

# SMALL GROUP WORK ACTIVITY

STUDENT INVOLVEMENT AND WELLNESS • COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SESSION #3

#### Instructions

Each group should select a **recorder** and a **facilitator/spokesperson**. The **recorder** is responsible for writing the information from the discussion on the worksheet printed on color paper. This worksheet will be collected at the conclusion of tonight.

The **facilitator/spokesperson** should facilitate discussions and keep the group focused to complete the work in the allotted time. At the end of the session, the **facilitator/spokesperson** from each table will be asked to share the group's information.

Please make sure the information recorded on the group's work activity reflects the *collective thought/decision or general agreement* of everyone at the table, not just the opinion of one or two individuals.

#### <u>ACTIVITY</u>

#### TASK #1: STUDENT INVOLVEMENT: ATHLETICS, ACTIVITIES AND INTERNSHIPS

| <b>TASK #1: POSITIVES</b> - Discuss with your group the positives in regard to District 211 athletics, activities and internships. |   |
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| TABLE<br>#   | Positives   |
| #1   | <ol> <li>Career tracks available to all students</li> <li>Wide variety of activities to meet needs of all students</li> <li>Large # of kids involved</li> </ol>   |
| #2   | <ol> <li>Large variety of activities</li> <li>Teaches leadership skills, i.e. debate club</li> <li>Make friends with similar interests</li> </ol>   |
| #3   | <ol> <li>Varity of opportunities some of which are student driven and of student interest</li> <li>High percentage of participation which can stem from staff encouragement</li> <li>Exposure to career paths-some of which are more non-traditional careers</li> </ol> |
| #4   | <ol> <li># of options</li> <li>Good coaches &amp; good teachers</li> <li>Open to new clubs &amp; activities</li> <li>Place for everyone</li> </ol>  |
| #5   | <ol> <li>Academics are the main emphasis</li> <li>Positive encouragement of involvement</li> <li>Diversity of opportunities</li> </ol>  |
| #6   | <ol> <li>Large amount of activities available</li> <li>Very kind, nice leaders of activities</li> <li>Always seeking new interests</li> </ol>   |
| #7   | <ol> <li>Variety – club options/release from school rigor</li> <li>Increase in student academics</li> <li>New friend opportunities</li> </ol>   |

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| #8         | <ol> <li>Many choices in all areas</li> <li>Belonging/spirit to their team</li> <li>Team building/respect student led, feeder teams</li> </ol>  |  |
| #9         | <ol> <li>Wide range-many opportunities</li> <li>Every student has a chance to participate and express themselves through<br/>athletics, activities</li> <li>Manufacturing program, internships, business leaders offering opportunities to<br/>students</li> </ol>            |  |
| #10        | <ol> <li>Great variety</li> <li>Many options-something for everyone</li> </ol>  |  |
| #11        | <ol> <li>Lots of choices/Schoology</li> <li>Club meeting times vary</li> <li>Recognizing all players</li> </ol>   |  |
| #12        | <ol> <li>Great facilities for athletics, media center</li> <li>Video &amp; animation (Flash Point)</li> <li>Digital/graphic animation &amp; engineering</li> <li>Interested in Columbia</li> <li>Encourage internship</li> <li>Trade schools/program manufacturing</li> </ol> |  |
| #13        | <ol> <li>Lots of clubs &amp; groups</li> <li>Teacher willingness to sponsor clubs</li> <li>Ease of access</li> </ol>  |  |
| #14        | <ol> <li>Several opportunities-Variety of choices-it's not just athletics</li> <li>Something available for everybody</li> <li>Teaching students to manage time</li> </ol>   |  |
| #15        | <ol> <li>Lots of opportunities for involvement</li> <li>Staff is supportive</li> </ol>  |  |
| #18        | <ol> <li>Great opportunities, try something new</li> <li>Coaching is great, encouraging</li> <li>Good facilities and equipment</li> </ol>   |  |
| #21        | <ol> <li>90% of students are involved</li> <li>Data supports better involvement-better grades-better attendance</li> <li>Transportation kids to participate</li> </ol>  |  |
| Ind        | <ol> <li>Lots of choices/welcoming</li> <li>Unfamiliar w/internships</li> <li>Club meeting times very/Schoology</li> <li>Coaching playing by rules</li> <li>Recognizing all players</li> </ol>  |  |
| Ind<br>#11 | <ol> <li>Very wide selection in activities</li> <li>Directors and atmosphere</li> </ol>   |  |

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| TABLE<br>#   | Positives  |
| Ind<br>#12-<br>1   | <ol> <li>Athletics too much emphasis not enough on scholarships</li> <li>Technician training (appliance repair) (refrigeration)</li> <li>What types of internships are you working for-office work?</li> <li>Hours available full day?</li> <li>Internships Freshman.</li> <li>Weekend Basketball</li> </ol> |
| Ind<br>#12-<br>2   | <ol> <li>Possible internship options (coming)</li> <li>No cut options</li> </ol>   |
| Ind<br>Sp.   | <ol> <li>Health reasons</li> <li>Motivation</li> <li>Responsibility</li> </ol>   |
| Sp<br>#27-<br>1  | <ol> <li>To develop in a healthier environment</li> <li>To learn discipline, team work and leadership</li> <li>There is minimum requirement in participation</li> </ol>  |
| Sp<br>#27-<br>2  | <ol> <li>Opportunities to work with a team</li> <li>Discover how to be a leader and have character and transportation</li> <li>Kids exhausting energy, good ambience</li> </ol>  |

## (TASK #1: CONTINUED)

# TASK #1: STUDENT INVOLVEMENT: ATHLETICS, ACTIVITIES AND INTERNSHIPS

| TABLE<br># | Concerns  |
|------------|---|
| #1         | <ol> <li>Gender bias in sports/different treatment among sports/clubs (Football always #1)</li> <li>Financial cuts may take away activities</li> <li>Kids unable to stay after for clubs/activities</li> <li>Feeling less valued</li> </ol>   |
| #2         | <ol> <li>Schools not always equal-some have better coaches or programs or experience<br/>than others- need to try to make it more equal among schools</li> <li>When activities to conflict-which one do you go to</li> <li>More recognition for non-athletes so they get rewarded too</li> </ol>            |
| #3         | <ol> <li>Activities/athletics need to be consistent with eligibility-is there a minimum?</li> <li>Transportation and child care for students living in poverty or with other dynamic @ home preventing participation</li> <li>Does the participation rate drop off at some point in high school?</li> </ol> |
| #4         | <ol> <li>Good leaders needed</li> <li>Should be fun</li> <li>Difficult to attend summer &amp; summer camps (both are at the same time)</li> <li>With AP classes is there time to play sports</li> </ol>   |
| #5         | <ol> <li>Athletics takes priority over other things</li> <li>Allow family time during breaks (no rehearsals or practices)</li> <li>Too much stress on college prep. as incoming Freshmen</li> </ol>   |
| #6         | <ol> <li>Many clubs seem to be on same day-Tues/Thurs (trend)</li> <li>Activity hours are very longless time to do work at home</li> <li>Substance abuse and consequences for offenders, act/athletics a privilege</li> </ol>   |
| #7         | <ol> <li>Not meeting coach/sponsor needs (field house)</li> <li>Balance between extra cir./academic/social</li> <li>Equity of programs by building</li> </ol>   |
| #8         | 1) Same schools are so much smaller that competition is so unbalanced   |
| #9         | <ol> <li>Conflicts arise when involved in multiple activities</li> <li>Letter grade being dropped when a student can not attend a performance evend<br/>due to athletics or work</li> <li>Must at-risk students have financial impediments then how can we make sure<br/>they can get involved</li> </ol>   |
| #10        | <ol> <li>Too many choices so prioritizing academics is difficult</li> <li>Too much pressure for students to take AP classes</li> </ol>  |
| #11        | <ol> <li>1) Unfamiliar with internships</li> <li>2) Foot concussions</li> <li>3) Work on expectations in Junior High</li> </ol>   |

| TABLE            | athletics, activities and internships.<br>Concerns   |
|------------------|--|
| #12              | <ol> <li>CONCERNS</li> <li>Competition between coaches for different sports and activities can't do this if you want to be on the team-also practice schedules</li> <li>Money management</li> <li>Want to see more trade internships – Unions – more respect for field trades – can always move to management later</li> </ol> |
| #13              | <ol> <li>Equal support for boys &amp; girls sports</li> <li>More internships (diversity of internships)</li> <li>Academic support for athletes</li> </ol>  |
| #14              | <ol> <li>Students may feel it's necessary for college entrance</li> <li>Too many options? Difficult to choose</li> <li>Student has interest but staff may not have expertise.</li> <li>How do parents get information</li> </ol>   |
| #15              | <ol> <li>Not enough support to fine arts activities</li> <li>Counselors pushing student toward AP classes &amp; not as much toward extra<br/>curricular activities or classes of interest/elective classes</li> </ol>  |
| #18              | <ol> <li>Climate/environment was not conducive to excel</li> <li>Lack of awareness and availabilities or internships</li> </ol>  |
| #21              | <ol> <li>Upgraded competitive facilities</li> <li>Internship opportunity/programs promoted more</li> <li>Facilities-not able to accommodate needs – limited space</li> </ol>   |
| Ind              | <ol> <li>Time management/no announcement of clubs</li> <li>Work on expectations in Junior High</li> <li>Football/concussions long lasting problems</li> </ol>  |
| Ind<br>#11       | <ol> <li>*Athletics – parents should be cc on all emails;</li> <li>*If a student wishes to terminate the sport within the first couple of weeks of practice, it should be honored-students shouldn't be shamed to staying on the club because of pressure from the coach!</li> </ol>   |
| Ind<br>#12-<br>1 | <ol> <li>Lone Match.com idea for activities-kids often don't know the club exists (riding<br/>club, etc) especially as Freshmen</li> </ol>   |
| Ind<br>#12-<br>2 | <ol> <li>Overlapping sports practice schedules, especially summer</li> <li>Counselors not reaching often/enough</li> <li>Competition between coaches/staff i.e. promoting their sport or not</li> </ol>  |
| Ind<br>Sp        | <ol> <li>Emotional health</li> <li>Familiar economy</li> <li>Social situation</li> </ol>   |
| Sp<br>#27-<br>1  | <ol> <li>Students treated differently on varsity and junior varsity teams</li> <li>Some trainers from the varsity soccer are very rude and aggressive with students<br/>and a lot of discrimination</li> <li>Monitor the work of coaches</li> </ol>  |

| Sp   | 1) Intimidation |
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## TASK #1: STUDENT INVOLVEMENT: ATHLETICS, ACTIVITIES AND INTERNSHIPS

| TASK       | <b>TASK #1: SUGGESTIONS-</b> Discuss with your group suggestions in regard to District 211<br>athletics, activities and internships.   |  |
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| TABLE<br># | SUGGESTIONS  |  |
| #1         | <ol> <li>Freshmen Foundations for all schools (current program at Hoff. Est. HS)</li> <li>More info to find out about internships</li> <li>Peer mentors for incoming students</li> </ol>   |  |
| #2         | 1) Freshmen mentoring-help them pick activities  |  |
| #3         | <ol> <li>Need assessment for students not participating</li> <li>Mentorships with professionals not any teachers</li> <li>More user friendly online program for athletic/activity eligibility</li> </ol>   |  |
| #4         | <ol> <li>Focus on training &amp; leadership of sports &amp; activities</li> <li>Don't ask what club you play on (for sports)</li> <li>Do cut sports all 3 seasons!</li> <li>ACT credit for internships</li> </ol>  |  |
| #5         | <ol> <li>Not so much emphasis on "college prep" allow children to transition into high<br/>school</li> <li>Advertise more information about school/the internship program</li> <li>More cohesive attitudes between Varsity, Jr &amp; Freshmen athletic organizations</li> </ol>  |  |
| #6         | <ol> <li>More education on LST teams, how counselors can help</li> <li>More counselors, individualized support</li> <li>Getting information out about internships</li> <li>On April 19th or testing day, career exploration day career tracks for those not testing with guidance</li> </ol>                             |  |
| #7         | <ol> <li>District PLT for activities</li> <li>More personal outreach to clubs/activities by advisors</li> <li>Consistency of involvement opportunities at Jr. High</li> <li>Change in offered sports (hockey, boys bowling)</li> </ol>   |  |
| #8         | <ol> <li>Boundary change or changing conference which small schools compete with<br/>small schools</li> <li>More intramural sports for those who are not very athletic but enjoy sports</li> <li>Presentation high school kids mentoring-Junior High school kids interest</li> </ol>                                     |  |
| #9         | <ol> <li>Protocol to reduce or eliminate overlap between activities and athletics (i.e. band concerts and baseball games)</li> <li>Someone at the school to help students learn how to balance activities and school responsibilities</li> <li>Someone at school to go to for assistance on how to priorities</li> </ol> |  |
| #10        | <ol> <li>Teaching the importance of time – management &amp; balance</li> <li>Lighten &amp; balance case load of counselors</li> <li>Get a list of students who are not involved &amp; track them for counselors to encourage</li> <li>Make involvement a graduation requirement</li> </ol>                               |  |

| 1) Full year consumers education   |
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| <ol> <li>More community services</li> <li>By class-more focus on internship/real life than AP courses</li> </ol>   |
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| <ol> <li>Transportation for away games for parents &amp; students</li> <li>Promote more awareness of internships &amp; benefit of internships</li> </ol>   |
| 3)   |
| 1) Have parents work with staff if staff does not have expertise   |
| 2) Have opportunity to experience the different clubs, athletics to help choose  |
| 3) Provide parent with information internship fair for students, activity fair during  |
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| <ol> <li>Better communications of internships &amp; other opportunities that exist</li> <li>Bramete clube throughout the year and patient @ the beginning</li> </ol>   |
| <ul> <li>2) Promote clubs throughout the year and not just @ the beginning</li> <li>4) Is the second state of a second state of the second state</li></ul> |
| <ol> <li>Intramurals for students not athletically gifted for example Varsity soccer if<br/>Seniors don't excel in soccer then they are out</li> </ol>   |
| 2) Intermediate-level sports   |
| <ol> <li>Partner with businesses to create corporate sponsorship for funding</li> </ol>  |
| 2) Share facilities – field houses, community resources, Harper  |
| 3) Trade off between "share internships"   |
| 1) Coaching open to a relationship w/parents & teachers  |
| 2) Electronic media for parental access  |
| 3) Workshops on schology   |
| 1) The club because of pressure from the coach!  |
| <ol> <li>2) *The coach should respond to any or all emails from parent.</li> <li>2) Treat our kide as kide. They are not adulta.</li> </ol>  |
| <ol> <li>Treat our kids as kids. They are not adults</li> <li>Treat our kids as kids. They are not adults</li> </ol>   |
| <ol> <li>Encourage businesses to participate</li> <li>Contact Schaumburg Business Association (SBA) and Rotary Club, etc.</li> </ol>   |
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| 1) More community service events   |
| 2) "Life skills" class-\$, resume, social skills   |
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| 1) Personal attention  |
| 2) Support families  |
| 3) Parents commitment with the school  |
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| Sp<br>#27-<br>1 | <ol> <li>Listening to the complaints and suggestions from parents and students</li> <li>Start immediately with more support and information for internships, college<br/>major, and career opportunities</li> </ol> |
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| Sp<br>#27-<br>2 | <ol> <li>Seek interns for technical administration</li> <li>Water breaks-more breaks</li> <li>Spring breaks not biased towards kids that go to athletic group over the ones that don't</li> </ol>                   |

#### TASK #2: SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL WELLNESS - CELEBRATE

Discuss with your group what District 211 is doing right to ensure the social and emotional wellness of high school students.

| TASK #     | TASK #2: SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL WELLNESS - CELEBRATE   |  |
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| TABLE<br># | CELEBRATE  |  |
| #1         | <ol> <li>Community involvement (St. Baldricks/Water for Flint)</li> <li>Intervention teams/staff cares about students</li> <li>Communication through Infinite Campus &amp; education seminars/awareness</li> </ol>   |  |
| #2         | <ol> <li>Guidance counselors to help kids pick classes, colleges &amp; if they have problems</li> <li>Counselors really work well with Seniors to make sure ready to graduate (college &amp; everything to come in the future)</li> <li>D211 good job motivating kids to volunteer in the community</li> </ol> |  |
| #3         | <ol> <li>Healthy eating/breakfast/meeting the basic needs of students</li> <li>Interventions that are in place</li> <li>Higgins Educational Center-supporting students' families contribute to student success</li> </ol>  |  |
| #4         | <ol> <li>Coaching, teachers, leaders</li> <li>Some schools have mental health days</li> <li>Taking care of students needs (Hawks Nest)</li> </ol>  |  |
| #5         | <ol> <li>Instructors go above and beyond to support our children's emotional well-being</li> <li>Staff exceeds the expected level of personal support &amp; commitment</li> </ol>  |  |
| #6         | <ol> <li>Many opportunities to be at school, day, night, weekends</li> <li>Free admission to all athletics</li> <li>Teachers promote activities, clubs &amp; sports</li> </ol>   |  |
| #7         | <ol> <li>Team counseling</li> <li>Anonymous way to report issues</li> </ol>  |  |
| #8         | <ol> <li>Operation snowball, health &amp; safety fair</li> <li>Integration of students with needs is well done</li> <li>Students are very accepting of differences (inclusive &amp; diversity of students)</li> </ol>  |  |
| #9         | <ol> <li>Leadership for Life Course</li> <li>Coaches/teachers are available to talk to</li> <li>Intervention teams</li> <li>Operation Snowball</li> <li>Free test prep and after school tutoring</li> </ol>  |  |
| #10        | <ol> <li>Intervention teams</li> <li>Accessibility</li> </ol>  |  |
| #11        | <ol> <li>Recognition for all/blessings in a backpack</li> <li>Diversity is encouraged</li> <li>Special needs kids on prom court</li> </ol>   |  |
| #12        | <ol> <li>Peer counseling, tutoring, incentives</li> <li>Amount of staff available for programs</li> <li>Impressed w/number and types of activities available to kids</li> </ol>  |  |
| #13        | 1) Supportive teachers   |  |

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| TABLE<br>#       | CELEBRATE  |  |
| #14              | <ol> <li>Supports are in place for students</li> <li>Teachers/staff are very aware of students</li> <li>Students are informing staff</li> </ol>  |  |
| #15              | 1) Block schedule allows kids to balance workload if doing other activities  |  |
| #18              | <ol> <li>Self contained classes for students</li> <li>Diversity and inclusion</li> <li>*Counseling for parents w/students for non ESL</li> <li>*Parent awareness * involvement</li> <li>-Monthly counseling for parents, prevention</li> </ol> |  |
| #21              | <ol> <li>*PST's interactive teams, support staff involvement with kids</li> <li>*Create relationships with adults through access to opportunities</li> <li>*Diversity within our clubs &amp; teams</li> </ol>                                  |  |
| Ind              | <ol> <li>Recognition for all-Blessings in a Backpack</li> <li>Diversity is encouraged</li> <li>Special needs kids on prom court</li> </ol>   |  |
| Ind<br>#11       | <ol> <li>Soar program</li> <li>Class-Leadership for Life!</li> </ol>   |  |
| Ind<br>#12-<br>1 | <ol> <li>Special Ed teachers in classroom to assist teachers &amp; students reach &amp; instruct<br/>each student. (Can have better training of expectations and needs of main<br/>teachers)</li> </ol>  |  |
| Ind<br>#12-<br>2 | 1) Variety of peer/social groups available   |  |
| Ind<br>Sp        | <ol> <li>Better facilities for community support</li> <li>Qualified personnel to attend the students</li> <li>Promoting the participation of the students in the clubs</li> </ol>  |  |
| Sp<br>#27-<br>1  | 1) Access to our own language (Spanish)  |  |
| Sp<br>#27-<br>2  | <ol> <li>Being organized</li> <li>Social workers</li> <li>Counselors</li> </ol>  |  |

### (TASK #2: CONTINUED)

#### TASK #2: SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL WELLNESS - GREATEST SURPRISE

Based on the presentation, what were the greatest surprises for your group in regard to the social and emotional wellness of high school students?

| TABLE | #2: SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL WELLNESS - GREATEST SURPRISE<br>GREATEST SURPRISE   |
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| #     |  |
| #1    | <ol> <li># of students needing support (levels of interventions) &amp; time spent on<br/>intervention plans</li> </ol> |
|       | <ol> <li>Students not involved-4x's more likely to get referrals</li> </ol>  |
| #2    | <ol> <li>That so many kids are unwell</li> </ol>   |
| #2    | 2) Coaches are monitoring kids to make sure grades are ok  |
| #3    | 1) Surprised there was even an intervention system in place  |
|       | 2) Percentage/number of students on homebound  |
|       | 3) 400 hospitalized  |
| #4    | 1) Amount of services available  |
|       | 2) 400 students in hospital (amount of students)   |
| #5    | 1) Discrepancy between involved & uninvolved students  |
| -     | 2) Disturbing statistics on the percentage of children that will be home-bound or                                      |
|       | hospitals  |
| #6    | 1) How many students are hospitalized  |
|       | <ol><li>Number of social workers and psychologists, more than</li></ol>  |
| #7    | 1) Nearly all students participate   |
| #8    | 1) Huge spike in homebound students  |
|       | 2) Increase of students with emotional imbalances or substance abuse   |
|       | 3) Not just the student that sits in the back of the room it's anyone (Athletic, popular,                              |
|       | demographics)  |
| #9    | <ol> <li>The number of students that are homebound</li> </ol>  |
|       | 2) Coaches monitor academic progress   |
| #10   | No Response  |
| #11   | 1) How much power athletics have   |
|       | 2) Healthy positive experiences @ Huffman  |
|       | 3) Freshman kickoff  |
| #12   | 1) How many students on medication   |
|       | <ol><li>Number of support staff (Great!!!) teams</li></ol>   |
|       | 3) Academic requirements (Eligibility) higher than the state-coaches help to get                                       |
|       | tutors & keep track  |
| #13   | No Response  |
| #14   | 1) The number of homebound students  |
|       | 2) Number of support groups  |
| #15   | 1) Offering in-home services & for students who are being hospitalized   |
|       | 2) Our district what it takes to make a well rounded student   |
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| TASK             | TASK #2: SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL WELLNESS - GREATEST SURPRISE  |  |
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| TABLE<br>#       | GREATEST SURPRISE   |  |
| #18              | <ol> <li>No (100's) of kids in hospital for <u>depression/suicidal</u></li> <li>No. of kids receive medical attention at school -substance abuse-</li> </ol>                  |  |
| #21              | <ol> <li>500 students HB</li> <li>400 hospitalized</li> <li>10% IEP's</li> </ol>  |  |
| Ind              | <ol> <li>How much power athletics have</li> <li>Healthy positive experiences @ Hoffman</li> <li>Freshmen kickoff</li> </ol>   |  |
| Ind<br>#11       | No Response   |  |
| Ind<br>#12-<br>1 | No Response   |  |
| Ind<br>#12-<br>2 | 1) # of students on medication  |  |
| Ind<br>Sp        | <ol> <li>High statistics of students with emotional problems</li> <li>High participation of students in sports</li> <li>Types of intervention and services offered</li> </ol> |  |
| Sp<br>#27-<br>1  | 1) College programs and career exploration  |  |
| Sp<br>#27-<br>1  | No Response   |  |

#### TASK #2: SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL WELLNESS - GREATEST CONCERN

What concerns your group the most about the social and emotional wellness of high school students

| TASK       | #2: SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL WELLNESS - GREATEST CONCERN   |
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| TABLE<br># | GREATEST CONCERN   |
| #1         | <ol> <li># of activities could become overwhelming</li> <li>School start time too early</li> <li>Standard Testing-too much pressure to do well on standard testing not enough focus on what kids should be learning</li> </ol>   |
| #2         | <ol> <li>Kids who don't choose to participate</li> <li>Kids bullying each other, especially in sports</li> <li>Kids who don't like crowds-it is a big school where do kids go during lunch for example</li> </ol>  |
| #3         | <ol> <li>Manage the tutors for homebound or students who need extra support</li> <li>Need to integrate the academic and social/emotional skills together not seen as<br/>separately</li> </ol>   |
| #4         | <ol> <li>Bullying</li> <li>How to fit in?</li> <li>Wellness should have been first topic-not the last</li> </ol>   |
| #5         | <ol> <li>Tremendous pressure put on children to succeed (to secure funding) on<br/>standardized tests</li> <li>Not enough "down" time. Allow them to "unplug" from the daily grind</li> </ol>  |
| #6         | <ol> <li>Making sure a professional helps sort through level of concern</li> <li>Having students have a connection at school, a trusted adult</li> </ol>   |
| #7         | <ol> <li>Not equal at each building</li> <li># of students on homebound/have needs</li> <li>Students being pulled out of academic classes</li> <li>Clear communication of rules (positive intervention)</li> </ol>   |
| #8         | <ol> <li>Ratio of counselors to students</li> <li>High increase of student substance abuse</li> </ol>  |
| #9         | <ol> <li>Kids not only balancing expectations, but knowing how to balance it well</li> <li>Counselor availability &amp; knows resources are there (expressed counselors are not available)</li> <li>Kids do not realize they need help until it is too late</li> </ol> |
| #10        | <ol> <li>Nutrition-not having lunch AP students</li> <li>Adult stress vs child stress</li> <li>Validation</li> </ol>   |
| #11        | <ol> <li>Depression/do kids feel safe</li> <li>Coaches picking favorites</li> <li>Intense coaching in sports</li> </ol>  |

| #12              | <ol> <li>Time commitment AP courses, the sacrifice of other options, don't push so hard</li> <li>Attention focused on troubled youth</li> <li>Counselors – what will that really do AP-school looking at doesn't look at<br/>weighted GPA</li> <li>Talk to parents (Educate parents with the children)</li> <li>Need to and more career and college guidance</li> </ol> |
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| #13              | <ol> <li>Counselor involvement (complete reform)</li> <li>Need more counselors (300 students per counselor is too much!)</li> </ol>   |
| #14              | <ol> <li>Indentifying students and making sure students don't fall through cracks</li> <li>How do you identify the students that need help?</li> <li>How much influence social media has on students wellness</li> </ol>  |
| #15              | <ol> <li>Amount of work given to students may no allow for balance</li> <li>The amount of anxiety in students</li> <li>Counselors are not accessible, students don't seem to be using them</li> </ol>   |
| #18              | <ol> <li>Lack of discipline for disruptive students in class*</li> <li>Lack of teachers training for dealing with behavioral challenges</li> </ol>  |
| #21              | <ol> <li>*15% of students are in need of intervention</li> <li>*Immediate rapid communication through social media &amp; how can we intervene<br/>to educate them</li> <li>Top 2 tiers of students are part of a culture that is self perpetuating – parents<br/>can't give what they don't have</li> </ol>   |
| Ind              | <ol> <li>Depression/do kids feel safe</li> <li>Athletics get too much assembly time</li> <li>Intense coaching in sports</li> </ol>  |
| Ind<br>#11       | No Response   |
| Ind<br>#12-<br>1 | <ol> <li>Some kids stay home to babysit younger siblings who are home school sick</li> <li>What can we do? Kids are good/nice, kids fall behind get frustrated</li> <li>Breakfast for low income students-fresh fruit, protein bars/drinks-girls don't eat bagels</li> </ol>  |
| Ind<br>#12-<br>2 | 1) Focus on college/typical path  |
| Ind<br>Sp        | <ol> <li>Lack of information</li> <li>Lack of interest</li> <li>Low level of commitment</li> </ol>  |
| Sp<br>#27-<br>1  | <ol> <li>Access to more information for prom and all activities</li> <li>Culture clash (between Spanish and American culture)</li> </ol>  |
| Sp<br>#27-<br>2  | <ol> <li>Cultural transition, young people who are under tension</li> <li>More communication between the school and home</li> <li>Very difficult for Latin parents to send kids to prom-parties-sleep over</li> </ol>   |

#### TASK #2: SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL WELLNESS - SUGGESTIONS

Discuss with you group suggestions in regard to the social and emotional wellness of high school students?

|            | #2: Social and Emotional Wellness - Suggestions   |
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| TABLE<br># | SUGGESTIONS   |
| #1         | <ol> <li>More assemblies-motivational/informative fund to promote unity among the<br/>school</li> <li>20 minute homeroom to "wake up" to mix groups, cliques &amp; age groups</li> </ol>  |
| #2         | <ol> <li>Need better way to make sure teachers know about 504/accomedations-if kid<br/>(Freshman) has this to make sure not only kids responsibility to tell them</li> <li>Improve new student orientation so they don't feel so overwhelmed-help them to<br/>transfer from Junior High to high school</li> </ol>                               |
| #3         | <ol> <li>District needs to look at other schools and success they've had</li> <li>Caseloads of counselors needs to be lessened</li> <li>Need to be more proactive vs reaction staff surveys</li> </ol>  |
| #4         | <ol> <li>Peer mentors</li> <li>Wellness visits (with students)</li> <li>Leadership for life class for all students</li> <li>More emotional intelligence</li> </ol>  |
| #5         | <ol> <li>Create time to unwind from the pressures of the stressors!</li> <li>Pay closer attention to the children who can easily fall through the cracks</li> </ol>   |
| #6         | <ol> <li>Informing students who and where they can talk to if concerns</li> <li>More parent involvement and education on new concerns and trends</li> <li>Private spaces for students to ask for help. Connecting physical health to<br/>emotional health</li> </ol>  |
| #7         | 1) Communicate resources/remove neg. stigma   |
| #8         | <ol> <li>Anonymous hotline for students could voice an issue that warrants adult help</li> <li>More crisis intervention specialist/go to person</li> <li>More mental health &amp; emotional wellness introduced in Junior High</li> </ol>   |
| #9         | <ol> <li>Make students aware of the resources available</li> <li>Help students monitor their progress and understand when to ask for help</li> <li>Help students manage stress and understand anxiety</li> </ol>  |
| #10        | <ol> <li>Teaching wellness in a relatable manner</li> <li>A program for parents to be informed about student wellness</li> </ol>  |
| #11        | <ol> <li>Scholarships for clubs</li> <li>Make it ok to quit a sports team</li> <li>Getting football players to support the band</li> <li>Teachers should recommend clubs</li> </ol>   |
| #12        | <ol> <li>Meeting with counselors-once a month</li> <li>More career &amp; college guidance-educate parents on pros &amp; cons of AP course</li> <li>Reduce stigma of trade schools and understand Harper College for 2 years to<br/>help make decisions</li> <li>Later start Schaumburg HS not healthy-or nor core classes 1st period</li> </ol> |

| TASK             | TASK #2: SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL WELLNESS - SUGGESTIONS  |  |
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| TABLE<br>#       | SUGGESTIONS   |  |
| #13              | <ol> <li>More support for lower classmen from experienced upper classmen</li> <li>Diverse college fair</li> <li>Allowing D211 alumni to come back and talk to students (about college experiences)</li> </ol>   |  |
| #14              | <ol> <li>Are students aware of all the support groups that are available?</li> <li>How are parents informed of the support in place? List on website</li> <li>Have outside source or in house psychologist have workshop for students</li> </ol>  |  |
| #15              | <ol> <li>Targeting services to at risk students as a preventative</li> <li>If the school wants to push extra curricular then there needs to be concessions<br/>on some academics</li> <li>If there needs to be balance for wellness then there needs to be balance in<br/>academics &amp; extra-curricular activities</li> <li>Counselor explain more about the time commitment of classes</li> </ol> |  |
| #18              | <ol> <li>Additional staff</li> <li>*More support for students who are not involved* not gifted, less social &amp; involved</li> <li>More options for vocational/certification for students</li> </ol>   |  |
| #21              | 1) Sunday/parent university   |  |
| Ind              | <ol> <li>Getting football players to support the band</li> <li>Ok to quit a sports team</li> <li>Coaches pick favorites</li> </ol>  |  |
| Ind<br>#11       | No Response   |  |
| Ind<br>#12-<br>1 | <ol> <li>Early start at Schaumburg HS too early to be healthy-or no core classes 1st<br/>period</li> </ol>  |  |
| Ind<br>#12-<br>2 | <ol> <li>Have counselors meet w/students and family</li> <li>Have counselors meet w/students and family more often</li> </ol>   |  |
| Ind<br>Sp        | <ol> <li>Bilingual support</li> <li>Keep the students in activity</li> <li>Commitment of the parents with the education process</li> </ol>  |  |
| Sp<br>#27-<br>1  | 1) More help understanding the American culture   |  |
| Sp<br>#27-<br>2  | No Response   |  |

#### TASK #3: FIVE KEY COMPONENTS TO STUDENT READINESS

What if every high school student had an *Individual Student Readiness Plan* displaying a student's strengths and areas for development in each of the five Key Components for Student Readiness: Academic Readiness, College Major and Career Exploration, Global Competitive Skills, Student Involvement and Wellness?

| Discus<br>Readine | <b>#3: FIVE KEY COMPONENTS TO STUDENT READINESS - BENEFITS</b><br>s with your group the benefits of every high school student having an Individual Student<br>ass Plan displaying a student's strengths and areas for development in each of the five<br>amponents for Student Readiness.  |
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| TABLE<br>#        | BENEFITS   |
| #1                | <ol> <li>Encourages teachers to look at whole student not just another score</li> <li>Another tool to help guide students</li> </ol>   |
| #2                | <ol> <li>Make them better citizens</li> <li>So they are aware of their strengths &amp; weaknesses</li> <li>Individual for each student</li> </ol>  |
| #3                | <ol> <li>Potential student reflectiveness</li> <li>Encouragement of student involvement of <u>all</u> students</li> <li>Encourages well rounded view (not only academic)</li> </ol>  |
| #4                | <ol> <li>Way to set goals</li> <li>Harper promise</li> </ol>   |
| #5                | 1) High School provides a good forum for life skills   |
| #6                | <ol> <li>Help with individual student visions for future</li> <li>Encourages students to become life long learners</li> <li>Students take charge of own plan</li> </ol>  |
| #7                | <ol> <li>Have a snapshot of the future citizen</li> <li>Making connections from academic to student involvement</li> </ol>   |
| #8                | <ol> <li>Knowing the whole child inside and out</li> <li>Teachers, parents, student all working together to wrap around all aspects of the child</li> </ol>  |
| #9                | <ol> <li>Students would understand the importance of being a balanced individual</li> <li>For students to see it and put it on paper it becomes real</li> </ol>  |
| #10               | 1) Identify strengths & weakness of individual students  |
| #11               | 1) Help identify defiance of a child   |
| #12               | <ol> <li>Fantastic idea. Good fit for College, advantages of trade school &amp; potentials</li> <li>Tracking if they know what late fees/options</li> <li>More individualized curriculum/not one size fits all</li> <li>Measuring successful understanding specific life skills and life options<br/>quantitative measurement</li> </ol> |
| #13               | 1) The wheel is a great idea   |
| #14               | <ol> <li>A focus on a well-rounded student</li> <li>Being able to track how student is doing</li> </ol>  |
| #15               | No Response  |

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| TABLE<br>#         | Benefits  |
| #18                | <ol> <li>Will make them more holistic student and adult</li> <li>Help them in future career choices</li> </ol>  |
| #21                | <ol> <li>2 schools in our district that have a homeroom to create a place connected with a caring adult</li> <li>*Create student awareness of student ownership; accountability the importance of building relationship &amp; finding support</li> </ol>                                  |
| Ind                | No Response   |
| Ind<br>#11         | No Response   |
| Ind<br>#12-<br>1   | <ol> <li>Less stress on sports more on skill development</li> <li>Graphic arts-for AP students</li> <li>Reduce stigma &amp; increase praise for these other clubs</li> </ol>  |
| Ind<br>#12-<br>2   | 1) Awesome idea   |
| Ind<br>Sp          | <ol> <li>Promote the excellence of the student</li> <li>Better quality of the education</li> <li>Build better citizens</li> </ol>   |
| Sp<br>#27-<br>1    | <ol> <li>Student will have better future</li> <li>Be able to contribute more to society</li> <li>Programs like "Snowball" that support and help all the students</li> </ol>   |
| Sp<br>#27-<br>2    | <ol> <li>They will be able to contribute to society</li> <li>To be prepared</li> </ol>  |

#### TASK #3: FIVE KEY COMPONENTS TO STUDENT READINESS - CONCERNS

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Discuss with your group any concerns in regard to every high school student having an **Individual Student Readiness Plan** displaying a student's strengths and areas for development in each of the five Key Components for Student Readiness.

| TABLE<br># | Concerns  |
|------------|---|
| #1         | <ol> <li>Time to prepare individual plans (how would that affect teachers)</li> <li>How much detail &amp; how often</li> </ol>  |
| #2         | <ol> <li>If they have low scores-they give up on whole thing</li> <li>Whole thing overwhelming</li> <li>Too structured-need to simplify</li> </ol>  |
| #3         | <ol> <li>Who is going to manage these plans? and maintain and follow through</li> <li>Could damage students self esteem and create a feeling of failing</li> <li>Want it to be done right</li> </ol>  |
| #4         | <ol> <li>Who defines readiness?</li> <li>Not everyone should or needs to go to college</li> <li>Discuss how to pay for college</li> </ol>   |
| #5         | 1) Too much pressure to have a readiness plan as Freshmen   |
| #6         | <ol> <li>Another thing to take away from class time</li> <li>Would this be another test?</li> <li>Does this handcuff them to a specific plan, not allowing them to try new things?</li> <li>One more stressor for students. Do 15 year olds need to know their career?</li> </ol> |
| #7         | <ol> <li>Generic plans due to time (How are they modified?) How would they be<br/>individual?</li> <li>Pressure to decide on a career and student may not have a plan</li> </ol>  |
| #8         | 1) How to implement efficiently   |
| #9         | <ol> <li>Many adults involved how will this be reported?</li> <li>Could this be student tracking-who will they go to for help reporting?</li> <li>Open-ended, abstract</li> </ol>   |
| #10        | <ol> <li>Time-who is going to have that much time or responsible</li> <li>Very difficult to sustain &amp; implement</li> <li>Parents need to be involved</li> </ol>   |
| #11        | <ol> <li>Kids come in as an eighth grader</li> <li>Childrens interests change</li> </ol>  |
| #12        | <ol> <li>Should be done more often-measure their interests-best fit for career</li> <li>Counselors should be advocates for the students</li> <li>Practical yet flexible</li> </ol>  |
| #13        | <ol> <li>What happened to soar tickets?</li> <li>Better execution of the wheel</li> <li>Drug intervention</li> </ol>  |

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| Concerns   |
| <ol> <li>Who is doing the assessing? Evaluations?</li> <li>Student needs to be connected with the staff in order to get good picture of<br/>student</li> <li>Will parents be involved?</li> <li>How will students that come from broken home, lack of parent involvement be<br/>assessed?</li> </ol> |
| <ol> <li>Pushing Freshmen into paths too soon</li> <li>Once you have this information how will it be used?</li> </ol>  |
| <ol> <li>Staff assistants to teachers for specialized learning</li> <li>*Not enough exposure to different jobs/trades (internships)*</li> <li>No labeling</li> </ol>   |
| <ol> <li>1) * Increased demands on staff</li> <li>2) *Could pigeonhole students into 1 career track</li> </ol>   |
| No Response  |
| No Response  |
| 1) That makes them well-rounded & give them a better skill set for survivial   |
| <ol> <li>Individuals, possible, negative feedings</li> <li>Career "test" results setting an inaccurate track</li> </ol>  |
| 1) Nutrition   |
| 1) Information and motivation regarding the student activities   |
| <ol> <li>Information and motivation regarding the students activities</li> <li>Spanish classes by Spanish teachers with good pronunciation</li> </ol>  |
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# TASK #3: FIVE KEY COMPONENTS TO STUDENT READINESS - COMMUNICATION SUGGESTIONS

#### TASK #3: FIVE KEY COMPONENTS TO STUDENT READINESS - COMMUNICATION SUGGESTIONS Discuss with your group suggestions for effective parent, student and school communication regarding a student's Individual Student Readiness Plan. TABLE **COMMUNICATION SUGGESTIONS** # 1) Using infinite campus #1 2) Software to track your own progress 1) Parents get too competitive & aggressive about these scores-now have another #2 thing to "grade" kids on 2) Help identify where kids have a weakness so they can help them 3) Bilingual parents-help them to understand & know they can call school 1) We of short road map/goals #3 2) More interaction from feeder districts 3) Have counselors work on relationship building not just schedule planning #4 1) Fill out a readiness plan using an App 1) More supportive methods for creating an environment to develop a readiness #5 plan rather then an "in your face" approach right off the bat as Freshmen #6 1) Involve parents 2) Teaching kids to self advocate 3) Have a topic before the Booster Club meetings, possibly a half hour of information #7 1) Home room to run Student Readiness one teacher for the student for all four vears 1) Identify programs based on their profile #8 2) Like a match.com for students for activities/clubs or sports 1) Central location of information and contacts #9 #10 1) Focus on teaching parents how to prepare students #11 1) Teacher/parent communication 2) Class where kids learn to be leaders 1) Parent-teacher conference rather than Open House/Curriculum nite-#12 email/text/phone for face-to-face meetings 2) Mandatory counselor meetings with parents (counselor-teacher meeting (at lease once per year-not to select classes-that is a separate meeting #13 1) Fund innovative ways teach kids reading out of a book is not enough 1) Have a checklist/tool for the students to track components #14 2) If student has lack of parent involvement, have opportunities for students to come together with staff 3) Seminars during lunch 1) Helping them to get to explore areas of interest earlier #15 1) D211 has to put more research on indentifying careers for kids with special #18 needs 2) Parents help the kids decide career at early stage

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#### **OTHER SUGGESTIONS**

What other suggestions would your group like to provide to the Facilitating Team as we move forward with this community engagement program? Please list your suggestions in the space provided.

| OTHER SUGGESTIONS |   |
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| TABLE<br>#        | SUGGESTIONS   |
| #1                | No Response   |
| #2                | No Response   |
| #3                | No Response   |
| #4                | No Response   |
| #5                | No Response   |
| #6                | A "parents corner" on websites, to list parent information  |
| #7                | No Response   |
| #8                | No Response   |
| #9                | No Response   |
| #10               | No Response   |
| #11               | No Response   |
| #12               | No Response   |
| #13               | No Response   |
| #14               | No Response   |
| #15               | No Response   |
| #18               | No Response   |
| #21               | No Response   |
| Ind               | No Response   |
| Ind<br>#11        | No Response   |
| #Ind<br>12-1      | Kids need Spring break to be spring break – No extra curricular activities allowed during winter & spring break |
| Ind<br>#12-<br>2  | *Like the "baggage" "test" mentioned during reporting   |
| Ind<br>Sp         | No Response   |

| Sp<br>#27-<br>1 | No Response |
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| Sp<br>#27-<br>2 | No Response |