

Focus Group: Alumni Association

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SWOT

Strengths	Weaknesses	Opportunities	Threats
Feedback from teachers	Report Cards	Increase communication outlets	
writing instruction	Communicating Progress	Facebook, post pictures, info about district events HS specific	
Opportunities for leadership	Over reliance on technology	Mentoring, careers, career symposium	
	Wide range in teaching quality	volunteer in the schools	
		Database of alumni interested in connecting with students	
		connect with school counselors	
		interdisciplinary studies	
		more opportunities for feedback	

Key Questions

1. What should school look like ten years from now?	2. What should Lower Merion School District graduate look like? What are the skills, attitudes, and dispositions that we want for all students?	3. What do we value as a District? How do we hold onto our traditions while simultaneously embracing change?	
	Teach to the student	Real world skills/ Practical skills/ Basic skills grammar	
	Balance between change and consistency	mandatory course	
	Prioritize reading, grammar, writing and math	Trade (electrical, plumbing, etc.) courses/ home maintenance	
	Fun in learning electives	More opportunities for appliciton of knowledge/skills	
	Hands-on, real world learning experiences	Self-esteem	
	Rigor in the curriculum	Well-rounded, social skills/ socially literate	
		Contributing citizen in community	
		Know their resources, like alumni	