Feedback Summary of the May 10 Community Forum

Seven participants, plus six board members and two staff, attended the May 10 community forum in Yakima. Parents, school board members, community leaders, and administrators attended the forum. The notes below are from staff's notes. Participants expressed concerns about the following topics (bold and bold underlined items indicate high relative frequency):

Washington's Education system:

- **Changes to accountability with ESSA need to be thoughtful**
- Need multiple measures of accountability

Opportunity and Achievement Gaps:

- **Start with kindergarten readiness**
- Focus on transition points
- Better support for SWD
- Discipline disproportionally affects students of color.

School administration

- **Teacher shortages are a pressing problem**

If you have questions about this feedback summary or future community forums or outreach efforts, please contact Stefanie Randolph, Communications Manager, at Stefanie.randolph@k12.wa.us.