



Comments

Thank you for the opportunity to come together for this important discussion. I appreciate having my voice heard.

Name: Michelle Kratochvil

Organization: Smithville Schools



Comments

Great format! 😊

Name: Jamie Pasley

Organization: SSSD School Board



Comments

I appreciate having the opportunity to share about this profession that I love so much! Great format!

Name: Darbie Valenti

Organization: Savannah R-III



Comments

I work with high school ESOL
students and I think we need
more resources to support students
who come to this country freshman
year as non-English fluent: Curriculum
like life skills - rental agreements, banking,
etc. ~~is~~ ^{is} paramount
Name: Adrienne Chleborad
Organization: St. Joseph School District



Comments

We Need To separate the use
of counsellor's evaluation that gauge
success upon the number of students on
a college bound track. ^{Presently this factor} could ^{improperly direct}
^{students who would be better} served by ^{Technical} Education
Name: Dan Hegeman
Organization: Mo State Senate.



Comments

How will the information
gathered this evening be used
TO SHAPE MSIP 6 STANDARDS?
GOOD MEETING, WELL ORGANIZED
Name: KEN EATON
Organization: Mound City Schools



Comments

Please look at equity
in administrative

appointments. Change 2 yr
of teaching requirement to
at least 5 years before becoming
Name: a principal. We need

Organization: Classroom experienced
Instructional expert Principals Not Coaches

Good Evening,

My name is Dick Schott, a resident of St. Joseph, and retired educator of 32 yrs. with experience in administration, teaching, guidance counseling, alternative education, and adult education.

School systems rely on funding from the State and must meet certain criteria to realize that funding. Tonight, I propose to you one specific criteria that addresses the needs of students from the low socioeconomic group. Students whose parents are working two jobs to meet the daily needs of the family. Parents who may have not graduated from high school or may have had a negative educational experience.

Many of these students graduate from high school after 12 years of schooling at a cost of thousands of dollars with no post secondary educational plan. In 2014, 25% of graduating seniors in St Joseph, were listed as , "Joining the workforce". This is not uncommon. That statistic holds true for many schools.

The criteria that I propose tonight address this issue:

Every graduating senior will have a written educational plan that addresses post-secondary educational opportunities. The written plan will include, but not limited to :

- 1.) listing of appropriate educational programs (2,4 yr, vocational school or technical school)
- 2.) a listing of schools that offer these programs
- 3.) listing of the financial costs of the school
- 4.) information concerning financial aid addressed to both student and parent

Right now you and most parents in this room have already began the planning for your child's educational future. Parents of college bound students have an interest and commitment to get the information they need help their child. Their primary source is the internet and most certainly the high school guidance counselors.

But for the parents of the lower socioeconomic group, post secondary education is seen as an added expense that they cannot handle in their budget.

This group of parents need to be taught the basics of post secondary schooling including the benefit of vocational and technical schools. They can only be taught this information at a time when they are still connected to the schools. That time is in the middle school grades, 6,7,8

The school staff that needs to provide this post secondary information is the middle school guidance counselors. Parents need to learn about the FAFSA, Pell Grants, Stafford Loan, possible tax credits like the Hope Scholarship. They need to know that an 18 month technical school can lead to a marketable job with a living wage. They need to know that planning now in the middle school for your child post secondary educational plan is financially feasible if you begin planning now.

This is a major change in the middle school guidance program. These counselors must not only learn the information about post secondary educational programs but be able to teach parents so the parents can make an informed decision about post secondary education for their child.

Major changes in the educational system is difficult. I feel, however, if the criteria is presented at the State level as a required criteria for funding, then all school systems will at least ask the question, "Are we truly meeting the educational needs of ALL students"

Thank you

I have placed copies of my comments on the table.

I will address any questions now or in the future. My phone number and email is listed.

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Thank you again