

Strategic Planning Community Meeting Feedback

Council for College and Career Success Listening Session (March 17, 2009)					
Strategic Goal Areas			Changes/Additions	Prioritization	Additional Comments/Questions
Student Success	Quality Instruction at All Levels	High Schools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ensure student access to CTE schools for ALL students -curriculum needs to be relevant -also need arts and music -re-examine structure of school day-what works best for students -CTE schools should prepare students for college and career -there is a lack of PD for CTE teachers -need be more strategic with CTE schools-lose focus and purpose, not able to supply resources, chaotic for business/industry -follow recs of Knight report on current CTEs -bolster best practice CTE programs by expanding them -must focus on strengthening current CTE programs -use economic downturn to recruit people from high demand field and get them certified to teach -provide PD to teachers on how to integrate CTE with curriculum -learning must be contextualized for students -connect CTEs to specialty area and to real jobs to benefit students and community -advocate could come from outside-families and communities can provide training for this -make sure new CTE programs are innovative and not just recreating what already exists -use businesses and industry partners to enhance curriculum with 21st century skills 		<p>how can colleges and community organizations support CTE programs? -who are the advocates going to be? How will they be monitored?</p>

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Student Success	Comprehensive Supports and Programs for All Students	Guidance and Counseling	Student Success Centers are great-make sure diversify pathways for exposure to college and career -include financial aid counseling and financial literacy -must give students career counseling -coordinate with DHS to provide supports		will these be new full-time counseling positions?
		Work-Based Experiences	make pipelines to careers more available to connect with more students -use up to 12 week contextualized learning/internship model in 12th grade -identify and implement a successful intership model -consider work site supervisor as resource for advocate role		how do we support students in maintaining a job?
		Re-Engagement Programs	must make sure there are enough supports to help students make it through -make sure resources distributed equitably -be explicit with providing drop-out and graduation rates by community -use alternative education model and replicate to re-engage students -must create programs to help students go beyond the diploma (work or college) -must have outreach system		how restructure the way students earn credit? -how will high schools support returning students? -how ensure those returning are getting the supports they need? -what about additional options that are not school based?
		Early Warning Indicator System			

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Student Success	Transition Services	Middle to High Schools	middle school counselors should assist students in selecting high schools		
		Recruiting the Best	must recruit staff who know how to engage youth and are diverse culturally (more teachers of color)		
Great Staff		Retaining Highly Effective Staff	students need teachers who care and are engaging -must make major investment in teacher development -must have PD along with accountability		how do we encourage teacher buy-in? -how do you change the culture of a school?
		General Questions & Comments:	is this plan sustainable? -how are goals connected to the plan? -how do we get communities involved? -want to see implementation plan -what data will be used to determine success of plan? -how will data be shared with outside organizations?		