

Bethel Public Schools

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we prepare to shape the future of our district and the education of your children, we value your voice and insights as essential partners in this journey. To ensure that we continue to provide a high-quality and relevant education, we are developing a strategic plan that will guide our district from 2025 to 2030. We are writing to invite you to participate in a parent focus group. This is an opportunity for you to share your experiences, perceptions of our strengths and areas for growth, and your priorities for your child's education. Additionally, we would love to hear from you about the skills and dispositions you believe are essential for your child's success in college, career, and as engaged citizens in an ever-changing world. In the focus group, we will explore:

- Your overall experience with our schools and programs.
- What you believe we are doing well and where you see room for improvement.
- The knowledge, skills, and personal qualities you hope your child will acquire to be prepared for the future.
- Your priorities in ensuring that our schools provide a nurturing, challenging, and inspiring environment for all students.

Your input will play a vital role in helping us shape the district's direction and priorities for the coming years. We are committed to working with you to ensure that every child is prepared to thrive in college, careers, and as active, thoughtful members of the community.

Focus Group Details you can attend either session:

- Date: October 9, 2024, In-Person at 6 PM, Johnson School Media Center
- Time: October 10, 2024, Virtual at 6 PM, once you RSVP, we will send you a Google Meet invite for the meeting
- RSVP at this link

Your perspective is invaluable to us, and we sincerely hope you can join us in this important conversation. Please let us know if you are able to attend or if you have any questions about the event. Once you RSVP, if you select the virtual session, we will send you a Google Meet invite for the meeting. We will also send you a list of questions to think about to launch our conversation.

Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership in your child's education. We look forward to hearing from you and working together to build a bright future for all students in our district.

Sincerely,

Christine L. Carver, Ed.D.

Superintendent of Schools