



VERBATIM RESPONSES

Q. 5. What do you think should be the top priority for leaders of the Fairview Park City Schools to work on during the next few years?

They need to focus on evaluating the teachers; the teachers have higher teaching standards.

College placements.

They need to focus in on the high schools. Personally, you know, being that my child came from a catholic school, to a public school, she's had a free-for-all because they failed to communicate to the parents.

Making sure that the kids have the best education they can get in Fairview.

Work on their budget.

To retain good teachers; I don't think it should be based on seniority.

Remodeling existing schools.

Residents of the community are the decision makers in any future tax hikes in regards to future expenditures of the schools.

I would say keeping the budget in tuned; I would say that in the years passed they've done a good job at keeping the books level, so we don't need any more levies.

They need to be working on quality education.

More support for the teachers in the school.

To figure out our facilities problem; we are running out of space due to a boom in children. They stupidly sold several assets that we need to get back.

Bring back some of the older classes, like home economics, basic skills. More classes geared towards going back to school, how to go to college, and life lessons.

Basic life skills to get them prepared for the real world; the fundamentals of going through life, like taxes, bank accounts and check writing.

Investing in local communities.

Moving away from too much emphasis on standardized test scores and focusing on critical thinking.

Consistency in curriculum; the teachers are inconsistent in their methods and expectations of the students.

I think they need to know America's history and geography in an unbiased and politically correct way. Reading, English grammar skills, reading comprehension, knowledge of the meaning of words and emphasize the classics.

Increase in technology, smaller class sizes, larger gifted and talented offerings and standardized course increases.

More focus on teen mental health and try to get a better grip on teen drug abuse. I think kids are starting to abuse drugs younger and younger. There are more avenues for them to get them.

Quality of education.

Revitalization of Lorain Road.

Just to continue on the same path that their own; we have a high school that's very antiquated and I think that's what they need to work on.

To make sure that people who don't live in the area aren't attending school in Fairview, because my taxes support the schools and, if you have a child in the system, you should be paying taxes in Fairview Park.

They need to continue finding qualified teachers to replace the ones who retire each year from the high school.

The quality of education; they need to be in the top bracket of performance.

Improved guidance counseling and preparation for college, because it hasn't been a priority it may have been. Improving, but it hasn't been a priority in the past.

I would leave it up to their hands because they are doing an excellent job.

They're headed in right direction with the schools.

Better teaching of students; there is always room to improve, so I think they should do so.

Making sure that the children have the skills to transition them into the next phase of their life.

Not to be test-focused, but education-focused. They should be more holistic, not just focused on computers. They should educate kids on how to live life and not just read, write and do math.

Just keep improving.

I think it's always important to improve upon the quality of education.

Continue to build academic status by adding honor classes in the middle school. I think that a better eye and better approach to bullying would be good, and that's about all I can think of.

Kids are doing drugs, and that needs to be a focus.

They need to eliminate Common Core. I don't think there should be police in the elementary school and I think they need to enhance the special needs program.

Improving guidance counseling for high school students who are looking to go to college.

To get the upmost from every child; I mean, I would want them to strive for the education of all the students, to engage the youth, to encourage their learning and make sure they get a quality education.

To prepare the kids for college.

Better busing, they need better transportation, the busses are old.

I think they have too much freedom with teachers.

The conduct of the children; they don't seem to have the respect for teachers that they used to.

Something along the lines of making school more enjoyable for children because of the bullying going on lately. I know for a fact that my younger sister goes to school and she was put into a program because of bullying and unsafe schooling for her.

Better quality of education; Fairview schools do not rate well. We pay a lot of taxes, so it's disheartening to see scores in comparison to teacher's pay.

They need to make sure they are still teaching kids how to write.

I think they should be teaching history and geography. The kids have no idea what's going on in the world.

Working together with other districts to make better school systems in the whole county.

Maintaining and improving the quality of the education offered by the Fairview Park City Schools; including retaining excellent teachers providing competitive or above average salary for teachers and small class sizes for K-12, under 25 per class.

More teachers that have a more diverse background and have experience.

Consolidate and don't spend too much money.

We have a big problem in the city with the sewers.

Keep it good and give them more money.

To get more involvement out of the students. The leaders, such as the superintendent in the community, have let it fall apart.

Mandatory dress code.

I think that teachers should prepare students for life.

Keep up with the best in the sciences and math. To continue to challenge the students with better teachers.

Curriculum and graduation rates.

Teachers today have got to teach for the graduation test, they do not teach for the fun. I could go in different directions to make it fun, learn how to teach the punctuation.

Work with what you have and stop begging for more. Teachers make a lot of money; they say it's for the students, but it's never for the students.

Figure out a way to lower property taxes; Park sold to a land developer and I think they should figure a way to make that right.

Preparation for college for the students in high school, because a lot of times I feel like people get to college and realize they aren't prepared. Maybe they should be taught real life things in class, not like cooking and economics.

Getting rid of Common Core; I don't think it is beneficial to the kids.

Updating equipment; some of the supplies books and computers could be better.

I believe that the community should have free access to programs.

To excel in academics, high graduation rates and college acceptance rates.

Resign, each and every one of them. They've wasted \$9 million dollars that was in the bank three years ago, they drove out the administration from the schools and the Board has gone rogue. They're being deceitful with our money.

The way they are doing things is alright with me; they are doing a good job.

More college readiness.

New buildings because, the old ones are garbage.

To get more computers in the classes, so they are prepared for the future.

Focusing more on college preparation for students. I just feel that it is fairly test-focused, instead of college prep-focused.

Keep on improving the quality of education. I'd like to see them bring back the string program the musical program.

They should have more homework.

More funding; the state has to come up with the funding.

Focus on smaller class sizes and specialized programming, such as gifted services.

Treating teachers fairly, get rid of testing systems and take care of bullying in the schools.

Updating of the school buildings.

Get a better staff of teachers that are committed to students and treat them respectfully.

Catching up to the other suburbs as far as technology, because I know they just aren't up to par with the suburbs on the other side, as far as technology in the classroom goes.

Remodeling the high school and middle school with new air conditioning and heaters. They are in need of new ones.

Work on the streets and sewer systems within the district.

They need to cut costs because I think they spend way too much money. Our taxes are way too high and our kids spend too much time in school.

The teachers are not getting to teach their subjects. I would like them to focus more on their students.

The middle school children to be bused to school.

Achieve an excellent rating and more sophisticated technology integrated into all levels, K-12.

To reduce unnecessary costs. There is no reason why children don't have breakfast at home. That's just an example of reducing costs. And also to reduce administrative redundancies.

I would say reclaiming the standards of excellent; we used to be recognized for excellent quality in our schools.

Stay up to date with technology.

Just maintain the level of excellence that they have. They give laptops to high school students and they can keep them when they graduate.

Stop teaching for tests; they need to teach people how to learn. There is too much time spent on how the standardized testing and what to study for.

They need to learn emerging technology.

Their salaries are too much.

Child preparation for college.

I would say the only thing that I've been concerned about, with the schools, is the standardized testing and I know it's a not just a Fairview Park City school problem.

The safety of the town, the safety of the schools, and to keep the schools at high caliber.

I think they should work on getting Common Core issues, because I believe that every child learns differently.

Maintaining high standards. They're ranked highly in the states and they should try to maintain their rank.

I believe that the curriculum of the schools should be higher.

Some of the schools need improvements to their buildings; not the elementary, but the middle and high schools.

Maybe supervise the kids better and get the parents more involved in the children's work. Just keep the parents up to date on what the children are studying and what they're doing.

Higher level of education.

I feel like they were shortsighted when they planned for Gilles-Sweet. The school's ten years old and they already outgrown it.

There should be more emphasis on financial education.

Bring back vocational education.

Transparency on expenditures. They need to start producing better results.

I would say they better start teaching.

To strive for excellent ratings.

I think the number one issue is drug concerns; we've had a number of teens killed by the opium epidemic.

Keep their costs down, as far as taxes goes.

Getting more aides in the schools; I know there are not enough, because I volunteer at the schools.

I would say upgrade and maintenance of the facilities; some of the facilities appear to be outdated or not competitive with the other local communities.

Well you know they have a hard enough job teaching the children. A lot of the behavior needs to be taken care of at the home. I mean, there is no reason to be disrespectful towards adults when they're at school.

A little more emphasis on athletics, as well as education.

Keep the good quality of the education and not fire any teachers if they have to.

The facilities, keeping costs down, providing an excellent education and keeping the test scores and overall ratings up.

Quality of education.

Better education for slow learners and people with disabilities. More specialized teachers keeping up with new state mandates. It just seems like every year we get new testing rules. We have had changes in testing rules every year for three years. It's a lot to keep up with.

Get rid of Common Core curriculum.

Solve the flooding problem.

Student engagement. Personally, I think there should be more interaction and less book and desk-oriented time. They should spend more time on life skills and business.

Diversity.

Apparently we need better test scores than the middle schools and high school. They should be careful when they're doing their hiring.

Work at getting government out of schools. I think that any deterrent to a children's education is provoked by government dictating rules.

Somebody that will be able to use the money properly intelligently and strategically to maintain a strong school system.

Improve academic improvement in science and math.

Continued with new leadership on the Board of Education to rebound from the prior failings by the previous board.

They need to do more research before they hire a superintendent instead of writing a \$150,000 check for someone who didn't do one day of work.

I think we need more kids going off to college for degrees; helping them prepare for that.

To not go with the Ohio curriculum and everything else has been pretty good so far.

Work on an expansion; make renovations to the middle school and high school.

Communicating more with the parents through technology.

Revitalizing the stores downtown.

Good management and good personnel practices.

I feel that every student should have some form of technology to take home to work on school work.

Personal development in a specific area where teachers are teaching, different subject matters.

Continue to improve their state ratings.

The items that came up in their survey.

The structure of the school year become all year. They should focus in the ninth grade to connect with employment environment.

The special education program needs work at the high school level.

I think that the counselors in the middle school and the high school need to be improved. I don't feel that the support is there for the kids. I think that there's not a lot of communication for preparing for the future for when they get out of high school.

Bringing new business to Fairview Park.

Increase SAT and ACT test scores.

Better education more accountability.

Thoughtful spending of our tax dollars. there is a lot of wasteful spending.

Engaging the students in active learning and focusing on real life issues such as drugs addictions.

Make sure that the students are learning technology up to date, and make sure the buildings are equipped.

Probably the schools, to make sure the kids have the text books they need, make sure the teachers get paid right, and hire the right staff.

Getting better test scores. Higher ranking of the school.

For the school to continue with how they teach the students.

Well, I think that in both students who are heading to collage, students who are heading to technical school or simply just into the work, they need to be prepared.

To keep the buildings up-to-date and modern.

Plenty of text books and desks; good ratio of teachers to students.

They should work on improving test scores, closely monitoring how well the kids do.

Building renovation.

Probably the curriculum; that's the most important thing. If they don't get the kids the right curriculum, they're not going to want to go to school.

Continue the improvements of the school facilities and focus on special education.

Education is primary. Teachers don't spend enough time teaching.

I would like to see some of the programs that have been cut in the arts area reinstated. They're not required to take art when they get up to high school, they're not required to take gym when they get in to high school.

Should work for perfect education. The curriculum should be something that benefits the children.

What I think they should do is change how they're funded, because in the State of Ohio it is unconstitutional how they are funded.

Figuring out a way to make us competitive academically, improving education for special needs students and economically-disadvantaged students.

I would say better retention; they have been unable to retain teachers.

They should concentrate on having vocational classes.

They need to slow down. The kids K to 5 are academically being forced to move on regardless, if they are ready to or not. They need to really take the time to make sure the students understand what they are being taught.

To make sure the students are prepared for employment, even if it's not college.

That's a hard question for me to answer because I don't have any children. I know there updating the schools and that's a good thing with all the technology that's out there. I think our children need to have these things at their fingertips.

Educating the students.

The parents should be more involved and the parents should communicate with the staff around the school.

Reading, writing, and arithmetic, instead of new technology.

Keeping schools in excellent conditions and making sure students are getting an excellent education.

To continue the high quality of teaching.

Make sure that the designed programs are up to date.

School district scores and discipline in the schools.

Newer buildings; the high school and middle school are run down.

Upgrading our school facilities and updating our school curriculum.

Make sure the schools are good, good teachers, good curriculum and keep on keeping on.

There has to be plenty of advanced classes in high school of interesting topics. For example, I was disappointed that World History starts in 26 or 1700, and that there's no history between the birth of civilization and that time.

Upping the number of first-time college students from our schools; pushing more college prep courses for our students and encouraging higher academic achievement.

Building their own middle school separate from the high school.

Trying to keep the cost down and the quality up. Spend the money they need, don't overspend and make sure the kids get the quality of education.

Improving some of the older buildings.

Getting better at the educational score; work on heightening the scores.

Education.

Mental health and substance abuse among teenagers.

They need to figure out how to keep our taxes reasonable while giving the children a good education.

Bussing for all students within one mile.

I think that they the schools need to prepare the kids more for financial responsibilities like balancing a checkbook, the ins and outs of spending money; you make so much money a month they don't know how to budget their money I guess.

I believe the roads can use more work, I know they take time to get done though; some backroads have pretty bad potholes.

They should have equal opportunity for all students. All students should be addressed; gifted regular students and students with special needs they need to address all students.

I think just, as a whole, they should focus more on individualized testing not just on scores.

Education; the best they can give them. Responsibility leadership, all of those are important.

We just need to ensure that many kids as possible are graduating and preparing them for high tech and STEM.

I feel they should be focused on the subjects, instead of state testing; I feel the kids are learning more how to take state test then actually learning things.

The condition of the schools.

Just making sure that the students have what they need for a quality education and prepared to go to college.

Kids going to school looking like they just came from the beaches; dressing like pimps and hoes. They should have a dress code.

Control over students is crucial, because it seems like this new generation is getting out of hand as far as behavior. Too much leniency in the way they act.

Making sure that the children get their proper education because they are our future. I just, the education is extremely important, I believe.

They need to look at, and focus on, the students who need more help like those who are autistic or mentally handicapped.

I think that they need to be a little more diverse in staff; you have a lot of students from different nationalities, but you don't have the staff that understands that culture, so diversity training would be a plus.

Working with individuals to develop as much as possible; they should work hard to develop on thinking skills.

Better attention to students and their personal problems, and less horsing around in the class.

To keep costs down and spend money wisely. They spend a lot money recently on various things and spend it on basically on luxury, rather than on things that need fixing.

Be careful in hiring future superintendents.

They should concentrate on the basics, not Core.

Preparing our children better for college.

I think strengthen the curriculum and hiring qualified teachers, because that's the foundation of what we need to do.

Behavior plan for students, mainly in the middle and high schools; moral judgement courses and future life planning courses.

To eliminate Common Core; I think Common Core is a negative influence, it's not teaching our students.

Getting back to basic education and training and testing for placement.

Somehow they need to work on being more fiscally responsible; I do not believe what I pay in taxes is warranted.

STEM subjects; those are crucial to where we need to go for high tech jobs.

I think building renovations.

To continue what they are doing to make sure they are getting a good education.

Facility improvements of the middle and high school and additional programs offered.

Of course education should be a top priority. They should have a program for the youth, like summer jobs.

Improving the testing, to score higher. A lot of people look at that. We need to have Fairview in first.

I guess it would be better teachers and better teaching equipment; I think that's key to education, good equipment and good teachers to teach.

Grades and test scores.

Not so much focusing on infrastructure. Focus on students and education over buildings.

Lowering taxes; they are way too high.

I think they need to keep them up and keep them going.

Don't spend a lot money on building. Some updates, but not build new ones.