Focus Group: Inter-School Council (ISC)
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Key Questions

1. **What should school look like ten years from now?**
   - 30 cross-curricular instruction
   - 23 decrease standadized testing
   - 21 foster innovative creativity
   - 14 flex schedule / later start time
   - 9 less electronics - build skills
   - 8 change in staff training / focus on creativity & individual child
   - 4 reduce homework load
   - 4 writing / focus on creative writing
   - 3 sleep / physical exercise
   - 2 improve nutrition
   - 2 teach stress reduction skills

2. **What should a Lower Merion School District graduate look like? What are the skills, attitudes, and dispositions that we want for all students?**
   - 24 critical thinker (not bubble test taker)
   - 11 good contributing citizens
   - 8 compassionate
   - 8 curious
   - 8 life-long love of learning
   - 8 written communication
   - 6 creative
   - 6 globally aware
   - 6 writer
   - 4 caring
   - 4 self-director
   - 4 tech savvy
   - 4 time management
   - 3 deep reading skills
   - 3 honesty
   - 3 well-rounded
   - 2 open-minded
   - 1 well read
   - 0 competitive

3. **What do we value as a district? How do we hold onto our traditions while embracing change?**
   - 15 teacher quality
   - 12 critical thinking
   - 12 happiness / well adjusted
   - 11 contribution to community
   - 11 individual development
   - 9 progressive
   - 6 learning
   - 4 creativity
   - 3 basics
   - 3 innovative
   - 2 curriculum quality
   - 1 college
   - 1 enrichment / balance
   - 1 extra curricular activities
   - 1 legacy
   - 1 mission
   - 1 parent contribution
   - 1 service
   - 0 engaged
   - 0 excellence
   - 0 graduate education
   - 0 history / alumni / generations
   - 0 student/teacher ratio
   - 0 testing? / accountability