

City-wide PTO Meeting

December 7, 2016 5:00pm - 6:30pm

RHS Learning Commons

Goals:

- 1) Understand the way parents think about issues of school quality and what makes a good school
- 2) Foster effective communication between the school department and parents
- 3) Provide a forum to discuss and address concerns/questions

Agenda:

- Introductions (5 min)
- After School Programs (10 min)
- Open Forum (15 min)

The remainder of this meeting will be focused on obtaining information from parents about what they feel are important measures of school quality and how they know their child's school is meeting the child's needs. This is part of our district project for school improvement through the Massachusetts Consortium for Innovative Educational Assessment. We hope to have at least 10-12 parents present for this portion of the meeting. This is an important opportunity for parents to weigh in on shaping district priorities. The results will drive much of the work we do in coming years around Social Emotional Learning, school climate, and educator professional development. (see next page for framework)

- Focus Group discussion with James Noonan (1 hr)
 - Measures of quality
 - Parent priorities
 - School climate and culture

Translator services in Spanish, Portuguese, and Arabic will be provided during a second focus group which will run from 6:30 – 7:30.

Focus group framework:

KEY INPUTS	KEY OUTPUTS
<p data-bbox="188 331 716 363">I. Teachers & The Teaching Environment</p> <ul data-bbox="240 401 704 468" style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="240 401 704 432">• Knowledge and Skills of Teachers<li data-bbox="240 436 704 468">• Teaching Environment <p data-bbox="188 535 412 567">II. School Culture</p> <ul data-bbox="240 604 561 709" style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="240 604 561 636">• Safety<li data-bbox="240 640 561 672">• Relationships<li data-bbox="240 676 561 709">• Academic Orientation <p data-bbox="188 777 367 808">III. Resources</p> <ul data-bbox="240 846 583 951" style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="240 846 583 877">• Facilities and Personnel<li data-bbox="240 882 583 913">• Curricular Resources<li data-bbox="240 917 583 951">• Community Support	<p data-bbox="824 331 1114 363">IV. Academic Learning</p> <ul data-bbox="876 401 1341 543" style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="876 401 1341 432">• Performance<li data-bbox="876 436 1341 468">• Student Commitment to Learning<li data-bbox="876 472 1341 504">• Critical Thinking<li data-bbox="876 508 1341 543">• College and Career Readiness <p data-bbox="824 611 1166 642">V. Character and Wellbeing</p> <ul data-bbox="876 680 1252 823" style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="876 680 1252 711">• Civic Engagement<li data-bbox="876 716 1252 747">• Work Ethic<li data-bbox="876 751 1252 783">• Artistic and Creative Traits<li data-bbox="876 787 1252 823">• Health