



Feedback Summary of the September 10, 2015 Community Forum

Thirty-four participants, including seven board members and seven staff, attended the September community forum in Spokane.

Parents, teachers, students, and administrators attended the forum. The notes below are collected from nine board members' notes and twenty feedback forms. Many expressed concerns about the following topics (**bold and bold underlined items indicate high relative frequency**):

Opportunity Gap:

- **Teach for career readiness**
- **Credit retrieval is very difficult once students fall behind**
- Lower achievers need more help
- More project-based learning

School administration

- Staff stability helps kids
- Schools don't really have 180 days of instruction, due to assemblies, field trips, etc.

Racial Equity:

- **Work to better serve needs of kids with diverse backgrounds**
- Don't write kids off
- Increase cooperative learning
- Evaluate representation of different cultures in textbooks

Assessments:

- **Communicate better with schools and public**
- Assessments can motivate
- Simplification would be helpful
- Stop making changes
- Earlier assessments give more opportunity for alternatives

STEM:

- **Through diverse learning styles**

Special Ed:

- Work on standards for para-educators
- Standardized form for IEPs

Feedback on Outreach Efforts

- Extend channels for invites to forum

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