

I have a question –

**Community Engagement Session #2
Palatine High School • Monday, March 14, 2016**

The following are questions, with answers provided, that were asked by individuals completing the “I have a question –” form at tables during the Community Engagement Session.

What does the District do to better understand what is required of students when they leave high school?

The District works closely with Harper College to understand challenges D211 graduates face when these students begin taking coursework at the post-secondary level. Specific course sequences have been developed in math and English to help ensure students will not need to take part in developmental coursework at Harper College prior to engaging in credit bearing courses.

I am thinking of students who don't choose to go on to college. There are multitudes of necessary jobs like electrician, plumber, etc., that we all take advantage of or need. Do we bring in local business people to give a real world's view of what they expect of people they might hire?

Each school schedules career treks to visit local industry and businesses during the school day. Guest speakers, internships, and exploration of all careers via [Career Cruising](#) website are available to every student.

Would you consider making the (table) groups larger? It might make discussion a bit more difficult, but do think it would contribute to a broader discussion and reduce the time spent reporting results.

When there are more at the table, sometimes people have trouble hearing. And, when they have trouble hearing, everyone starts talking louder and, of course, it can soon become deafening. When there are six or eight at a table, it seems that everyone participates rather than sitting quietly, and we want to make sure to hear from everyone at the table.

Can we move volunteer hours that are currently done senior year, to be done junior year or throughout all 4 years (of high school)? It can sometimes be difficult to get hours in during senior year with all that is going on: school, activities, and college applications. I know this is a concern of a senior parent, and I have a junior now.

Volunteer hours are part of the current graduation requirement and will be maintained based on recent legislative requirements for public schools to have volunteer requirements as part of the Civics Course. The Harper Promise for tuition scholarships requires students to have volunteer hours all four years of high school.