August 2020

Dear Community Partners,

Thank you so much for attending out first Glendale Schools and Community BBQ!  It was a great event and so good to see some of you there.  We had more than 600 people attend! We appreciate your support.

I have some additional brief information for you and a request for feedback from you.

As part of our district improvement efforts, Glendale Schools will be participating in the Rural Schools Network this coming school year.  We will participate in professional development opportunities and onsite support from a group of people that understand rural schools and their communities.  We are excited to be able to be a part of this network.

In order to get our partnership started, we need some feedback and information from you related to the Glendale Community and Schools.  Below is a survey that will help us gather important data aimed at improving our school focus in bringing schools and communities together.

Please click on this link:

<http://bit.ly/glendaleengagement>

Also, please forward this information and the survey link to any person, group, or organization in Glendale so that we can collect data from all interested people.

We will be prepared to share more information with you at our next Community Partners Panel meeting.  Information on date and time for that meeting will be coming soon.

Please let me know if you have questions.

Thank you for your time and support!

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COMMUNITY PARTNERS PANEL SURVEY

**The following is a summary of the Community Partners Panel Survey that you all completed, with the assistance of three people you knew in the community. It is a reflection of things people felt were positive in the community, positive things happening in our schools, ideas for improving attendance in our schools, and some of the reasons you attended school. We appreciate your participation in this process.**

**Positive things about the Glendale Community:**

-Resilience: After hardships, the community always comes together and is supportive

-Rich, strong and proud history

-Beautiful Area

-Small, connected community

-Character

-Polite, slower paced way of life

-Church community

-Connected

-Small town events

-Welcoming community

**Positive things happening in the school district:**

-School administration making improvements

-Expansion (CT School)

-Positive connections with children and families

-Community involvement

-Supportive school board

-New programs: Drama, Robotics, FFA, Shop, Home Ec, 4-H, Sports

-Preschool Program

-Authentic Family Engagement

-Growth Mindset starting

-Working on better communication

-Staff cares about students, balance academics and welfare

-Kids accepting others more than before

-SMART Program

-Food program

-Teachers that care

**Ideas to Increase School Attendance:**

-Using “Orange Frog”?

-Reach out to parents, engage families

-Encourage teachers to deeper relationships with students

-Data and action teams

-Goal oriented projects/specialty classes

-Encourage youth through technology

-Hold parents accountable (Kids can’t/won’t do it unless parents do it)

-More electives

-Recognize students with perfect attendance

-Make school relevant, pertinent and mandatory

-Paper certificates at assemblies each month

-Teach parents to understand the importance

-Eliminate barriers

-Community events

-In-home visits

-Bus to bring kids home from events and practices

**What made you attend school as a student?:**

-Teachers and Staff, role models

-Parents involved

-Social outlet

-Desire to learn

-Hands on experiences in math and science

-Escape from home

-Valued for being smart

-Involvement in extracurricular activities (Shop, band, sports)

-Structure

-Forced to go

-Favorite subjects and projects

-Expected to go

-Fear of getting behind/missing out

**Dave Hanson,**

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