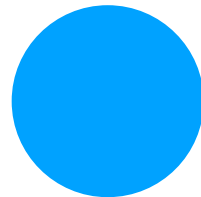
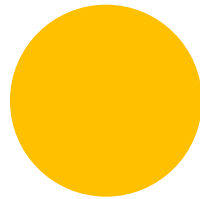
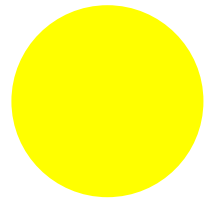
# Values

- *Safety for all students*
- *A transparent discipline process for students, teachers, and parents*
- *A discipline process that is a learning opportunity for students*
- *Clear communication from staff to student to parents*
- *Teachers that are professionally developed*
- *Students that have a voice in the discipline process*
- *A process where parents and community members are meaningfully involved*
- *A process that applies rules and consequences consistently to all students*
- *Flexibility, so students can be served as individuals*
- *A focus on prevention*
- *A process that reflects on data*
- *A promotion of wellness*



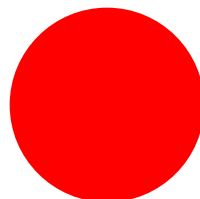
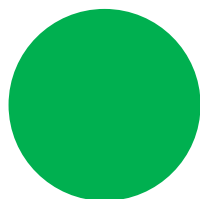
# Getting Started Activity

## STEP 1:

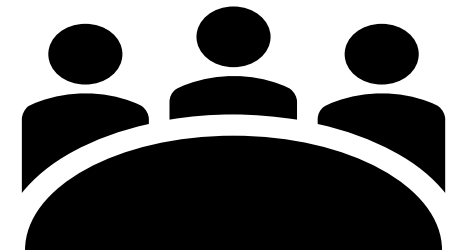
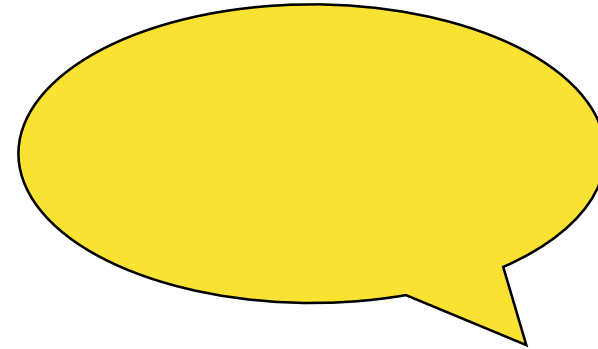


Grab **5** dots (any color) to ...

- Select which values are most important to **YOU**  
(**5 minutes**)



## STEP 2:



At your table ...

- Talk about which of the values are important to you and why.  
(**10 minutes**)

# Community Wisdom...

## Strengths . . .

- Communication
- Parent Engagement
- Back to school Activities – Transitions
- Over-all School Climate
- Staff
- Safety
- Programming & Student Supports



# Community Wisdom. . .

## School Climate Descriptions:

Generally described as safe and welcoming

- Physical appearance of schools presided “*well maintained and free from trash and vandalism*”
- Student recognition programs
- Teachers
- High academic expectations

➤ Mentions of bullying & racism

➤ Comments dependent on school and school level



# Community Wisdom. . .

## How Discipline is Handled:

- Progressive discipline system
- High school / Middle School / Elementary –handled differently
- Unfairness and inconsistency
- Lack of flexibility
- Teachers are main initiators of the discipline process



# Community Wisdom. . .



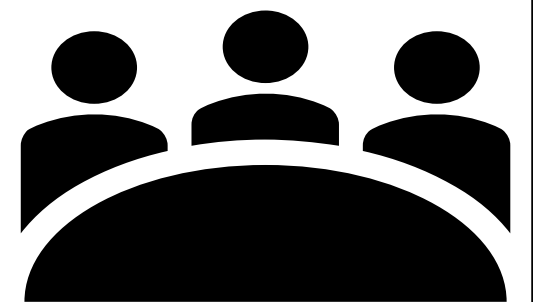
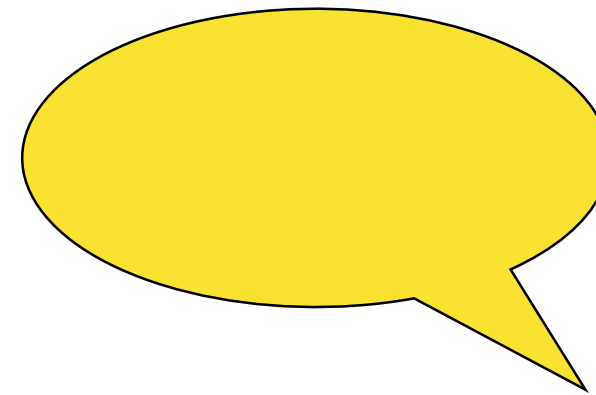
## Recommendations:

- Provide professional training for all (students, staff, teachers administrators, other stakeholders)
- Sustain, support or build on programs/strategies that are working
- Need for clear appropriate consistent, expectations, practices and processes
- Relationships – learning and growth as outcome to discipline
- Focus on equity, diversity, culturally responsive practices
- Continue to use beyond school partnerships and support
- Need for discipline that better supports student learning, - not so punitive
- Engage parents more in the process

# ***Activity:***

# **Community Wisdom Discussion**

**Directions:** (10 minutes)



At your table ...

- Talk about what you heard from your community...
  - What surprised or confused you?
  - What did you hear that you agreed with?
  - What did you hear that you disagree with?
  - What didn't you hear?

# Four Priority Areas

**Community,  
Educator,  
Student, and  
Family  
perspectives**



**Climate and prevention**



**Clear, appropriate, and  
consistent expectations and  
consequences**



**Equity and continuous  
improvement**



**Student Voice & Youth Adult  
Partnership**



# From Community Wisdom to Research & Evidence...

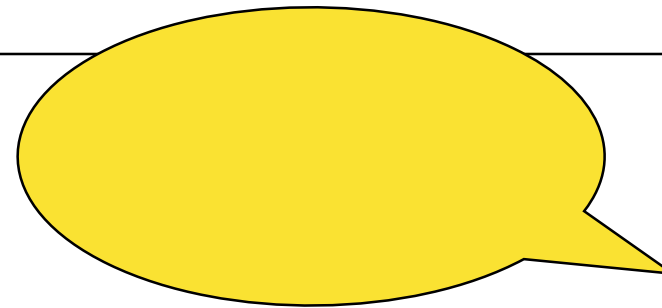


Priority Area 1: Climate & Prevention	Priority Area 2: Clear, Appropriate & Consistent Expectations & Consequences	Priority Area 3: Equity and Continues Improvement	Priority Area 4: Student Voice & Youth Adult Partnership
Engage in deliberate efforts to create positive school climate	Set high expectations for behavior and adopt an instructional approach to school discipline	Train all school staff to apply school discipline policies and practices in a fair and equitable manner so as not to disproportionately impact students of color, students with disabilities, or at-risk students	Seek ways to engage youth on different aspects of the school policies, practices and school climate
Prioritize the use of evidence-based prevention strategies, such as supports, to promote positive student behavior	Involve families, students, and school personnel in the development and implementation of discipline policies or codes of conduct, and communicate those policies regularly and clearly	Use proactive, data-driven, and continuous efforts, including gathering feedback from families, students, teachers, and school personnel to prevent, identify, reduce, and eliminate discriminatory discipline and unintended consequences.	Youth are given appropriate opportunities to partner with adult allies to facilitate activities that establish norms, build safe space, and strengthen relationships among students—as well as improve relationships between students and staff.
Promote regular training and supports to all school personnel - including teachers, principals, support staff, and school-based law	Ensure that clear, developmentally appropriate, and proportional consequences apply for misbehavior		Promote culturally responsive teaching and learning strategies that improve engagement and support learning for students

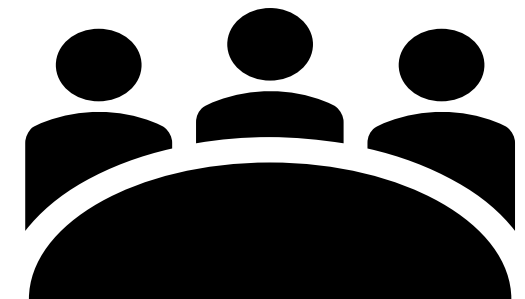


# Activity: Research & Evidence

**Directions:** (10 minutes)



At your table ...



- Talk about what you learned from the research & Evidence
  - What did you notice?
  - How are the voices of our community different or similar from what research and evidence suggests that we do?
  - Where might we need to learn and grow?
  - Where are our current strengths?

# in **Phase II**

## ***Community Meetings***

- *February 27 @ Randy Smith Middle School from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.*
- *February 28 @ Lathrop High School from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.*

## ***Combined District Leadership team & District Advisory Committee meeting***

- *March 26 @ Central Office from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.*

## ***Community - Wide Survey***

- *to launch... Early March – mid - April*

## ***District Leadership Team / Advisory Committee hold community based meetings***

## ***District Webpage devoted to this topic***



# The Journey Map . . .

**2017 - 18**

Nov. – Dec.

Jan. – Feb.

Mar. – Ap.

May – Jun.

July – Sep.

Nov. – Dec.

Monthly Advisory  
Committee Meetings



**Phase I:**



*Engaging Stakeholder in Understanding Strengths, Challenges & Possibilities for Our Future*

**Phase II:**



*Engaging Our Stakeholder in Setting Priorities*

**Phase III:**



*Affirming Direction & Raising Greater Community Commitment & Awareness*

**Phase IV:**



*Engaging Our Stakeholder Feedback (Proposals, Drafts)*

**Phase V:**



*Draft Policy/Practices & Implementation/Evaluation Planning*

**Phase VI:**



*Toward Community Commitment & School Board Adoption*

# Activity:

# Collecting YOUR Voices

Two formats...

Survey Gizmo	Paper & Pencil
- Move to table with a chrome book and wait for directions	- Go to table and begin filling out the paper & pencil based formant

4 sections

1. **Demographic** – Best describes you
2. **Core values** – Rank order 1 – 5
3. **Strengths & Challenges** – Strongly Agree – Strongly Disagree
4. **Strategic Priority Areas** – Rank order the top 3 policy & practice recommendations for each research based area



*Each section has opportunity to comment*

# THANKS!

## Stay Engaged....

*Encourage friends, students, colleagues  
to go to get involved!*

✓ Survey - Open Early March – Mid-April 15

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