

## ISC Responses, March 11, 2014

### 1 What should high school look like ten years from now?

- 30 cross-curricular instruction
- 23 decrease standardized 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)?

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| 24 critical thinker (not bubble test taker) | 4 caring              |
| 11 good contributing citizens               | 4 self-director       |
| 8 compassionate                             | 4 tech savvy          |
| 8 curious                                   | 4 time management     |
| 8 life-long love of learning                | 3 deep reading skills |
| 8 written communication                     | 3 honesty             |
| 6 creative                                  | 3 well-rounded        |
| 6 globally aware                            | 2 open-minded         |
| 6 writer                                    | 1 well read           |
|   | 0 competitive         |

### 3 What do we value as a district? And how do we hold on to our traditions while simultaneously embracing change?

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| 15 teacher quality           | 1 college                        |
| 12 critical thinking         | 1 enrichment / balance           |
| 12 happiness / well adjusted | 1 extra curricular activities    |
| 11 contribution to community | 1 legacy                         |
| 11 individual development    | 1 mission                        |
| 9 progressive                | 1 parent contribution            |
| 6 learning                   | 1 service                        |
| 4 creativity                 | 0 engaged                        |
| 3 basics                     | 0 excellence                     |
| 3 innovative                 | 0 graduate education             |
| 2 curriculum quality         | 0 history / alumni / generations |
|                              | 0 student/teacher ratio          |
|                              | 0 testing? / accountability      |