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To: STMA School Board Members

From: Ann-Marie Foucault, Superintendent

RE: Superintendent Student Forum Trimester 1 FY2024

Background:

STMA puts students first and fully embraces student voice. Our students have a lot to offer and their ideas and feedback are informative and valuable.

The purpose of the Superintendent's Student Forum is to listen to students and get their unique perspective on what they are seeing, hearing, and feeling at STMA. The Forum provides the Superintendent and School Board with a pulse of the district through a different lens, the lens of our students.

Process:

Small groups of students at each of our eight buildings from kindergarten through age 22 participated. A similar format was followed at each forum. Click [here](#) to see the agenda and a sample of the questions students were asked.

Themes:

- Students love our staff! They repeatedly mentioned they were kind, caring, nice, friendly, positive, funny, respectful, and helpful. Many mentioned the positive relationships and strong connections they have with various staff members from all job classifications.
- They love recess, PE, afterschool activities, lunch offerings (corn dogs), Fun Run (mentioned numerous times at elementary schools), live news/announcements, kitchen staff, walking club, custodians, academic games played to help them learn (i.e. Buzz, Wordle, Kahoot, Jeopardy, Quizlet), fall festival, fun days, bingo days, nature walks, LLCC, 5th grade winter party, WEB events, choir, chromebooks, potlucks, field trips, and hands-on activities.
- When asked if they feel they have a voice in the decision-making process, students said they feel their feedback, input, and ideas are valued and taken into consideration.
- They feel safe and secure in our buildings. All affirmed they have at least one trusted adult they could confide in at school.
- When asked what advice they would give school staff to improve their relationships with students and create a more welcoming environment, they mentioned: greet every student in the morning, smile, give fist bumps or high fives, give students compliments, listen to both sides, don't start class before the bell rings, ask about our lives, and ease into lessons by starting with relationship building.
- They would like: longer time for recess, eliminating ID cards for lunch, nap time, later school start time, to sit wherever they want at lunch, breaks between classes, more art,



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vending machines with food and drinks, raise playground basketball hoop, a restaurant in the cafeteria (one suggested hiring Gordon Ramsay), use soccer fields adjacent to school, add an upstairs, kindergarteners would like chocolate milk in the drinking fountains, seconds at lunch, more time for lunch, move lockers closer to pods, strawberry milk, custodian/kitchen staff/nurse appreciation days, advertise community service opportunities, hand dryers that are not so loud, to be allowed to sleep in and still go to afterschool activities, more bottle filling stations, more hot food, announce job opportunities, and eliminate dress code.

Quotes

"I love this school!" -AP student

"This school is super-duper! I LOVE this school!" -BW student

"I would give the school an A+ and wouldn't change anything!" -FE student

"Teachers are great and I love my school." -STME student

"Teachers are really nice." -ME student

"These are the best three years of my life!" -MW student

"We feel valued and listened to." -HS student

"Teachers care about us." -KA student