

What are some of the key challenges you see in our schools?

Admin support

G40

Thought: Admin support

T61

There needs to be a administrator that works to unite his staff, rather than divide them. The administrators also need to work to build staff moral, which sometimes is all teacher have to help them cope with the ever mounting pressures and challenges that come with teaching.

Aging facilities

G4

Thought: Lack of safe and useful buildings.

T20

Our elementary schools are not built to continue into the future. I certainly support a new elementary school in addition to upgrades at the other schools.

Thought: The age of the schools, laurel especially

T28

It seems to me, more regular maintenance could have probably happened in order to prevent some of the major issues. No matter what, they are extremely out dated.

Thought: The aging buildings

T30

Thought: Replacing aging infrastructure

T52

Currently my daughter's classroom does not have a window and only has one door. This does not sit well with me. Each classroom should have at least two egress routes, not to mention natural light and ventilation. I think you will find that most people in the community will agree that the schools need to be updated. The key is to convince them to help want to pay for it.

Thought: Aging facilities

T53

I believe that if we could get a bond measure to pass (or whatever other measures are an option to finance it), and at least start with replacing Laurel, then we would raise the value of houses by drawing new homeowners to JC from neighboring communities. Not to mention a safer environment for our current students. (This would include our out-dated sports facilities at the HS as well.) We have seen in other towns, the increase in interested families by those who moved to Creswell and Cottage Grove after new buildings/facilities were added within the last 5 years.

Thought: Facilities that are aging.

T56

Laurel seems to function well, but is showing its age. With the growth expected in our community, a new/updated/larger elementary will be important.

Better organization on events

G37

Thought: Better organization on events.

T55

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Better organization on events

G37

Detailed information for parents to know times and places our children will be or will need to be is a huge need. The winter bazar was a little chaotic and last years music event it was hard for us to find out where our child needed to be.

Building size

G3

Thought: building size

T24

As our population increases we will eventually out grow our current facilities. We will need to have more schools to serve our children, particularly elementary aged.

Thought: Maybe space

T32

We are somewhat new to the area and this is my kids second year at Laurel. Honestly we have been more than happy with everything. So I guess maybe the size of the school. A lot of my friends have told me that JC is one of the best districts in the area. So, it's a growing community with families wanting to move into the area because of the schools. So with that in mind, laurel is small.

Class size

G1

Thought: Class sizes

T2

Thought: Keeping class sizes manageable.

T7

As a parent with (2) elementary age children and another in preschool coming to Kindergarten soon, I am more concerned every day at the class sizes my children face. Having a spouse that teaches second grade gives me even more insight into what these children face on a daily basis - an uphill challenge to learn. From teacher assistants that quite frankly don't keep the playing field even between class A and class B (not everyone is created equal, nor does the same quality of work) to behavior challenges that demand 80% of a teacher's energy and leave the rest of the kids fighting for themselves. It is sad, and frustrating, and outside of a magical wallet opening up to bring class sizes down I don't see a 'perfect' answer to fix it. It does however constantly show me some of the benefits of private schooling, and while not all of the problems go away, I do believe that the large class sizes are a major roadblock to our children's learning.

Thought: Class size

T10

Due to the varied levels of ability in a classroom, teachers would be more successful w/more needy children w/smaller class sizes.

Thought: Large class sizes

T15

I see a lot of children that could use extra help. One teacher cannot meet the needs of 25 second graders who all have different skills and needs.

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Class size	G1
Thought: Class sizes at the elementary levels. I appreciate that the 1st grade class now has extra support to address the large number students and the emotional/behavior needs of that class. But, I would like to see small class sizes become a priority for the k-2 levels.	T18
Thought: The class sizes are too large. In the Elementary schools the large class sizes are a hindrance to learning. The younger the student, the greater the problem. Behavior issues flourish in an overcrowded classroom. You know the problems. Just hire more teachers.	T25
Thought: Classroom size It seems that the classroom sizes that we have at jc are a good amount. I'm always concerned with hearing issue with 4j class room sizes being in the 30-40. I'd hate to see that happen at our school. I enjoy that the teachers seem to get to know our kids on a more personal level and the teaching seems more extensive because that.	T33
Thought: large classes	T35
Thought: I believe the classroom sizes are rather large and not enough one on one time with all the students.	T43
Thought: Classroom size I have heard and seen some classrooms that have just too many students. With so many students there is just not enough time to give them one on one attention.	T45
Thought: Large class sizes I understand the financial difficulties in hiring more teachers and the lack of additional classroom space to put more teachers, but I see this as being one of the biggest challenges for the schools. No matter how nice of a building the kids are in, if they are not getting the one on one attention they need they are still going to have issues learning.	T50
Thought: To many students per classroom	T58
Thought: Class sizes. Student / teacher ratio seems to be a little to much students and not enough teacher in some cases. I've been in both Oaklea and Laurel and see the kids pretty much running over the teacher, having less students or a teacher helper at all times in the class would help I think. classes are gonna get bigger once the hospital and prision are up and running.	T67
Thought: Meeting the variety of needs effectively in large classrooms.	T71

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Class size

G1

I see that you are serving a wide variety of students with differing needs: ESL, special ed., advanced placement, as well as remedial. This is a challenge for even the best teachers when you have such large class sizes!

Feeding all the mouths that need to be fed

G24

Thought: Feeding all the mouths that need to be fed.

T6

I think it is easy for parents, teachers, coaches, community members to desire & demand better services for children of this community. I think the biggest challenge the schools face is prioritizing those demands / needs and funding them. Almost every concern/request has merit, and I'm sure that if \$\$ was not an issue most would be met immediately. It is not an easy job telling one 'yes' and another 'no' with the big picture in mind.

Having so much homework for some children and families is a challenge

G28

Thought: I think that having so much homework for some children and families is a great challenge that some of the teachers do not understand.

T16

Insufficient technology

G30

Thought: Insufficient technology.

T19

Our students are growing up in a world where technology is the norm. Our current technology situation is extremely minimal and does not meet the demands of today or the future. Our students should be able to access their learning through technology. As of now the only time my students see the computer lab is for test taking purposes.

Lack of funding for resources

G2

Thought: Large class sizes and lack of funding for resources

T11

Thought: lack of funding

T23

Our community is not particularly wealthy in comparison to some of the other schools within the greater Eugene/Springfield area. This effects our ability to raise funds through tax dollars.

Thought: Older buildings and lack of funding

T54

What are some of the key challenges you see in our schools?

Lack of instructional time

G16

Thought: Lack of instructional time.

T41

Students seem to be out of school more than they are in.

Thought: Time to teach everything.

T44

There is so much that, for example that a kindergartner has to learn by the end of the school year. Finding enough time in the short amount of time that they are there each day to fit in a lot of math and reading that needs to be accomplished.

Lack of parent involvement in the classroom

G10

Thought: Lack of parent involvement in the classroom

T22

The teachers need some help and we as parents can be there to help. The schools are under staffed, step up and help, not just pto, I mean the teachers themselves, individual classrooms.

Lack of supplies in classrooms

G31

Thought: Lack of supplies in classrooms

T21

There are lack of simple supplies for teachers such as pencil sharpeners. I think instead if having a fee at the beginning of the year would help bring in more supplies as well...like pencils, crayons, etc...hand out lists, for each grade, just make note that extra is always welcome in donation.

Large school leads to disconnections between different grade level groups

G43

Thought: large school leads to disconnections between different grade level groups

T70

Managing behaviors and teaching social skills are replacing academics

G45

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T73

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Managing behaviors and teaching social skills are replacing academics

G45

While I absolutely see the value in spending concentrated time on these issues within the special ed class or learning center, I believe the regular ed. classes are hurting because less time is spent on academics and more time is spent on behavioral management and social skills. Parents should be expected to be involved in the process of addressing on going disruptive behaviors with the counsel of a behavior consultant or counselor if necessary. The social skills should be folded into academia, but not become the centerpiece of valuable class time! Again these are skills parents should be asked to address with the aid of an expert if they need it.

Money desired for a new facility could be better spent.

G44

Thought: Money desired for a new facility could be better spent.

T72

Money desired for a new facility could be better spent on hiring enough teachers and staff to keep class sizes down and provide more one-to-one attention. Also, providing updated curriculum (particularly in the autism classroom!) and technological tools to the classrooms could allow teachers to take advantage of powerful supplemental educational media and skills practice and bring high quality visual, interactive, and virtual learning experiences to the classrooms that would otherwise be unavailable, out of date, and unengaging. Real life experimentation opportunities would be amazing too!

Not a good enough teacher to student ratio

G6

Thought: not enough teachers to child ratio.

T12

- 2 all kids are lumped into one teaching session.
- 3 children with disabilities that dont need a wheel chair or they dont quite under stand the problem are always treated as problem children.
- 4 the teachers are teaching the kids their values not the ones the parents teach their kids.

Thought: Teacher to student ratio isn't helpful for the students or teacher

T42

Thought: Staffing concerns

T60

The rate of student to teacher is so important to the ability of students to learn. I think it is more important to have full time teachers over part time assistants in classrooms. The teachers have the training on how to teach the students, where as aids often do not have the same training or understanding of content and scope, etc.

What are some of the key challenges you see in our schools?

Not enough hours given to staff to complete the amount of work expected G38
Thought: Not enough hours given to staff to complete the amount of work expected. T57

Not enough parent volunteers G9
Thought: not enough parent volunteers T39

Not teaching and preparing the student for the future G36
Thought: Not teaching and preparing the student for the future T37

Offensive behavior/ language in Middle and High school G32
Thought: Offensive behavior/ language in Middle and High school. T26
 These things are hard to control, and certainly are perpetuated in the home life, but standards could be better enforced. The atmosphere often feels too uncomfortable for students to focus on gaining a meaningful education.

Overcrowding G12
Thought: over crowding in our school and updated school building T38
Thought: Overcrowding T46
 My first grader's class has 28 kids to one teacher. I volunteer once a week and I know there are other volunteers as well but we are not qualified to teach kids. When I break up with them in the reading groups I'm doing my best but ideally there would be certified educators that would be available to monitor the children's progress. I realize there are limits to the budget but these classroom sizes are way too big. That's 28 6/7 year olds to one adult the majority of the time.

Primary teachers too focused on developmental approach to reading G42
Thought: Primary teachers too focused on developmental approach to reading T69

What are some of the key challenges you see in our schools?

Security	G13
Thought: Security	T34
I would like to see that our schools are more secure. I did vote yes for the school bond that did not pass.	
Thought: Safety	T48
I worry that anyone with serious intent could march right into the school past the secretaries and into the classrooms. This is my same concern with OMS; a communication system within the schools and to the school district to keep the kids and staff safe. I know know the details about the current communication policy but I can imagine with such an old school it's likely not as efficient as it needs to be.	
Thought: Security	T65
I don't feel my child is safe in any of the school buildings. The kindergarten room should be connected to the school with an enclosed breeze way. it's not safe at all to lock the doors and have them standing outside once they are coming back from the nurse or office or somewhere. This has to change. Security is a must	

Struggling students are treated as a problem	G5
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Teachers are teaching student their personal values and not the parents	G7
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Teachers being pulled away from their classroom way to often	G39
Thought: Teachers being pulled away from their classroom way to often.	T59

What are some of the key challenges you see in our schools?
Teachers that should not be teaching

G19

Thought: I really think the biggest challenges are certain teachers

T40

I can tell you from my experience and that of others there is one or more teachers who i don't think fit with what laurel is wanting to achieve and they do not handle the kids very well nor do they listen or take parents concerns to heart and this is unfortunate being a parent should always feel great leaving there child with an adult.

Thought: Teachers that should not be teaching

T51

The quality of the teachers that are teaching is very important. I have had personal experiences with, and have talked to many other parents about teachers that are not up to par. If the district could more easily get rid of these teachers and replace them with higher quality teachers this would help alleviate some of the issues with the larger class sizes. Better teachers can handle the larger classes better. Funds would be used more efficiently.

Thought: Unmotivated teachers

T63

I have dealt with too many teachers in the district that just do not care, when you bring your concerns to them. They have a we know better attitude when it comes to my kid my no one knows better than I do.

The biggest challenge is not labeling your students

G25

Thought: The biggest challenge is not labeling your students.

T9

Please take the time to listen to parents and actually talk to the student. Please quit using the "we have too many students" excuse. There are no more students in these classes then there was when most of us parents went to school there. Take the time to teach instead of study the kids.

The continuous changing of curriculum within the elementary levels

G20

Thought: The continuous changing of curriculum within the elementary levels.

T1

It is extremely difficult for most children and especially for children with learning difficulties to start learning skills one way and changing midstream to a completely different way with new terminology and systems. It makes it counter productive and confuses their minds.

The curriculum is geared towards the grade levels not where the students are

G29

Thought: That the curriculum is geared towards the grade levels not where the

T17

What are some of the key challenges you see in our schools?
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The curriculum is geared towards the grade levels not where the students are **G29**
 students are. for example with math kids need to multiply before they can divide. they should not go on to division until they get the concept. I think a lot of the learning in middle school should be this way so that when they enter high school they are at least on an even playing field.

The curriculum needs to be updated **G17**
Thought: Definitely aging buildings. One I know for sure is the curriculum seems to be behind Eugene schools and Washington schools!! **T49**

The economy is difficult for the school right now. **G27**
Thought: I think that the economy is difficult for the school right now. **T14**
 The economy is so tight right now, that asking the community to do more, when they themselves are on record number of unemployment and food stamps, is a hard thing to ask. While most of us desire to do more, there is not more to give. By "giving" more to schools, we put ourselves in a compromising situation where we can not take care of our own children.

There is not enough discipline for students with bad behaviors **G8**
Thought: I think the principle needs to put the "paddle" back on his wall. **T29**
 Sometimes I don't agree with the way problem kids are handled. I know you can't spank but there should be more harsh consequences when a child constantly repeats bad behavior. Plus there was little to no communication between out going and in coming teachers. It seems if there's a behavioral issue then everyone to knows about that student, but if there is a child that needs extra academic help teachers rely to much on resource classes and don't bother to talk to one another. Yes, I'm keeping in mind that teachers have a lot on their plate as it is.

There is not enough diversity or creativity **G21**
Thought: There is not enough diversity or creativity. Only academics is not a well-rounded student. **T3**

What are some of the key challenges you see in our schools?

The school district has too many priorities

G26

Thought: I feel that often the school district has too many priorities.

T13

While I believe that this is often not the school districts fault, but a national issue, it does however, still impact Junction City schools because they must adhere to these priorities. You are being asked to do too much with not enough resources.

The students are having a hard time with the current school agendas

G35

Thought: The students are having a hard time with the current school agendas

T36

They need to be able to learn to DREAM BIG!!!

G23

Thought: They need to be able to learn to DREAM BIG!!!

T5

This is a majority "retirement comm" and they have no vested interest

G34

Thought: This is a majority "retirement comm" and they have no vested interest

T31

Too much focus on special needs students

G41

Thought: Too much focus on special needs students

T64

When I helped in the classrooms, the teacher was so distracted by people coming to pick up some student who needed to go to a remedial class or an English as a second language class that not only her but the students were distracted to the point that the whole lesson would be a waste and she would have to start over.

Updating the school(s)

G14

Thought: Updating the school(s).

T8

The problem really lies in not renewing the previous bond back when it expired in the early 2000's. The bond was in my opinion way too much for most community members to get behind. We can't "catch up" with that large of a bond. It will need to be tackled in portions of smaller bonds that get renewed diligently.

Thought: Upkeep

T47

What are some of the key challenges you see in our schools?

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Updating the school(s)

G14

building maintenance, ventilation system, water system, rusty pipes, cold classrooms, dingy gym, all the things a big building needs repaired and replaced. I know the bond measure failed, but truly it wasn't by much. If perhaps a smaller amount was being requested to do one or two things rather than the 43(?)million maybe next time we could get it passed.

Thought: Building upkeep

T62

The buildings in this district are old, out of date, energy wasters and dangerous. They need to be remodeled, but the challenge is getting them rebuilt in this district with so little funds available and a populace that is not supporting of a high tax rate.

Thought: outdated

T66

obviously all the schools are outdated. A new elementary school should happen. I did vote and support the new school. Sad to see it didn't work out. But I don't think the thought of a new school should be given up on.

You need music, drama, art, theatre

G22

Thought: You need music, drama, art, theatre.

T4

What are some things we are doing well in our schools?

Adding teachers in the Elementary schools when there is crowding or large amount of students

G34

Thought: Adding teachers in the Elementary schools when there is crowding or large amount of students needing the extra time.

T44

Allowing parents to volunteer easily

G28

Thought: Allowing parents to volunteer easily

T28

My daughter just started kindergarten. Being able to go in and see her at school, around her friends and help is extremely important to me...to have an active roll in my children's lives.

Amazing teachers

G4

Thought: Hiring good teachers.

T7

none

Thought: some teachers teach well, just not all.

T12

Thought: Teachers

T25

There are many excellent teachers at the Elementary school. Some at the middle and high schools as well. Weeding out bad teachers is a good thing.

Thought: Striving for high quality teachers and teaching

T31

Thought: The teachers are good. friendly staff.

T36

Thought: Qualified instructors who motivate students.

T39

Both of my kids love school. One struggles, but still loves going. I credit the supportive, qualified instructors for keeping him motivated.

Thought: Teachers/Staff

T43

When I go to Laurel I'm pleased with the level of enthusiasm, positive attitude, learning and involvement the teachers and the staff show. It can't be easy trying to teach so many kids in one class and there are undoubtedly challenges that are never met simply because one person can only spread so far but I've never seen it show on the surface. We've had two older daughters already pass through Laurel and I've loved (not just liked) every single teacher they've had. What are you doing well? You're picking the right people to teach our little kids.

Thought: Teachers

T49

What are some things we are doing well in our schools?

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Amazing teachers

G4

Our daughter is only in 1st grade but the two teachers she has had have been Amazing! Helpful and I can tell that our daughter is learning new things all the time.

Thought: Amazing teachers

T54

The teacher here are amazing! They work so hard, do so much and are continually asked to do more, which they graciously do. But, I think they are being so overworked they will either burn out or not be able to reach every student in the way that is needed to be successful.

Availability to the community

G13

Thought: Availability to the community.

T4

I certainly hope community members that do have concerns make themselves heard, because I believe the availability of staff & administration is excellent.

Communication with teachers

G3

Thought: I feel that communication between teacher and parent is remarkable

T40

Thought: Communication

T42

I feel that I'm always informed at how well my children are doing in school or if they are having struggles and ways to help. All of the teachers that I have had experience with have been very open and helpful.

Thought: Communication with teachers

T45

I feel that the teachers my children have had are very open to communicating with us. This helps us know what's going on with the kids in their classrooms.

Community partnership

G14

Thought: Community partnership.

T5

Examples like: Family Fun Night, weekend meals, etc. I think the schools do an excellent job of trying to partner with the community and provide these services to the community.

Concerns are always heard

G18

Thought: I feel like my concerns are always heard.

T14

What are some things we are doing well in our schools?

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Concerns are always heard

G18

Whenever I talk with an administrator or a teacher, I am heard and listened to. I feel like they want my thoughts and appreciate my concerns.

counseling support for kids and families

G42

Thought: counseling support for kids and families

T60

Creating a sense of value and inclusion for special needs kids

G46

Thought: Creating a sense of value and inclusion for special needs kids!

T64

My son, Jack, is greeted by name by staff and students multiple times almost every time we walk down the hall! I appreciate that so much! I love that the kids are pursuing friendship with him even when he is unable to respond back much of the time. I love that they continue to reach out and interact with him. I feel like my son has been well represented and has many peer as well as adult advocates!

Curriculum

G27

Thought: Curriculum.

T27

The elementary curriculum has become uniform, and standards are higher. Smart move to listen to good teachers and new research.

Education

G31

Thought: Education

T34

I hear a lot of things about 4j and I know our school goes above and beyond to make sure our kids get the education they need and also the days at school to do it in. I appreciate that there is a full school schedule and we don't have hours of homework every night to make up for the kids having a lot of furlow days. It gives us more time for family and outings that we get to involve out kids in.

Emphasizing importance of reading proficiency

G43

Thought: emphasizing importance of reading proficiency

T61

What are some things we are doing well in our schools?

Happy Students and Teachers

G39

Thought: Happy Students and Teachers

T57

In Laurel it seems like the staff and students alike are excited and happy to be at school. It's a very good atmosphere there. Great job.

Helping the kids that needs a little more help

G10

Thought: safety, helping the kids that needs a little more help

T38

Kids that need the title program do so well I love this program and Laurel does this so well and also Safety of the kids is always first on everyone's mind.

High quality of education strived for

G36

Thought: High quality of education strived for

T48

Identifying individual needs and working closely with parents

G17

Thought: Identifying individual needs and working closely with parents

T10

Improving the community/family atmosphere of the school

G45

Thought: Improving the community/family atmosphere of the school.

T63

I feel like the atmosphere of the school has become more family/community oriented in the past year. I hope this continues to grow! I feel like the teachers, staff, community volunteers, and parent volunteers have made a huge effort to connect with our kids and make them feel loved and valuable. That's awesome!

Keeping an old building look good

G40

Thought: Keeping the building and outside areas clean

T8

Mr. Tim Johnson has transformed Laurel in ways that I've never previously seen. Having someone with that same work ethic and pride would be of great benefit.

Thought: Keeping an old building look good

T58

What are some things we are doing well in our schools?

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Keeping an old building look good

G40

Even with all the problems Laurel has, you wouldn't notice unless you really paid attention, staff has done great at making our run down school not look like a run down school.

Keeping our children safe

G11

Thought: The students feel safe.

T2

Thought: Keeping our children safe.

T9

none

Thought: safety,helping the kids that needs a little more help

T38

Kids that need the title program do so well I love this program and Laurel does this so well and also Safety of the kids is always first on everyone's mind.

Locking doors

G29

Thought: Locking doors

T29

I don't know if the middle school and high school do the same as laurel, but I have a better feeling leaving my 6 year old child knowing there is only one entrance people/parents can come in, all other entrances are locked after breakfast.

Offer a range of extra options like music, pe and art

G7

Thought: That the school does offer band and PE so that the kids can see some other choices in life.

T19

Thought: The music program is getting great reviews in this house!

T22

We hear every week how much I love music class! This is such an important thing we don't loose the arts in our schools, glad to see the kids loving this and so excited about it!

Thought: PE class

T23

I hear every week, I have to wear tennis shoes today from my kindergartener, so excited about PE, this should never be lost. Through all the budget cuts we see in our schools this is one thing that needs to stay, some kids don't get to run around and get exercise at home like they should, we need to keep them excited about it and encouraged in it for as long as we can. Keep up the good work!

Thought: Keeping PE and music

T52

What are some things we are doing well in our schools?

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Offer a range of extra options like music, pe and art

G7

Thought: Offer a range of extra options like music, pe and art

T53

I am so thankful that my children get the opportunity to learn physical fitness skills and have the opportunity to share their gifts in the non-academic opportunities that are offered here

Personal attention

G30

Thought: Personal attention

T33

I think everyone at the school does a great job of getting to know and remembering not only the kids but the parents. It's a very close nit feeling that I'm very happy my kids get to be apart of.

Positive reinforcement for good behavior

G35

Thought: Positive reinforcement for good behavior

T46

This makes kids aware of their good behaviors in a fun way. They are so proud when they are rewarded.

Providing services to kids with learning needs

G37

Thought: Providing services to kids with learning needs.

T50

Not all kids learn at the same pace. I see a lot of effort and care to help those who need extra help to be on their way to a great education.

Social skills

G21

Thought: Social skills

T18

I'm grateful for the be safe, responsible and show respect motto that is well developed. It is very important to me that school is helping form thoughtful good citizens.

Special education

G20

Thought: Special education

T17

What are some things we are doing well in our schools?

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Special education

G20

I love how the kids with special needs are incorporated in the class room as much as possible. I appreciate what my child is learning about work with all kinds of different people.

Supportive community

G38

Thought: Supportive community

T55

We have parents and a community that supports many activities for students, as schools can no longer provide them. Our community is willing to give time, but not money.

Support staff

G19

Thought: Support staff

T16

I am very impressed with the aids that help in the class rooms. The kids gather around aids in the room. It is clear they are in the class to help a couple kids who need special help. They are amazing at handling whatever questions other kids may bring to them.

That the student services staff are very intune with what the students

G23

Thought: That the student services staff are very intune with what the students need. And helping parents work through some issues with there students

T20

The fact that PE and music has continued to be in the lower grade levels

G33

Thought: We love the fact that p.e. And music has continued to be in the lower grade levels as the younger kids need the examples.

T41

The health rooms

G15

Thought: The health rooms

T6

They are great at offering help or getting the parents information on outside services.

What are some things we are doing well in our schools?

The kids are learn and following there core values

G32

Thought: the kids are learn and following there core values

T37

The kindergarten classes are wonderful

G24

Thought: The kindergarten classes are wonderful!

T21

The reading programs so far in kindergarten have been great. I would like to see a little more math but, not every child is ready for that at this level. Kindergarten is tough. This has been wonderful here.

Thought: Kindergarten

T24

My oldest child is in Kindergarten with Ms. Shannon. I have had limited experiences with the school since she is so young but I am pleased with her teacher and my daughter loves school.

There is a caring staff

G1

Thought: you know most of the students names.

T11

Thought: Teaching the kids

T32

I feel that my kids are thriving at Laurel. The teachers are always willing to communicate with the parents. There is always a strong presence of authority, yet such kindness and love coming from the staff!!

Thought: Most of the staff clearly cares about our students. I love the positive

T35

Thought: A caring staff!!!

T47

For the most part (a couple people removed from this sentiment), all of the staff in our entire JCSD have been an absolute pleasure to have teaching and coaching my children. A small town does not have to mean less of an education or sport experience.

There is a great connection between all the teachers and students

G41

Thought: For my child, I have noticed a great connection with all the teachers

T59

The school does a great job at managing the budget

G8

Thought: Managed budget.

T3

What are some things we are doing well in our schools?

(continued)

The school does a great job at managing the budget

G8

I think for the most part the schools have done an admirable job of retaining teachers and providing a stable financial platform to work with. I know that landscape is not an easy one to manage, but overall I think that has been a strength of the district.

The school does the best with what it has to work with

G5

Thought: I think are school does the best with what it has to work with.

T1

Thought: I feel that you are doing the best with the resources you have.

T15

I know that money is tight and structures are failing, but I do feel that they are cared for with true diligence and concern. The staff in each building are doing all they can with what they have been given.

Welcoming environment for parents and public

G44

Thought: Welcoming environment for parents and public

T62

Your behavioral program is wonderful

G6

Thought: Your behavioral program is wonderful.

T30

I've seen the positive side of your reward program again and again. He his so proud of himself when he gets a leopard spot it makes his day and he has received an uh-oh and it nearly destroyed him. To me that is proof that it works, lol. I see that he strives to make good choices.

Thought: PBIS is awesome

T51

What are the most important skills students should be developing in our schools?

A BETTER LUNCH MENU, WITH FOOD KIDS WILL ACTUALLY EAT, WITH MORE FOOD SO

G24

Thought: A BETTER LUNCH MENU, WITH FOOD KIDS WILL ACTUALLY EAT, WITH MORE FOOD SO

T14

THEY DONT COME HOME STARVING

Behavioral expectations

G5

Thought: Behavioral expectations

T52

Students need to learn how to behave in a group (lower levels). How to interact appropriately with peers and adults. The appropriate classroom behavior are also important to how students do homework, and are "successful" in the higher grades.

Character and academic skill development

G4

Thought: Social, character and academic skill development

T51

Students learn how to interact with the world by what they learn in school. The social interaction they encounter in elementary school is so important to their development later in life. Character development is also important and needs to be continued as they move to the middle and high school grades (because character never loses importance). Academic skills should become more a focus as they enter the higher grades

Critical thinking skills

G6

Thought: Critical thinking skills

T15

I desire for my children to be able to think for themselves. I don't want the answer to be given to them. I want them to gather facts and then determine for themselves what they believe to be true.

Different ways of learning

G32

Thought: Different ways of learning

T42

Teaching kids different ways of learning is very important. Not everyone learns the same way.

What are the most important skills students should be developing in our schools?

Farm to school program

G9

Thought: Farm to school program

T24

With obesity becoming more and more prevalent, I'd love to see this program implemented so that kids can learn about healthy foods and where they come from. I do plan on addressing this with Glenda baumen if it hadn't yet been addressed at some point. I know bethel and 4j school districts implement this program.

Getting along with others

G38

Thought: getting along with others

T57

Getting along with others, communication, math, reading, music, PE

G23

Thought: Getting along with others, communication, math, reading, music, PE

T10

Good academic routines

G7

Thought: good academic routines

T26

Good work ethics are important in creating a good foundation for a future work force.

Good "school skills" like listening and paying attention

G40

Thought: good "school skills" like listening and paying attention

T59

Health and fitness

G13

Thought: Reading, math, writing, health, fitness and technology

T50

How to be an individual

G27

Thought: How to be an individual

T23

What are the most important skills students should be developing in our schools?

(continued)

How to be an individual

G27

I think things sometimes can be focused on being fair and nice, that the idea of being your own person and that being okay, doesn't always seem like it's enough. Respect is different (of course everyone should learn respect), but life isn't fair and nice all the time.

Keeping the extra curricular activities

G8

Thought: Keeping the extra curricular activities

T32

I love that the school has pe and music programs. I think it's important to introduce kids to all kinds of things including music, pe, science projects and craft projects

Leadership

G37

Thought: Leadership, self sufficiency, drive, over achieving

T55

Learn each area they way were taught growing up

G30

Thought: I would like to see the kids learn each area they way were taught Growing up

T34

Learning Fundamentals

G31

Thought: Learning Fundamentals

T39

Reading, math, social, patience, consequences, communication, understanding/comprehension and follow through are all vital at this age.

Learning how education, career and adult hood go together so that they

G20

Thought: Learning how education, career and adult hood go together so that they become function members of our society once they leave high school.

T3

What are the most important skills students should be developing in our schools?

Learning how to do homework on there own

G11

Thought: Learning how to do homework on there own and deal with social issue so that when they are in high school and college they are more able to succeed

T17

Learning to work with each others differences

G19

Thought: learning to work with each others differences.

T2

More opportunities for the students to get involved in the community.

G34

Thought: More opportunities for the students to get involved in the community.

T45

Starting in elementary school, and continuing until they graduate, I would love to see all of the kids in our community getting involved in anything and everything they are allowed to get involved in. Personally my 3 kids get involved, but I would like to see more opportunities that are facilitated through the school for those kids whose parents will not be the ones to initiate it.

More options for TAG students

G33

Thought: More options for TAG students!

T44

As a mother of a TAG student (and also a mother of a Title I student), I have been very, very disappointed in the lack of things made available for my son. My daughter had options available to her when she needed help developing her reading through most of elementary school, and that was necessary and wonderful for her. She is now in 5th grade and I believe better off because of Title I. My son was identified as TAG in 3rd grade, and is now in 8th grade, and to my knowledge, other than a couple lunches throughout the last 5 years, there have been no other efforts made to give the TAG students what they NEED! Just as my daughter's needs were met at the low end, my son's needs should be met at the high end. It is actually the law.....

No bullying

G36

Thought: No bullying

T54

weather it's not bullying other kids or not letting other kids bully them.

What are the most important skills students should be developing in our schools?

Over achieving G42
Thought: Leadership, self sufficiency, drive, over achieving T55

Practical/life applicable skills G12
Thought: Practical/life applicable skills T22
 So many busy parents aren't hands-on enough to help their child gain practical skills for a successful adult hood or career. Let's do more training in this, especially offering more classes in high school that can equip students for going right into a job.

Thought: basic knowledge and life skills T28
 I want our children to be competitive with other children nationally and not just on the state level. I think there needs to be a strong focus on literacy as well as a basic understanding in mathematics, science and history. Although the arts and cultural studies are important in giving our children a well rounded education, I believe it is difficult to achieve overall success as individuals if they do not understand basic math and reading. I simply think this is where the priorities should lie and I don't mean to undervalue those other subjects.

Thought: life skills T29
 I also think it is important to teach children life skills such as personal finance, job searching, processing college applications etc. This is one of the main ways to help children raise their circumstances above of their parents'. This is the American dream and how we can help families break the cycle of poverty. Not all parents know how to help their children in these areas if they have never been college educated despite their best intentions or willingness to do so.

Thought: Academic, job, and life skills! T60

Reading proficiency by grade 3 G14
Thought: Reading proficiency by grade 3 T56

Respect G17
Thought: Respect for authority (staff, volunteers) T9
 none

Thought: respect T53
 That's something every kid needs to learn not every kid learns it at home

What are the most important skills students should be developing in our schools?

Responsibility

G22

Thought: Responsibility.
none

T7

Science

G15

Thought: Reading, math, science, etc...

T18

I think the obvious education, is what we want for our children out of our school. We want them to be the best in all areas of academics they can be. That is the goal we can strive for. We want our teachers to provide our children with this also. I as a parent expect the best from them as well. If I am expecting my child to put forth their best in school, no matter what area it may be, I expect no less from their teacher. A child is not going to learn well unless we have teachers are putting their very best out their for each and every child.

Thought: reading, math, social studies and science that challenges students

T33

Self esteem and education

G21

Thought: Self esteem and education

T4

Not only should our children actually be educated but we should be building their self esteem. (my son spent a lot of kindergarten, first grade and second grade learning about penguins. Why???)

Self sufficiency

G41

Thought: Leadership, self sufficiency, drive, over achieving

T55

Social skills

G3

Thought: Making friends

T19

School is not only about getting an education for a child it's also the core place where they develop relationships in their lives. I want our school to be a safe place for our children to make friends, cherish these relationships, as these are important parts of being a child and being in school.

Thought: Social skills

T31

I think besides academics, social skills are a huge part of school. You have to learn to respect and work with others. It's what gets most of us a job in the real world.

What are the most important skills students should be developing in our schools?

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Social skills	G3
Thought: social,learning,behavioral	T35
I really think they should be learning how to be social and having to deal with others, how to behave in such setting and learning in that setting I think is huge.	
Thought: Social skills	T43
I think it's great that Laurel is teaching kids how to be safe, responsible, and respectful. Those are great life skills.	
Thought: social	T48
Important for her future to know how to react in large group situations and know how to treat one another. making friends and building self esteem and confidence.	

Study skills	G16
Thought: Study skills.	T6
none	
Thought: Math, Reading, early studying	T38
Homework for my children is mostly math and reading related, they are still in the lower grades but I think that studying is of importance too.	

Team work	G18
Thought: team work.	T1

The 3 R's.	G35
Thought: The 3 R's.	T46

The basics. Reading, Writing, Math	G1
Thought: The basics... math & reading.	T5
none	
Thought: Spelling and grammar.	T8

What are the most important skills students should be developing in our schools?

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<p>The basics. Reading, Writing, Math none</p>	G1
<p>Thought: reading AT SCHOOL</p>	T11
<p>Thought: WRITING AT SCHOOL</p>	T12
<p>Thought: MATH AT SCHOOL ,PRACTICING TILL THE KID GETS IT</p>	T13
<p>Thought: Literacy Too many children struggle with competence in literacy skills.</p>	T20
<p>Thought: Reading, Writing, Math</p>	T27
<p>Thought: Reading, math, social I feel at Laurel my kids are receiving strong skills in reading, math and social skills. I love that one of my kids is already doing speeches in the fourth grade. They are getting confident in their reading, math, writing and social skills.</p>	T30
<p>Thought: The basics. Our kids need to have a solid basic education to succeed in life. They need to be able to be solid readers, able to do math and communicate in written form. I wonder if we don't lose time focusing on these elements because teachers are busy teaching students social skills they should be learning at home.</p>	T36
<p>Thought: Reading, writing, math skills</p>	T37
<p>Thought: Core skills If math and reading are not mastered at the elementary level students will struggle throughout their life.</p>	T41
<p>Thought: Reading and math. For us first and for most our goal is to insure she has a solid education. To us these are the staples.</p>	T47
<p>Thought: At Laurel: the basics. Reading, writing, math & FUN. Its important for kids to get the basics down well, but to make it fun. If kids have fun at school and enjoy the experience, they'll foster a life-long love of learning. Encouraging teachers, staff & administrators to create new and fun ways for kids to learn, both collectively and individually, is crucial.</p>	T49

<p>Their regular curriculum</p>	G28
<p>Thought: Of course, their regular curriculum</p>	T25

What are the most important skills students should be developing in our schools?

(continued)

Their regular curriculum

G28

Teachers play a huge role in the development of our children. I think the schools have done a good job, not only with teachers, but the teachers having good curriculum to teach our children.

To become a self-motivated learner

G26

Thought: To become a self-motivated learner

T21

It is important that students have a sense of autonomy in the classroom, opportunities to pursue their own interests, and develop a sense of confidence in themselves as successful learners.

Tolerance and acceptance of others

G39

Thought: tolerance and acceptance of others

T58

True knowledge of basic skills.

G25

Thought: True knowledge of basic skills.

T16

Sometimes I feel like they are learning so many things, that they don't learn anything well. Because they don't learn the core knowledge necessary and take the time to really learn it, then the next steps are so difficult because they are lost.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

Appeal to the older community

G14

Thought: Appeal to the older community

T14

They are the ones that hold the purse strings in this town, they don't have any kids in the school why should they pay for it?

Classified staff are important too!

G26

Thought: Classified staff are important too!

T26

We have a supportive community, but I think if we keep working our classified staff (which most live in the district) at part time wages, not paying them a competitive wage and basically treating them like second class citizens, they will leave and we will not have the quality, caring, invested people taking care of our buildings and our kids that we do now. We want our community out of poverty, well we need to pay people a wage that gets them out of poverty.

Funding issues

G5

Thought: Funding issues

T5

If there are funding issues, maybe not so many behavior specialists and counselors. And a new principal.

I am so proud to be part of Junction City.

G9

Thought: I am so proud to be part of Junction City.

T9

I love that I belong to this community and I want my children to be raised here. I did feel that the bond measure advertising though, really alienated me. I voted no, not because I didn't want to support my child's learning, but because it would have financially put such pressure on us, that we would have had to have help from government subsidies to care for our own children. The advertising for supporting the schools, often made me feel like if I voted no, I did not support the children or education. When in reality, it was a very difficult choice to do what was best for my immediate family over the community as a whole.

I am very happy at Laurel

G16

Thought: I am very happy at Laurel

T16

Is there anything else you would like to add?

*(continued)***I am very happy at Laurel**

G16

I feel that moving to this area has been amazing. My kids always come home happy from school!

I DID NOTICE MOST TEACHERS DONT LIKE HELPERS IN THERE ROOM DURING CERTAIN

G8

Thought: I DID NOTICE MOST TEACHERS DONT LIKE HELPERS IN THERE ROOM DURING CERTAIN

T8

TIMES LIKE THEY HAVE SOMETHING TO HIDE .

I'm greatly impressed with the atmosphere of the school, but dont believe

G17

Thought: I'm greatly impressed with the atmosphere of the school, but dont believe

T17

my childs individual needs are being met. This is to be expected with large classes. However I feel my concerns have been dismissed by my childs teacher as yet another one of those parents who believe their child is "smart." I just want mine to learn at a level that provides a challenge and not simply repetition and review.

I'm pleased with the experience at Laurel.

G24

Thought: I'm pleased with the experience at Laurel.

T24

The only negative I might have is: there is sometimes a delay between being told that a meeting is necessary and going to happen (to discuss the student's situation/development) and when the meeting actually is set up. Is that because of the volume of these situations? Overall, I think your teachers & staff work really hard and care a great deal.

I support the higher taxes needed to improve our schools

G27

Thought: I support the higher taxes needed to improve our schools

T27

I know I am in the minority, as was evident by the bond measure, but I think we need to put our money where our mouth is to help improve our schools. Our district does well budgeting, sure I think more money should go to certain things and balance is important, but we need to look more into the future to make plans to update our facilities or we will not be able to offer quality education to our students.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

I think that the lunch menu and the way lunches are done needs looked at I **G10**

Thought: I think that the lunch menu and the way lunches are done needs looked at I **T10**

think some healthy choices besides salad need to be offered. and maybe have some grownups taste the food and see what they are expecting the kids to eat.

I think that the school should have control over the bus company if there **G11**

Thought: I think that the school should have control over the bus company if there **T11**

is a lot of complaints about certain drivers it should be within the schools power to NOT have that driver anymore. and if the kids are feeling bullied by a driver there should be consequences for the driver. I know for fact that this has been a big issue the last 2 years!!!!!!

I would love to be involved in a committee/task force **G22**

Thought: I would love to be involved in a committee/task force **T22**

After all of the survey thoughts are gathered, it would be wonderful to have a task force of sorts put together to talk about what the community is asking for. There might already be one, and I would love to be involved. I am active in the OPG and would love to be involved more at a district-wide level. My phone number is 541-228-7372. Thank you, Wendy Waddell

keep up the good work. **G19**

Thought: keep up the good work. **T19**

Learn how to help students see outside the box. Promote exchange programs **G4**

Thought: Learn how to help students see outside the box. Promote exchange programs **T4**

that allow OUR students to study abroad.

No **G21**

Thought: No **T21**

Is there anything else you would like to add?

No G6
Thought: No T6

Offer more than one language for the kids to learn. G1
Thought: Offer more than one language for the kids to learn. T1

Overall happy G20
Thought: Overall happy T20
I know there are uphill challenges with classroom size, limited budget, an old building and multiple other issues, but overall I am happy with Laurel and I'm glad my kids go there.

Overall I love our school and community. G18
Thought: Overall I love our school and community. T18
I appreciate all the obvious effort everyone involved seems to put in it. I feel fortunate that my kids get to go to jc and be apart of everything it offers. I feel Our administration does an excellent job of balancing the budget to offer our kids opprrtunities to excell and succeed in education and social skills.

Overall impression of JC schools G15
Thought: Overall impression of JC schools T15
As part of my job I have had a lot of contact with the school districts in our area. Before enrolling my daughter in Junction City I asked around with coworkers and friends of my who are teachers. I have heard good things about your district and I have, myself had positive interactions.

Reach the retirement comm. with why they should help G23
Thought: Reach the retirement comm. with why they should help T23

Is there anything else you would like to add?

School is where children spend most of their time, outside of home.

G13

Thought: School is where children spend most of their time, outside of home.

T13

This needs to be taken seriously. They are the future adults of this community. I think the schools try hard to offer a good education, despite the disturbing problems we see in the youth all around. Bringing up children well is supposed to be the responsibility of the family, and when that fails, the results are played out in a dis-functional school environment. Good leaders, good teachers, a strong curriculum, time to help each student, sincere inspirational encouragement - these all can help the child crying out for help in their own ways. Equip them with something that can latch onto and use in the future.

Students who meet physical exercise criteria should not have to take gym

G3

Thought: Students who meet physical exercise criteria should not have to take gym

T3

class in school. My daughter dances 20+ hours a week. She doesn't need more exercise, she needs to be able to take another studies class.

Thank you for making laurel a safe and wonderful school!

G12

Thought: Thank you for making laurel a safe and wonderful school!

T12

The food served is unacceptable. More fresh fruits and vegies at least.

G25

Thought: The food served is unacceptable. More fresh fruits and vegies at least.

T25

The staff at Laurel is excellent.

G7

Thought: The staff at Laurel is excellent.

T7

I am so happy with how my children have been taught at Laurel. The teachers genuinely care for the kids and respect the parents. The teachers make the most of the resources they have and I'm sure supplement frequently from their own resources. I wish more parent were able to volunteer in their child's classroom to see first hand what an excellent job these teachers are doing. They should be commended.

Q4

Is there anything else you would like to add?

We need a theater program. Support YOUR music, drama and art.

G2

Thought: We need a theater program. Support YOUR music, drama and art.

T2