

# Strategic Plan Survey for Parents

**1. What reporting method do you feel is the most helpful for communicating student progress? Please rank in priority order. (1 = highest priority)**

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Rating Average	Response Count
Report Card Grades	26.0% (69)	22.3% (59)	14.3% (38)	16.2% (43)	7.9% (21)	3.8% (10)	6.0% (16)	3.4% (9)	3.10	
Progress Reports	22.8% (61)	23.6% (63)	21.3% (57)	14.2% (38)	7.5% (20)	3.7% (10)	3.7% (10)	3.0% (8)	3.01	
Standardized Test Scores	2.4% (6)	5.9% (15)	6.3% (16)	9.8% (25)	13.3% (34)	12.9% (33)	15.3% (39)	34.1% (87)	5.96	
Student Goals and Self-assessments	3.2% (8)	6.8% (17)	14.0% (35)	10.4% (26)	14.4% (36)	19.2% (48)	22.4% (56)	9.6% (24)	5.21	
SchoolFusion / MMS Parent Portal	22.1% (57)	9.7% (25)	15.1% (39)	8.9% (23)	10.5% (27)	12.8% (33)	12.8% (33)	8.1% (21)	4.06	
Individual Learning Plan	6.1% (15)	4.5% (11)	9.8% (24)	12.6% (31)	15.9% (39)	17.9% (44)	15.0% (37)	18.3% (45)	5.33	
Phone Call	13.0% (33)	13.0% (33)	12.6% (32)	14.2% (36)	16.2% (41)	14.2% (36)	7.9% (20)	8.7% (22)	4.25	
E-mail	21.9% (58)	19.6% (52)	11.3% (30)	12.5% (33)	11.7% (31)	9.8% (26)	8.7% (23)	4.5% (12)	3.59	

Other/Comments:

<b>answered question</b>
<b>skipped question</b>




**2. What is the best way to reach out to parents and the community? Please rank the following. (1 = best)**

	1	2	3	4	5	Rating Average	Response Count
Frequent communication with parents via e-mail	<b>79.9%</b> (235)	7.8% (23)	3.7% (11)	3.7% (11)	4.8% (14)	1.46	294
Open forums at schools with administrators and teachers	8.0% (21)	<b>42.5%</b> (111)	26.8% (70)	11.5% (30)	11.1% (29)	2.75	261
More communication of school events/projects via media	6.3% (16)	<b>31.0%</b> (78)	29.8% (75)	21.0% (53)	11.9% (30)	3.01	252
Invite more community members into classrooms to speak	4.8% (12)	8.0% (20)	20.1% (50)	<b>34.1%</b> (85)	32.9% (82)	3.82	249
Joint School/Community Projects	10.4% (27)	12.4% (32)	20.8% (54)	25.1% (65)	<b>31.3%</b> (81)	3.54	259
					Other/Comments:		17
					<b>answered question</b>		<b>317</b>
					<b>skipped question</b>		<b>3</b>

**3. What do you consider the most important factor in student achievement? Please put in rank order. (1 = most important)**

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Rating Average	Response Count
Support from home	<b>41.2%</b> (113)	22.3% (61)	19.3% (53)	7.7% (21)	3.6% (10)	3.3% (9)	2.6% (7)	2.30	274
Quality and articulation of curriculum	12.7% (34)	23.6% (63)	<b>29.6%</b> (79)	15.4% (41)	10.1% (27)	6.0% (16)	2.6% (7)	3.15	267
Quality of instruction	<b>44.3%</b> (124)	31.8% (89)	12.5% (35)	4.6% (13)	3.2% (9)	2.1% (6)	1.4% (4)	2.03	280
Length of instructional period/day	1.9% (5)	3.5% (9)	6.6% (17)	20.2% (52)	16.0% (41)	19.5% (50)	<b>32.3%</b> (83)	5.32	257
Project Based Learning	2.7% (7)	6.5% (17)	11.1% (29)	21.1% (55)	<b>29.1%</b> (76)	18.0% (47)	11.5% (30)	4.67	261
Differentiated Classroom/Learning	6.4% (17)	7.6% (20)	13.6% (36)	19.3% (51)	18.9% (50)	<b>24.6%</b> (65)	9.5% (25)	4.48	264
Intervention	4.6% (12)	6.1% (16)	7.3% (19)	10.3% (27)	16.0% (42)	22.1% (58)	<b>33.6%</b> (88)	5.28	262
								Other/Comments:	27
								<b>answered question</b>	<b>317</b>
								<b>skipped question</b>	<b>3</b>

#### 4. How do you feel about requiring school uniforms in Westerly Public Schools?



		Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly Favor		35.9%	115
Somewhat Favor		31.9%	102
Do Not Favor		32.2%	103

Comments: 62

answered question 320

skipped question 0

#### 5. Would you support changing the school year calendar?



		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		61.6%	189
No		38.4%	118

Comments: 114

answered question 307

skipped question 13

### 6. Do you feel each child is challenged to their fullest potential?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		29.5%	93
No		70.5%	222

Comments: 89

answered question	315
skipped question	5

### 7. What does the class of 2025 need to know and be able to do?

	Response Count
	238
answered question	238
skipped question	82

### 8. What do you picture your ideal school will look like?

	Response Count
	210
answered question	210
skipped question	110

**9. Is there anything else you would like to tell us as we develop the Strategic Plan?**

	<b>Response Count</b>
	168
<b>answered question</b>	<b>168</b>
<b>skipped question</b>	<b>152</b>



**Q1. What reporting method do you feel is the most helpful for communicating student progress? Please rank in priority order. (1 = highest priority)**

1	We often check parent portal to see how our child is doing...otherwise we have no clue what's happening in the classroom until report card time. Standardized tests are important...because they allow us to guage how well our students/teachers are performing against other schools/districts.	Feb 14, 2012 11:41 AM
2	I dont care for the available "one choice per number format "some forms of communication are equivalent.	Feb 14, 2012 3:58 AM
3	report cards and ilp's and email are also great ways to communicate	Feb 13, 2012 6:10 PM
4	E-mail would arrive in a timely manner without inerference, progress reports and report cards may be to late	Feb 12, 2012 8:49 AM
5	Any sudden change in student behavior/performance in class should be conveyed to parents by email or phone call and conference scheduled to discuss situation...this should be done in a timely manner so as to assist the student promptly.	Feb 12, 2012 7:15 AM
6	What is mms paretn portal?	Feb 10, 2012 5:27 PM
7	The school are doing a good job	Feb 10, 2012 3:54 PM
8	Any special concerns regarding unusually poor progress should be emailed or phone call.	Feb 10, 2012 8:36 AM
9	Not sure what school fusion is?? I chose in this order because I want to know sooner rather than later ( as in waiting for report cards)	Feb 10, 2012 8:33 AM
10	If there are concerns and the student does not have an IEP then parents must be notified asap!	Feb 10, 2012 7:38 AM
11	School Fusion/ MMS Parent Portal can be a wonderful tool to keep your child on track with his/her studies, however it is only helpful if the teachers keep it up to date with homework, quiz&test scores.	Feb 8, 2012 9:34 AM
12	I like constant comminication	Feb 7, 2012 2:18 PM
13	Progress report by email if studnet fall behind expectations	Feb 7, 2012 10:12 AM
14	phone calls, in-person meetings, emails are the most effective means of communication	Feb 6, 2012 4:42 PM
15	The MMS Parent Portal is terrific. I am on it at least twice a week. Needs to be updated more frequently bu the teachers, however.	Feb 2, 2012 5:58 AM
16	I would like to email each teacher to find out how my child is doing weekly	Feb 1, 2012 8:27 AM
17	If my child had problems in school i would answer differently	Feb 1, 2012 6:35 AM
18	MMS parent portal and report card tell you how well child does at WHS; standardized test compares child with other kids in same grade at other schools and states. Both are useful, as grade inflation can exist at WHS.	Jan 31, 2012 5:33 PM



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19	with Parent Portal, Progress Reports the Report Cards are less important.	Jan 31, 2012 11:38 AM
20	the methods vary depending on the age of my child and their learning needs ie MMS portal great for 9th grader not 3rd	Jan 31, 2012 10:24 AM
21	I think if MMS was updated by each teacher on a regular basis, it would be much easier to keep informed!	Jan 31, 2012 6:32 AM
22	mms is only useful if it is updated daily	Jan 31, 2012 5:23 AM
23	Standardized tests are hurting our kids education.	Jan 30, 2012 5:54 PM
24	High school teachers need to communicate better with comments or messages to parents if student is having difficulty	Jan 30, 2012 5:22 PM
25	fusion could be the most helpful but depending on the educator it is not always up to date/ or correct	Jan 30, 2012 3:50 PM
26	The teaching staff (particularly WHS) need to keep the MMS portal current. No parent wants a surprise just because the teacher decides to update MMS after a long period of time.	Jan 30, 2012 3:40 PM
27	progress report card are not up to date (at the high school) when brought home - why bother with them?	Jan 30, 2012 2:47 PM
28	If teachers keep Portal up to date... this is BEST tool...	Jan 30, 2012 2:46 PM
29	The parent portal is wonderful!!!	Jan 30, 2012 7:07 AM
30	Difficult to rank these...it depends on the student's individual needs....conferences more than once a year would be helpful as well	Jan 27, 2012 10:54 AM
31	The ideal situation is to have the student, the educator and the parents communicate. I as a parent would much rather know that my child is not doing well or needs help early. I redid this part of the survey at least 4 times . I first had report card and after careful thought I believe by the time they receive report card and it is not good its to late.	Jan 26, 2012 12:56 PM
32	There are no clear Goals for my son in 6th grade	Jan 26, 2012 11:56 AM
33	Information prior to parent/teacher conference and continued updates throughout the school year.	Jan 25, 2012 3:55 PM
34	I do have not seen a "student gao and self-assess" or ILP	Jan 25, 2012 9:44 AM
35	Parent Portal needs to be updated by all regulary and in a consistent manner. Excellent tool that is underutilized.	Jan 25, 2012 7:10 AM
36	Parent-Teacher meetings #1	Jan 24, 2012 6:01 PM
37	Parent Portal would be the absolute best resource if it were guaranteed accurate 100% of the time.	Jan 24, 2012 5:07 PM

**Q1. What reporting method do you feel is the most helpful for communicating student progress? Please rank in priority order. (1 = highest priority)**

38	constant parent teacher communication is key.	Jan 24, 2012 4:18 PM
39	Educational goals established 50 yrs ago needs doesn't help our students prepare for non-industrial future.	Jan 24, 2012 3:00 PM
40	If immediate attention to an issue needs to be addressed a phone call should be made before progress report	Jan 24, 2012 2:44 PM
41	I believe we should be notified when students grades go below a C	Jan 24, 2012 1:46 PM
42	IEPs are difficult to understand and require much interaction with teachers to translate MMS is most frequent and therefore most helpful	Jan 24, 2012 12:23 PM
43	A personal phone call should be the first attempt, if the student is in any danger of failing a class or any other serious matter. I like e-mail as a second contact for general student/class info.	Jan 24, 2012 12:07 PM
44	my computer will only let me select one, I could not rate each selection, so I picked what I thought was the best way for each catagory.	Jan 24, 2012 10:52 AM
45	I really prefer when the teachers contact me via email or by phone so we can have an actual discussion.	Jan 24, 2012 10:42 AM
46	Don't know what and Individual Learning Plan is in High School. SchoolFusion would be more helpful if updated daily but updates are inconsistent and often long after the student's work has been completed.	Jan 24, 2012 10:38 AM
47	Vocal communication is the best form of a progress update. Paper and computer relay of information is flawed and does not express everything correctly everytime.	Jan 24, 2012 10:28 AM
48	Teachers should provide more insightful evaluation of student progress, study habits and needs on report cards instead of typical "good student" "needs work" type comments on report cards	Jan 24, 2012 10:17 AM
49	We know nothing about how are kids are progressing, report cards mean nothing, as well as the standardized tests	Jan 24, 2012 9:42 AM
50	Parent/Teacher conferences for ages 12-18 are imperative and should last more than 5 minutes	Jan 24, 2012 9:26 AM
51	I've had trouble getting connected to the school portal	Jan 24, 2012 8:51 AM
52	mms is only as good as its input....most HS teachers dont seem to keep it updated	Jan 24, 2012 7:56 AM



**Q2. What is the best way to reach out to parents and the community? Please rank the following. (1 = best)**

1	I have been insulted for the past two years...to be told "no parent teacher conference necessary". I believe that parents have the right to meet with their children's teachers and hear face-to-face how they are doing and ask questions	Feb 14, 2012 11:41 AM
2	I also like open forums.	Feb 13, 2012 6:10 PM
3	The school and/or forum schedules at schools is not always conducive to parent participation because of work schedules. We no longer live within a "9-5" society...day shifts, mid-day shifts, night and over-night shifts are the mix that we parents now deal with.	Feb 12, 2012 7:15 AM
4	Social Media is now the main avenue for mass communication and its also more used by students than any other medium. Parents are also very involved in these avenues to communicate.	Feb 9, 2012 3:51 PM
5	Email and phone calls are terrific ways to inform parents of upcoming events.	Feb 8, 2012 9:34 AM
6	Publication of any events must be with sufficient advance notice - i.e. 1-2 weeks	Jan 31, 2012 11:38 AM
7	the ways differ for parents vs. community- newspaper for comm., e-mail for parents	Jan 31, 2012 10:24 AM
8	i like the way you call us with an announcement where it calls everyone with the same important message	Jan 31, 2012 3:47 AM
9	The math curriculum has been undermining our kids for years. Change it!	Jan 30, 2012 5:54 PM
10	Saturdays would be a good day for parents to attend meetings etc. most are working or doing "homework" at 6 pm m	Jan 30, 2012 2:47 PM
11	I believe that all of these are important - I feel that communication could be better	Jan 28, 2012 7:27 AM
12	As a local business leader i offered to participate and the school and received no response.	Jan 25, 2012 1:25 PM
13	encourage opportunities for parents to be in classroom, phone contact	Jan 25, 2012 7:32 AM
14	Initiate student/parent projects that benefit the community such as energy saving initiatives and aggressive programs to save children with poor family role models..	Jan 24, 2012 3:00 PM
15	I work nights, so meetings/forums are not useful to me.	Jan 24, 2012 10:26 AM
16	individual student, parent, teacher goal setting and progress reviews are needed	Jan 24, 2012 10:17 AM
17	The principal is not visable to parents, how visable to the children is she?	Jan 24, 2012 9:42 AM



**Q3. What do you consider the most important factor in student achievement? Please put in rank order. (1 = most important)**

1	Its all about the teachers and the curriculum...students must be able to apply what they are learning	Feb 14, 2012 11:41 AM
2	definitions would help	Feb 14, 2012 3:58 AM
3	The length of the instruction is not nearly as important as the quality of the instructor. Some teachers are more interested in text messaging during a clas than teaching a class.	Feb 12, 2012 8:49 AM
4	Support from home is crucial! Parents have to be their children's advocates without fail. Whether a successful student or a struggling student, the support from home is without a doubt the most important factor.	Feb 12, 2012 7:15 AM
5	They are all important collectively.	Feb 10, 2012 10:01 AM
6	not sure I understand "differentiated classroom...and "project based learning"	Feb 10, 2012 7:43 AM
7	Intervention would be rated much higher if I was a parent of a child that I felt needed intervention....but support from home would balance this out.	Feb 9, 2012 3:51 PM
8	Students learn in different ways, even with in the same family. Therefore there should be more avenues for the non-traditional learners to be successful. My ranking would be quite different for a struggling student compared to a highly motivated student; intervention, quality of instruction and project based learning would be more important.	Feb 8, 2012 9:34 AM
9	I like ALL teachers of a grade to follow same curriculum in similar ways. Same Amy of homework, projects, etc sea so varied now	Feb 7, 2012 2:18 PM
10	Not sure what Intervention is.	Feb 2, 2012 5:58 AM
11	teachers having 1/2-1 hour sessions after school for extra help would provide more one on one or small group learning	Jan 31, 2012 7:07 PM
12	Parents must make sure kids do homework and monitor results. We need an excellent quality curriculum with honors courses for kids who take school seriously and want to succeed. I see grade inflation at WHS.	Jan 31, 2012 5:33 PM
13	These are all very important and it would seem that many must exist and operate in unison.	Jan 31, 2012 11:38 AM
14	honor and AP classes are very important	Jan 31, 2012 8:36 AM
15	Westerly has some awesome teachers that are able to inspire our children..thats what we need...tired of teachers constantly being out, for curriculum and multiple health days...guessing you would find in regards to teachers being out..its almost always the same ones	Jan 31, 2012 5:23 AM
16	Reward the effectuve teachers, rid the poor performers, and enhance the math curriculum.	Jan 30, 2012 5:54 PM
17	Student interest in the subject matter plays a role, too	Jan 30, 2012 4:36 PM

**Q3. What do you consider the most important factor in student achievement? Please put in rank order. (1 = most important)**

18	quality of teachers...everyone seems to recognize who the best and worst teachers are but there is no action taken.	Jan 25, 2012 1:25 PM
19	regular communication between parents, teachers and guidance to support child	Jan 25, 2012 7:10 AM
20	To avoid burn-out & boredom, more art+music+recess is needed. Less homework is needed.	Jan 24, 2012 6:01 PM
21	Quality of curriculum is important, I am not sure about articulation.	Jan 24, 2012 4:35 PM
22	I believe all the above is a major factor, open communication between the teacher/parent in how the child can achieve their goals	Jan 24, 2012 2:44 PM
23	Differentiated classroom learning should be completely abandoned - it DOES NOT WORK! You forgot to include discipline in the school / classrooms. Without it, nobody learns.	Jan 24, 2012 12:01 PM
24	Students need to correspond learning to real life , so I believe Project Based Learning and Service Learning are essential.	Jan 24, 2012 10:42 AM
25	Teachers need to STOP YELLING AT THE CHILDREN; it causes stress to all the children, not the child being chastized. Most kids get yelled at home and do not need it from the teachers and lunch aids.	Jan 24, 2012 9:42 AM
26	What do you mean by Differentiated Classroom Learning?	Jan 24, 2012 8:52 AM
27	there are some awesome teachers.....but then there are those that Im sorry can not reach our students	Jan 24, 2012 7:56 AM





#### Q4. How do you feel about requiring school uniforms in Westerly Public Schools?

1	If school uniforms are required the school department should be responsible for supplying them.	Feb 15, 2012 5:33 AM
2	Alot of peer pressure in middle school; some clothing is inappropriate; school uniforms would be terrific	Feb 14, 2012 11:41 AM
3	Implement the uniform policy NOW.	Feb 14, 2012 7:44 AM
4	there will no longer be a social/economic devied based on physical appearance	Feb 12, 2012 8:49 AM
5	Uniforms solve so many different issues for parents and students. However, allowing for some individual creativity within the uniform code would give a sense of individuality for the students.	Feb 12, 2012 7:15 AM
6	Not everyone can afford to live, nevermind pay for a uniform for a public school.	Feb 11, 2012 6:38 PM
7	maybe not uniform but stronger dress code	Feb 10, 2012 2:10 PM
8	Enforce the dress code.	Feb 10, 2012 12:30 PM
9	not from a uniform store just standard attire... blue polo shirt and jeans for example	Feb 10, 2012 7:58 AM
10	The uniform code need not be extreme -- e.g., polo shirts, khakis & real shoes (no UGGS, flip flops)	Feb 10, 2012 7:46 AM
11	I have experience with wearing uniforms and if children aren't comfortable wearing their own clothes and are forced to wear a uniform, which may be uncomfortable, he/she cannot learn properly. Comfort is very important, especially for those with sensory integration problems.	Feb 8, 2012 6:25 PM
12	It would make enforcing the dress code much easier. There would be less distraction in the warmer weather (no skimpy clothing). And while the students would initially miss their "self-expression through clothing" I think it would help them focus more on their school work.	Feb 8, 2012 9:34 AM
13	STUPID	Feb 8, 2012 8:02 AM
14	yes please	Feb 7, 2012 6:44 PM
15	Seems styles are lazy and sloppy which then seems like attitude becomes same. Expect to look good clean and crisp in uniform. Perhaps attitude adjusts to positive and better work then.	Feb 7, 2012 2:18 PM
16	Stronger dress code and enforcement of current dress code	Feb 7, 2012 10:12 AM
17	I think it would be easier than trying to enforce the current dress code which is totally subjective.	Feb 6, 2012 4:43 PM
18	level the playing the uneven playing field that exists in our community. It will not fix problems, but can be part of the solutions to some of the economic inequities facing our community	Feb 6, 2012 4:42 PM
19	Maybe not a uniform, but a dress code that is enforced.	Feb 2, 2012 5:58 AM

#### Q4. How do you feel about requiring school uniforms in Westerly Public Schools?

20	should not be expensive - eg. navy or khaki pants or long shorts or knee length skorts, white or blue or ?? collared shirt - can all be found for \$7 or less per piece at Lands End, Sears, or Walmart	Feb 1, 2012 6:34 AM
21	What would this accomplish? Westerly does not need this.	Feb 1, 2012 6:17 AM
22	If no uniforms, the student dress code needs to be enforced .	Jan 31, 2012 7:07 PM
23	It certainly works well for private and parochial schools. Clothing becomes one less thing for kids/parents to stress about. And frankly, a lot of girls wear inappropriate clothes to school and their parents don't care. It all starts with bad parenting.	Jan 31, 2012 5:33 PM
24	It would seem that this would reduce the cost of clothing but not completely eliminate the differentiation and distractions that occur. I would be interested in understanding what has happened in other communities where uniforms have been adopted.	Jan 31, 2012 11:38 AM
25	Strongly do not favor (was that a bias that you had strongly favor and not strongly do not favor?). I value my child's individuality and the culture of acceptance being nurtured at my children's school. School uniforms violate my child's civil rights. Did I say strongly do not favor? You betcha.	Jan 31, 2012 10:24 AM
26	not going to spend more money to buy uniforms	Jan 31, 2012 5:23 AM
27	This would increase student achievement and lesson school "stereotyping" and "bullying". This is known fact.	Jan 30, 2012 5:54 PM
28	mini skirts, pj etc. are unacceptable, the HS has always been a problem Middle school is more lax this year	Jan 30, 2012 5:22 PM
29	Just enforce the dress code you already have.	Jan 30, 2012 5:14 PM
30	Strongly disagree with uniforms	Jan 30, 2012 5:03 PM
31	Since home resources play a role in academic achievement, school uniforms could potentially eliminate the social stigma attached to the "brand" of clothing students are wearing.	Jan 30, 2012 4:56 PM
32	I would like to see a uniform policy that is clear and enforced, neither of which exist now, before uniforms are mandatory.	Jan 30, 2012 4:36 PM
33	if you study top performing schools, ie Stevenson, school dress is not on the radar	Jan 30, 2012 3:50 PM
34	pros...children are not judged on their apperence and what they can and cannot afford...easy for parents and less stress of children to look a certain way to feel better about themselves especially young girls. theres too much pressure for girls now on their apperance....cons: clothing can be exciting and fun and an expression of individuality.	Jan 30, 2012 2:50 PM
35	I would really love if the students had to wear uniforms	Jan 30, 2012 2:42 PM
36	Kids need to be able to represent themselves the way they are comfortable	Jan 30, 2012 6:48 AM

**Q4. How do you feel about requiring school uniforms in Westerly Public Schools?**

37	ALL STUDENTS SHOULD FOLLOW THE DRESS CODE THAT IS STATED IN THE SCHOOL BOOK	Jan 28, 2012 10:58 AM
38	not necessary	Jan 26, 2012 4:00 PM
39	Uniforms for students and stronger dress code for teachers,	Jan 25, 2012 1:25 PM
40	Having school uniforms would help to minimize distractions and promote a sense of unity among the student body. The community would help those less fortunate.	Jan 25, 2012 12:48 PM
41	I would like to see school uniforms, it is easy to identify the "haves" and "have nots" .It impacts kids esteems which impacts learning	Jan 25, 2012 9:44 AM
42	aid in leveling the playing field in a district where the field is anything but level	Jan 25, 2012 7:32 AM
43	basic standard attire i.e, blue polo shirt and jeans/khakis boys, similar girls, shorts to knee in summer, etc...not purchased at a uniforn shop.	Jan 25, 2012 7:10 AM
44	The teen girls dress extremely inappropriate for a learning environment.	Jan 25, 2012 6:54 AM
45	If the teachers felt this was impacting their teaching I would reconsider. However, I just feel with discipline this can be handled. I also think there are far more important items we should be focusing our efforts on.	Jan 25, 2012 4:56 AM
46	An absolute must	Jan 25, 2012 12:42 AM
47	You need to allow a student to express themselves- be unique and know it is ok to be "me".There are appropriate dress codes already why take away the ability for students choice each Uniform to me says to the student... We control you.	Jan 24, 2012 9:03 PM
48	children need to have creative expression in an environ. so filled with data and assessment	Jan 24, 2012 7:12 PM
49	Conservative, precise dress code would be best (eg plain jeans or khakis and solid primary-color shirts only)	Jan 24, 2012 6:01 PM
50	You should have five options on this question with the middle choice being "neutral."	Jan 24, 2012 4:35 PM
51	Would change the whole dynamic. Should be mandatory at every public school.	Jan 24, 2012 3:25 PM
52	Why is to be gained by encouraging our children to be like everybody else?	Jan 24, 2012 3:00 PM
53	Uniforms would create an equal "playing field" for kids. Kids would not be judged on what they wear or don't wear.	Jan 24, 2012 2:36 PM
54	The girls dress extemely inapprpriate	Jan 24, 2012 1:46 PM
55	It is a PUBLIC school. The students should decide. I don't think this is a good idea for Westerly students at this time.	Jan 24, 2012 12:07 PM
56	This would allow kids to focus more on work & not feel they have to compete w/peers	Jan 24, 2012 11:22 AM

**Q4. How do you feel about requiring school uniforms in Westerly Public Schools?**

57	Uniforms restrict freedom of speech, promote conformity, and could easily cause resentment amongst students	Jan 24, 2012 10:40 AM
58	Both of my kids are bullied because of what they wear to school. Especially after the 2010 floods and we had to use clothing from the Red Cross that other people donated.	Jan 24, 2012 10:26 AM
59	Children are already aware of their intellectual differences from other children, putting a uniform on them will not make them feel as equals.	Jan 24, 2012 9:42 AM
60	Enforce the dress code and focus on quality instruction.	Jan 24, 2012 9:39 AM
61	I believe there is enough "standardization" within our school system without requiring school uniforms.	Jan 24, 2012 9:35 AM
62	ABSOLUTELY NOT!!!!!!!	Jan 24, 2012 8:52 AM



**Q5. Would you support changing the school year calendar?**

1	Eliminate February Vacation & Start School before Labor Day	Feb 14, 2012 11:41 AM
2	If it made sense. What change are you asking about?????	Feb 14, 2012 7:44 AM
3	have one vacation in March instead of Feb & April	Feb 14, 2012 5:29 AM
4	yes eliminate february vacation and "staff development malarky"	Feb 14, 2012 3:58 AM
5	In what way would it be changed? As long as it is clear and concise.	Feb 13, 2012 6:10 PM
6	I'M not really clear on what are the options.	Feb 13, 2012 10:02 AM
7	Would need to see the changes before voting.	Feb 12, 2012 8:20 AM
8	As long as it is a change that benefits the students and their learning process. In today's society, the school year and school hours prove to be challenging to parents. A change in the calendar would be welcomed as long as a balance is reached between the needs of the students/families and faculty/town.	Feb 12, 2012 7:15 AM
9	I think the kids should skip Feb. Vacation.	Feb 11, 2012 8:58 PM
10	In what ways do they want to change it? I cant answer this one without more info	Feb 11, 2012 6:38 PM
11	To a longer school year with full time kindergarten	Feb 10, 2012 5:27 PM
12	Needs to be longer	Feb 10, 2012 5:14 PM
13	it has worked forever. why?	Feb 10, 2012 2:10 PM
14	Eliminate February vacation and have a long weekend off around Martin Luther King Day ?	Feb 10, 2012 12:30 PM
15	Yes i believe that February vacation should be dropped there is no need for it	Feb 10, 2012 12:26 PM
16	It would depend on the change.	Feb 10, 2012 11:21 AM
17	I don't know	Feb 10, 2012 10:38 AM
18	Would like to see elimination of the February break.	Feb 10, 2012 10:28 AM
19	Get rid of February and April vacations and add one week vacation in March.	Feb 10, 2012 10:21 AM
20	Remove February Vacation	Feb 10, 2012 8:50 AM
21	year round classes with 6-wk breaks allow increased continuity of learning with reduced loss of learning during a long summer break	Feb 10, 2012 8:49 AM
22	Depending upon the intended changes.	Feb 10, 2012 8:36 AM
23	I wish this was a more specific question. I woul favor getting rid of feb or April vacation if there are a lot l'f make up days but I would not like to go to school through the summer.	Feb 10, 2012 8:33 AM
24	I would support any changes within the September-June calender. Westerly is	Feb 10, 2012 8:16 AM

**Q5. Would you support changing the school year calendar?**

just too busy during July and August.

25	My child went to ST. Michaels last year they started school the last few days in August did not have Feb. break and was scheduled to get out of school on June 3rd but because of snow days they got out June 10th.	Feb 10, 2012 7:59 AM
26	Do away with February break and move spring break to mid-March	Feb 10, 2012 7:46 AM
27	One spring break would probably work better for most households.	Feb 10, 2012 7:46 AM
28	Continuity of learning, possibly bunching staff development and even vacation weeks	Feb 10, 2012 7:43 AM
29	depends on what type of changes requested	Feb 10, 2012 7:42 AM
30	We do NOT need a winter and spring break!	Feb 10, 2012 7:38 AM
31	I feel that the February vacation week is not needed and would rather the kids get out earlier in June.	Feb 9, 2012 3:51 PM
32	No drastic changes,I feel having a "long" summer break is essential to recharge their creativity. However, the Feb. and April vacations could be shortened so the school year is not so long. Perhaps shorten the April vacation to make-up for snow days rather than lengthen the school year.	Feb 8, 2012 9:34 AM
33	Ridiculous are you kidding me?	Feb 8, 2012 8:02 AM
34	I would love year round school. Or at least scratch the winter break	Feb 7, 2012 2:18 PM
35	Depends on proposed changes	Feb 7, 2012 12:13 PM
36	Get rid of Feb break- get out earlier at the end of year.	Feb 6, 2012 4:42 PM
37	No February ,no April just one in March.Would much rather have them get out early in June when its easier for childcare etc.	Feb 4, 2012 7:48 AM
38	It, of course, depends upon the suggested changes.	Feb 3, 2012 1:35 PM
39	I would vote to eliminate one of the winter vacations. I do not support year round school at this point, as our buildings are not equipped to house all of our students in the summer time. I would support an alternate schedule for our students--some in school while others are not, on a year round basis.	Feb 3, 2012 12:00 PM
40	later start time no feb vacation	Feb 2, 2012 6:49 AM
41	depends on what type of a change you are talking about	Feb 1, 2012 1:56 PM
42	How do you propose changing the calendar (length of day, vacations, holidays, start, end, etc.)?	Feb 1, 2012 8:40 AM
43	going on break so frequently causes a lot of lost instructional time due to the 'ramp up' required to get back in to the swing of learning.	Feb 1, 2012 6:34 AM
44	Will this guarantee improved test scores? Will create more problems than	Feb 1, 2012 6:17 AM

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45	Poor question, no information on what change is being considered	Feb 1, 2012 4:29 AM
46	cannot answer this accurately without knowing what the changes are, but I would not be in favor of shortening summer vacation. Being a tourist area, many students work summer jobs to save for college.	Jan 31, 2012 7:07 PM
47	Why? Problem isn't the calendar.	Jan 31, 2012 5:33 PM
48	Eliminate Feb vacation	Jan 31, 2012 1:35 PM
49	I would need to better understand the proposal but have no objection.	Jan 31, 2012 11:38 AM
50	That's a broad statement- do you mean extending the school year through summer or changing winter/spring breaks? I am open to discussion about winter/spring breaks, but would like to keep traditional summers intact.	Jan 31, 2012 10:24 AM
51	unless they eliminate Feb vacation this is wasted time they just had a vaca in dec, I love april vacation we always go away April should stay.	Jan 31, 2012 9:55 AM
52	year round	Jan 31, 2012 5:23 AM
53	It would depend on the changes. I would not support lengthening the day or school year. I would support eliminating a vacation in order to help with snow days.	Jan 30, 2012 6:58 PM
54	4 day weeks; longer school days; professional days and conferences on the 5th day of a week	Jan 30, 2012 6:35 PM
55	Put development days at the beginning and or end of the school year so it does not impact the student days.	Jan 30, 2012 5:54 PM
56	Within reason. Would depend on the change	Jan 30, 2012 5:03 PM
57	The first trimester is often spent making up for lost time. I think that perhaps six week sessions for academics followed by a week off...or an extended weekend..would allow for academic gains to be consistent and maintained from year to year.	Jan 30, 2012 4:56 PM
58	within reason. Open to the discussion but there needs to be limits as children do need a break to regroup.	Jan 30, 2012 4:47 PM
59	Please consider ONE winter vacation, instead of a February and April. The current calendar disrupts student learning.	Jan 30, 2012 4:36 PM
60	depending on the change	Jan 30, 2012 3:50 PM
61	Eliminate February vacation	Jan 30, 2012 3:40 PM
62	february vacation removed.	Jan 30, 2012 2:50 PM
63	Depends on what changes are made	Jan 30, 2012 2:47 PM



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64	depending on how it was changed would depend on my support	Jan 30, 2012 2:42 PM
65	i strongly suggest we have only 1 break (february or april), not both.	Jan 30, 2012 5:36 AM
66	PERHAPS BUT DEFINITELY NOT IN SHORTENING SUMMER VACATION	Jan 28, 2012 10:58 AM
67	Consolidation of Feb/April vacation to one in March. I see many parents (including teachers in our school system) taking their children out of school mid March for family vacation. The two weeks off even though in different months seem very disruptive to learning. Also - it is difficult for working parents to have to take two weeks off in the 2nd half of the year. I know the teachers look forward to the time off but in regular working world we are not afforded as many breaks as they receive.	Jan 28, 2012 7:27 AM
68	Replace February vacation with a long weekend instead.	Jan 28, 2012 5:59 AM
69	To what?	Jan 27, 2012 10:54 AM
70	A calendar that address the academic challenges in curriculum would be a benefit to all	Jan 27, 2012 9:36 AM
71	No more February recess	Jan 26, 2012 6:16 PM
72	winter break should be eliminated	Jan 26, 2012 7:16 AM
73	It really depends on what this actually means.	Jan 25, 2012 7:09 PM
74	More details needed to answer. Give examples.	Jan 25, 2012 4:12 PM
75	I would support one vacation and ending the school year earlier for summer if no missed days due to snow.	Jan 25, 2012 3:55 PM
76	get rid of February Vacation	Jan 25, 2012 2:07 PM
77	vague question...if you mean a longer year then yes.	Jan 25, 2012 1:25 PM
78	Change the calendar in what way? If you mean to do away with February vacation while retaining April vacation or moving April vacation to March, then perhaps. If you mean sending children to school all year round, then absolutely not. Children need down time, time to enjoy life, to explore the wild and to travel. Parents should also have time alone with their children to enjoy their company and to teach them whatever the children do not or cannot learn at a desk.	Jan 25, 2012 12:48 PM
79	depends on what the changes are	Jan 25, 2012 12:39 PM
80	need more detail	Jan 25, 2012 12:17 PM
81	It is fine with me	Jan 25, 2012 9:44 AM
82	No feb break, get out sooner at the end of year	Jan 25, 2012 7:32 AM
83	what are options?	Jan 25, 2012 7:10 AM
84	I can't support a change if it's not communicated in the survey.	Jan 25, 2012 6:54 AM

**Q5. Would you support changing the school year calendar?**

85	Depends on what the changes were	Jan 25, 2012 6:07 AM
86	do away with february break for longer summer	Jan 25, 2012 5:41 AM
87	This question is too vague...change it how?? School all year round...no. Changing amount of vacations...yes.	Jan 25, 2012 4:56 AM
88	Longer break for Christmas vacation	Jan 25, 2012 4:15 AM
89	This question is too vague	Jan 25, 2012 12:42 AM
90	Don't need a week off in February AND April. One spring break is enough.	Jan 24, 2012 7:53 PM
91	No Feb vacation. Teaching during summer months for the student's that need extra help.	Jan 24, 2012 7:15 PM
92	only if aligned to other districts to align with PARC, concern about teacher child care- uniformity is key	Jan 24, 2012 7:12 PM
93	Only if its shortened (eg Sept to May)	Jan 24, 2012 6:01 PM
94	Can't answer without knowing what the changes would specifically be.	Jan 24, 2012 5:07 PM
95	But why?	Jan 24, 2012 4:10 PM
96	I believe students should have longer school days and less days off since the US is lacking behind other countries.	Jan 24, 2012 3:33 PM
97	Both Feb & April vacation is redundant and interrupts learning.	Jan 24, 2012 3:25 PM
98	We need quality education, not volume.	Jan 24, 2012 3:00 PM
99	I strongly feel that the kids need the vacation schedule as it stands now especially with all the new data that needs to be done I feel it is very stressful for both the teachers and students .	Jan 24, 2012 2:44 PM
100	Feb break not necessary Take a lomg week end at President's day	Jan 24, 2012 1:19 PM
101	Elimination of Feb vacation with a longer summer	Jan 24, 2012 12:23 PM
102	Especially if it would allow kids to get out of school @ a reasonable time in June	Jan 24, 2012 11:22 AM
103	I wouldn't agree with significant changes, subtle changes okay.	Jan 24, 2012 10:52 AM
104	Make the summer vacation shorter.	Jan 24, 2012 10:35 AM
105	You list no potential changes here so I would have to see them first.	Jan 24, 2012 10:28 AM
106	I don't feel there should be a February vacation. I think we should start in late August and finish in early to mid June.	Jan 24, 2012 10:26 AM
107	Very arbortrary question. Would I support starting later or fewer holidays/vacations-yes, longer year-no...	Jan 24, 2012 10:17 AM

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108	Depending on what the change consists of.	Jan 24, 2012 10:03 AM
109	first i have heard of a change, based on that alone No.	Jan 24, 2012 10:01 AM
110	Combining Feb & April vacation. Moving teacher development days to the summer recess only.	Jan 24, 2012 9:59 AM
111	Combine the February and April vacation to one in March and let them out earlier in June.	Jan 24, 2012 9:42 AM
112	Christmas vacation, march vacation, M-Th half day summer schedule	Jan 24, 2012 9:26 AM
113	I can't answer until you give me an example of what you are thinking of changing it to . . .	Jan 24, 2012 8:52 AM
114	but it depends on what the specific changes are	Jan 24, 2012 8:43 AM



**Q6. Do you feel each child is challenged to their fullest potential?**

1	I don't believe 7th graders are being given enough challenging homework; seems to be lots of busy work or nothing at all; Needs to be more writing!!!!	Feb 14, 2012 11:41 AM
2	They are challenged to their fullest potential if they want to be.	Feb 14, 2012 7:44 AM
3	always room for improvement	Feb 14, 2012 5:29 AM
4	School asks quite a bit of a student these days. Very competitive. A sign of the times I guess.	Feb 13, 2012 6:10 PM
5	The children who do well get left behind	Feb 12, 2012 2:24 PM
6	The biggest challenge I had as a parent was during the middle school years, children are pampered to much, as if it were a goal to have as many children on the honor roll as possible rather than have them earn the credit and feel the accomplishment.	Feb 12, 2012 8:49 AM
7	I think that children get lost in the shuffle. My son, 7th grader, is an honor student and loves school. However, he is constantly stressed by the lack of self-control that some of his teachers have with their students. Constant yelling and distraction from the lesson at hand are some of his "too" frequent comments when asked how his day went. He has been able to get great grades in spite of that but, a lot of his friends are struggling. The yelling and stress level of the teachers affects their ability to tap in to the potential of the student.	Feb 12, 2012 7:15 AM
8	Need more languages and honors classes.	Feb 10, 2012 5:14 PM
9	However I do not feel extra homework is the answer when so many children aren't allowed to be children!	Feb 10, 2012 12:37 PM
10	I believe my children are challenged, and the opportunity exists for all others.	Feb 10, 2012 11:49 AM
11	There is too much pressure put on teachers and not enough at home. The children with trouble grasping concepts are more demanding of the teachers time, therefore the children that are grasping concepts are somewhat bored.	Feb 10, 2012 8:33 AM
12	i cannot comment on each child in the school system	Feb 10, 2012 8:26 AM
13	I think most are.	Feb 10, 2012 8:08 AM
14	Sometimes...depends on the subject	Feb 10, 2012 7:46 AM
15	Need more differentiated learning for kids at BOTH ends of spectrum -- not just learning-difficulties end.	Feb 10, 2012 7:46 AM
16	Some are, but not all	Feb 10, 2012 7:43 AM
17	It's due to NO child left behind-teachers can no longer be as creative and must teach to test!	Feb 10, 2012 7:38 AM
18	But I also feel that parents should enhance the learning of their children base on how they learn best as well as open their minds to show them that learning happens everywhere and you can research anything that interests you.	Feb 9, 2012 3:51 PM

**Q6. Do you feel each child is challenged to their fullest potential?**

19	I think some children are bored with school which creates premature problems with wanting to attend and learn in the future.	Feb 8, 2012 6:25 PM
20	The brightest students and the students that struggle the most are often supported. However there are too many kids that fall throughout the cracks because they don't meet a requirement for extra help. Some students become lazy because not much is expected of them. I don't know what the solution is but this is my observation.	Feb 8, 2012 9:34 AM
21	Frankly it is horrendous no accelerated or gifted classes my kid isn't challenged it is a BORE	Feb 8, 2012 8:02 AM
22	Too many behavioral issues. And too varied of ability levels for teachers to meet each child's needs to the fullest.	Feb 7, 2012 2:18 PM
23	Hard question to answer- I believe Dunn's does their best to do this, however, I believe there are many factors that prevent some high performing students to have differentiated learning opportunities.	Feb 6, 2012 4:42 PM
24	Not from what i see with my child.	Feb 4, 2012 7:48 AM
25	We have eliminated the Talented & Gifted Program in Westerly. We can talk the talk about differentiation, but it is difficult to walk the walk in the classroom each and every day with our 20+:1 student to teacher ratio, especially with so many students with so many needs. Also, frankly, too much teaching time is devoted to behavior issues, and our teaching & learning time is being hijacked in order to fill in the gaps from poor parenting/ dysfunctional families/lack of home support/ emotionally needy children due to trauma and neglect. It's difficult to help children self-actualize when you are trying to fulfill their basic emotional needs on a daily basis.	Feb 3, 2012 1:35 PM
26	We can say that differentiation allows for all children to reach their fullest potential, but not until we return to homogeneously grouped students in all grades k-12 and stop students from passing when they have not met the grade expectations, will our students ever be able to meet their fullest potential.	Feb 3, 2012 12:00 PM
27	He needs to respond better to that challenge.	Feb 2, 2012 5:58 AM
28	My child is very bored with homework and schoolwork. I believe that it should be made more of a challenge.	Feb 1, 2012 8:27 AM
29	not at all. We need more differentiation, especially for the high achieving students. I have had to seek outside programming to supplement.	Feb 1, 2012 6:34 AM
30	I feel the an Enrichment program needs to be back in the school system.	Feb 1, 2012 6:18 AM
31	I would say that this may be your #1 priority	Feb 1, 2012 6:17 AM
32	the challenge is there if the student wants it.	Jan 31, 2012 7:07 PM
33	Grade inflation in the college prep courses and not enough honors courses for the bright students. My child does well in school, but his "A" is worth much less than an "A" from a Newton, MA school. Why? They have a tough curriculum and we have easy graders and an easy curriculum. The colleges know that	Jan 31, 2012 5:33 PM

**Q6. Do you feel each child is challenged to their fullest potential?**

and it makes it more difficult for my child to compete when trying to get into a top college.

34	Even Honors students don't seem to be consistently challenged.	Jan 31, 2012 11:38 AM
35	Do you feel any individual is challenged to their full potential? There are individual teachers that are definitely pushing them toward potential, perhaps a majority, but so many factors are in play. Gifted kids get the short end of the stick unless they have the teacher that wants to go the extra mile, and we have had some of them for which i am grateful.	Jan 31, 2012 10:24 AM
36	Now that they have honor and AP classes they have been challenged BUT NOT BEFORE THEY HAD ACCESS TO THOSE CLASSES.	Jan 31, 2012 8:36 AM
37	Classes, especially in math and science, too large to teach effectively	Jan 30, 2012 6:35 PM
38	The currilculim, specifically math, but english and scoience is not aligned across the school system. Speak to the teachers and they will tell you this.	Jan 30, 2012 5:54 PM
39	Need better math curriculum and need a stronger set of teachers who teach honors courses especially in math	Jan 30, 2012 5:22 PM
40	Many students have multiple opportunities to complete and re-do assignments. They never have to be prepared.	Jan 30, 2012 4:36 PM
41	some classes are rigorous,and student centered but others are still memory based teacher directed	Jan 30, 2012 3:50 PM
42	I have had to PUSH for accelerated classes for my son.	Jan 30, 2012 3:40 PM
43	in my kids case past here potential	Jan 30, 2012 3:27 PM
44	Although our four children do very well academically, we are not convinced that any one of them are challenged to their fullest potential by the Westerly Public Schools.	Jan 30, 2012 3:23 PM
45	Perfect World- We could provide as many services for higher level learners as we do the lower level learners	Jan 30, 2012 2:46 PM
46	But it also depends on the support and expectations from home.	Jan 30, 2012 7:07 AM
47	I agree this year - last year I would not have agreed due to the teaching situation my son was in. His teacher was absent approx. 50% of the year with an on going health problem. It was very disruptive to his learning.	Jan 28, 2012 7:27 AM
48	It depends on the child	Jan 28, 2012 5:59 AM
49	In any school system this is an issue	Jan 27, 2012 10:54 AM
50	higher achieving students are not challenged enough	Jan 26, 2012 6:16 PM
51	I feel that supports for high acheiving students are lacking. A disproportionate amount of energy is poured into low performing students because of the ramifications of their performance/decisions in test scores and AYP. High	Jan 26, 2012 1:04 PM

**Q6. Do you feel each child is challenged to their fullest potential?**

performing students also need help finding challenging curriculum and dealing with social/emotional issues that are unique to their subset.

52	My children are often not challenged. Homework is repetitive and too easy	Jan 26, 2012 9:48 AM
53	a lot of assignments are given and graded on being turned in on time and not on actual effort by the student it seems	Jan 26, 2012 7:16 AM
54	Some yes but others no.	Jan 25, 2012 4:12 PM
55	I feel high achievers are not challenged or given the opportunity to sit in a higher grade subject.	Jan 25, 2012 3:55 PM
56	I think that the school teaches to the "middle" and if your child is more capable few options are available.	Jan 25, 2012 3:35 PM
57	many classes are too easy	Jan 25, 2012 1:25 PM
58	Most certainly not. High performing students are often neglected in elementary school unless their parents intervene.	Jan 25, 2012 12:48 PM
59	From my childrens perspective but this varies significantly from year to year dependent on the instructor.	Jan 25, 2012 12:17 PM
60	although there are efforts to make this happen, it is an area in need of development	Jan 25, 2012 7:32 AM
61	that would be virtually impossible unless more resources dedicated to school	Jan 25, 2012 7:10 AM
62	Integration of behavioral children in the classroom is a distraction and takes time away from learning. Those individuals need to be in a classroom of their own.	Jan 25, 2012 6:54 AM
63	Im very disappointed in how things are handled. My child was tod by his teacher that she couldnt help him because there were other kids who needed more help!!!	Jan 25, 2012 6:07 AM
64	more hands on learning is needed	Jan 25, 2012 5:41 AM
65	I answered for my own children.....I can't speak to other students. I firmly believe that what you put into your education you get out of it. We expect our children to try their hardest every day.	Jan 25, 2012 4:56 AM
66	I think that teachers are distracted by certain students behavior problems and cannot devote attention to the non problem children.students	Jan 25, 2012 3:09 AM
67	I can only speak for my kids	Jan 25, 2012 12:42 AM
68	Limited opportunity in lower grades to separate and teach to different abilities	Jan 24, 2012 7:53 PM
69	Students aren't being taught correctly. Quaility of education isn't being met.	Jan 24, 2012 7:15 PM
70	I think more advanced classrooms should be available for the faster/smarter students in each discipline.	Jan 24, 2012 6:01 PM



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71	Because all classes are integrated, I feel the "average" student is the focus and the resources are not available to effectively challenge the brighter students.	Jan 24, 2012 5:07 PM
72	This question leaves the reader wanting. How about "If no, why?" and include a free text box.	Jan 24, 2012 4:35 PM
73	my child is completely unchallenged	Jan 24, 2012 3:25 PM
74	I would like to see a language taught in grade school	Jan 24, 2012 3:24 PM
75	I say no because this question can only be answered if the teacher is wise enough to see the student's full potential. Sadly most teachers see potential for a student to become an academic like themselves.	Jan 24, 2012 3:00 PM
76	I believe my child has been challenged. However I have heard kids say they don't do things because they don't care or PRETEND they don't know how to do the assignment and they get assistance without even trying.	Jan 24, 2012 2:44 PM
77	would like to see more challenging activities given to students who have mastered the skills taught before the unit period is over (so they don't become bored and thus act out)	Jan 24, 2012 2:36 PM
78	Not always. There is a great focus on assessment and meeting those assessments, and not enough focus on individual strengths and interests. Therefore, I think that opportunities for growth and expansion of learning are missed.	Jan 24, 2012 2:04 PM
79	Ciriculum seems challenging but rigor varies from teacher to teacher	Jan 24, 2012 12:23 PM
80	There is no time for individualized teaching when the teachers are stressed trying to teach for the testing!	Jan 24, 2012 12:07 PM
81	I feel that my child is definately being challenged this yr @ school	Jan 24, 2012 11:22 AM
82	Honors classes should be offered at the middle school. My child excels in his classes and often claims to be bored.	Jan 24, 2012 10:40 AM
83	At times too much.	Jan 24, 2012 10:28 AM
84	too challenging which causes kids to get anxiety/stress and potentially could increase falling behind	Jan 24, 2012 10:16 AM
85	If they have been placed in the correct level of a subject.	Jan 24, 2012 9:59 AM
86	However, I have noticed that students who are left-handed are not given the extra attention needed to adjust the awkwardness of producing their work in the opposite direction.	Jan 24, 2012 9:43 AM
87	Absolutely not!! There is no challenging effort given to students who could use it.	Jan 24, 2012 9:42 AM
88	I think each child learns differently but are not taught differently. It seems that is never taken into consideration.	Jan 24, 2012 9:27 AM
89	we spend too much time remediating and intervening at the lower end and not	Jan 24, 2012 7:08 AM

**Q6. Do you feel each child is challenged to their fullest potential?**

enough time providing oppurtunities for advanced students within the school day



**Q7. What does the class of 2025 need to know and be able to do?**

1	Use computers, more math, more reading	Feb 16, 2012 6:30 AM
2	They will need a rain coat. GYM showering should be imposed as well as lockers. Changing of classes between buildings should be eliminated. Underclassmen should be in one building.	Feb 15, 2012 5:34 PM
3	Technology coupled with socialization. It is a very delicate balance.	Feb 15, 2012 10:24 AM
4	technology and self direction	Feb 15, 2012 6:26 AM
5	Start saving money for college and hopefully it will be affordable for you.	Feb 15, 2012 6:23 AM
6	The class 2025 will need great computer, math, and social skills. The advancements of today lead us to believe that 2025 will be technology driven. I believe that the schools of today (as well as some parents) have forgotten to teach basic manners; social skills need to be taught in the schools again.	Feb 15, 2012 5:33 AM
7	I feel that in order to be enriching for the class of 2025, I feel that they should have real-world problems integrated into the classroom. They should be able to have work experience integrated into their curriculum so by the end of high school they should truly know what they want for at least their first employment.	Feb 15, 2012 4:27 AM
8	Communicate, think, solve problems...and be good members of society.	Feb 14, 2012 11:41 AM
9	You are asking about students currently in Kindergarten. They need to learn how to get along with one another, the value of work and play and to develop a love of learning.	Feb 14, 2012 7:44 AM
10	Leave knowing they had access to a great education and a wish to continue to learn and grow. A belief in there ability to succeed in the world.	Feb 14, 2012 7:35 AM
11	think and make decisions	Feb 14, 2012 5:29 AM
12	speak english,spell add and subtract and use common sense	Feb 14, 2012 3:58 AM
13	get an education because its not an easy life without one.	Feb 13, 2012 4:01 PM
14	computer stuff and no bullying	Feb 13, 2012 2:58 PM
15	Communicate through written word, spoken word, and media. Be adaptable and aware of current events and the world outside the U.S Less stress on memorization of spelling and math facts - technology places this information at our fingertips. More stress placed on creative writing and interpersonal communication - computers can correct spelling and grammar.	Feb 12, 2012 3:33 PM
16	I believe that the youth of today lack interpersonal skills	Feb 12, 2012 8:49 AM
17	Learn self responsibility and a good work ethic.	Feb 12, 2012 8:20 AM
18	They need to know about ethics and money management and the needs of their current society so as to know where to head to with their collegiate years.	Feb 12, 2012 7:15 AM
19	N / S	Feb 11, 2012 8:58 PM

**Q7. What does the class of 2025 need to know and be able to do?**

20	idk	Feb 11, 2012 6:38 PM
21	Critical thinking and interdisciplinary problem solving utilizing large amounts of data.	Feb 11, 2012 2:11 PM
22	More discipline	Feb 11, 2012 6:13 AM
23	enter college prepared for new changes in their environment, if no college, they have to be prepared to enter the work force .	Feb 11, 2012 5:09 AM
24	Develop interests in math and science. The US needs engineers and innovators.	Feb 10, 2012 7:19 PM
25	How to problem solve, work with others, obtain and evaluate information, think critically and think outside the box.	Feb 10, 2012 7:15 PM
26	Turn off the tv and become involved in the political process and citizen activism	Feb 10, 2012 5:27 PM
27	Focus and work hard. with these two skills the students will be able to utilize their talents to the fullest. Without them the students will not flourish or be productive.	Feb 10, 2012 5:14 PM
28	That their backpacks will be very heavy and that they will need to be able to carry them from 1 school to the other in 6 minutes or less	Feb 10, 2012 5:01 PM
29	technology	Feb 10, 2012 4:15 PM
30	Work hard and stay in school	Feb 10, 2012 3:54 PM
31	Try to keep up with your education. If you need help, ask for it or look for it.	Feb 10, 2012 2:10 PM
32	Read, basic math, and write a paper. All lost skills. Schools are told to standardize test. It does NOT work!	Feb 10, 2012 12:37 PM
33	To be able to successfully compete with students exiting top notch schools.	Feb 10, 2012 12:30 PM
34	Be globally and technologically literate. Be critical and analytical thinkers. Be confident and motivated achievers.	Feb 10, 2012 11:21 AM
35	be computer literate (all aspects)	Feb 10, 2012 10:38 AM
36	The use of technology and computer skills.	Feb 10, 2012 10:28 AM
37	To read, write and think	Feb 10, 2012 10:21 AM
38	TO BELIEVE IN THEIR SELF'S AND OTHER'S	Feb 10, 2012 10:01 AM
39	Problem solve Develop strong communication skills through writing and speaking Read at 80% comprehension (at least) Read fluently at instructional level 200wpm	Feb 10, 2012 10:01 AM
40	Live in a computer dominated society. They also need more education in personal finance and risk behavior	Feb 10, 2012 9:27 AM

**Q7. What does the class of 2025 need to know and be able to do?**

41	succeed	Feb 10, 2012 8:53 AM
42	1) How to continue learning throughout a one's lifetime 2) How to applied learned principles / skills 3) How to communicate through different mediums (face to face, online, telephonic, video...etc) 4) How to be self-sufficient 5) How to set personal goals and find the will to pursue and achieve them	Feb 10, 2012 8:49 AM
43	They, like every other graduating class, need to know they can achieve goals if they are willing to work hard. They must be able to participate in a workforce and community and strive towards improving both.	Feb 10, 2012 8:36 AM
44	This is kind of vague...need to know now or then? Computer skills, math and science	Feb 10, 2012 8:33 AM
45	Practically applied science and math. Computer skills and languages.	Feb 10, 2012 8:27 AM
46	Communicate, be prepared for the world (well rounded)	Feb 10, 2012 8:08 AM
47	proficient in core subjects with focus on truly understanding material vs memorizing and not applying	Feb 10, 2012 7:58 AM
48	Verbally communicate articulately and think critically.	Feb 10, 2012 7:54 AM
49	Need to be multi-lingual, heavy in Math and Sciences.	Feb 10, 2012 7:46 AM
50	Agree with the one committee member's philosophy that all children can succeed, thus three high school tracks: college prep, honors, high honors (cant remember name of third). No 'lame' or 'cop out' tracks! This attitude, demonstrated and realized, will make Westerly High a stand-out school!	Feb 10, 2012 7:46 AM
51	Difficult to answer here - how to be a productive, contributing member of their community and understand personal responsibilities like budgeting, applying for jobs, etc.	Feb 10, 2012 7:43 AM
52	There will be many challenges and obstacles in life that will test their ability. Do not to give up. Strive to overcome them and to believe in themselves. Anything is possible.	Feb 10, 2012 7:42 AM
53	Think GLOBAL.	Feb 10, 2012 7:38 AM
54	Be able to apply what they have learned to their chosen career, and be skilled in mathematics and science.	Feb 10, 2012 7:38 AM
55	This class will need to be able to communicate with each other face to face... a major concern with texting, facebook, email....twitter...as their way of talking to each other.	Feb 9, 2012 3:51 PM
56	Research with out internet	Feb 9, 2012 7:53 AM
57	Work hard for themselves. Understand the reasoning behind having a good education.	Feb 8, 2012 6:25 PM
58	Need to know: Basic reading, writing and arithmetic, Critical thinking, and basic LEARNING skills so they can be lifelong learners. Be able to: balance a check	Feb 8, 2012 9:34 AM

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book, apply for a job, conduct themselves appropriately in a job interview, dress properly for a job interview, speak intelligently. Same applies for college.

59	Meet and exceed all grade level expectations	Feb 8, 2012 8:02 AM
60	Understand how to think independently and problem solve. Technology based careers will be required the typical 8-5 job will not keep an educated person content when they can find a way to manage usable time during the day to do the things they enjoy.	Feb 7, 2012 6:35 PM
61	Everything in modern technology. Computers. Robotics and douchore that I know nothing about!	Feb 7, 2012 2:18 PM
62	Write well and collaborate.	Feb 7, 2012 12:13 PM
63	They need to know how to be critical thinkers and also know how to be an advocate for themselves.	Feb 6, 2012 4:43 PM
64	Math, science, technology, access/exposure to foreign languages	Feb 6, 2012 4:42 PM
65	Communicate in multiple languages, the ability to work outside the structutre of a typical office environment, protect natural resources that may be severly diminished by 2025, think creatively, be independent	Feb 6, 2012 9:56 AM
66	To be responsible and respectful and get a job!!!!	Feb 4, 2012 7:48 AM
67	Honestly, they need to know the basics-- mathematics, science, history and proper use of the English language.	Feb 3, 2012 5:51 PM
68	Know how and where to access information; know how to comprehend the information; know how to communicate information; know how to & be able to: problem-solve in all areas of their life; be creative & innovative; self-regulate their behavior; develop functional relationships with others; be a self-sufficient and contributing member of society; make healthy choices; be a systems-thinker and understand that every living thing on this planet is a part of an ecosystem and we are intimately connected and interdependent, despite any physiological, political, cultural or religious differences. This is just the short list. :)	Feb 3, 2012 1:35 PM
69	Be responsible, accountable, and resourceful---- if they have mastered the above 3, they will have no problem adapting to the necessary changes created by a technological driven world.	Feb 3, 2012 12:00 PM
70	They need to be able to cooperate and collaborate to complete project-based and standards-based problems that are taken from real-world scenarios. They need to be able to apply information learned at school to real-world situations	Feb 3, 2012 5:28 AM
71	They need to know how to interact face to face. They need to be able to be a positive contributor to society in what ever they choose to do.	Feb 2, 2012 6:02 PM
72	use technology efficiently	Feb 2, 2012 10:25 AM
73	change the time	Feb 2, 2012 5:58 AM
74	They need to know that they can make a difference in society. Aside from the	Feb 2, 2012 5:58 AM

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	academic requirements, they need to be able to intelligently relate to other people. With technology (i-Phones, PCs, social media, etc), our kids seem to be losing the ability to communicate, one-on-one, with those around them. This is not a good thing.	
75	They need to know how to work in a certain field with various opportunities for gaining employment. As well as knowing how to think outside of the box in order to live a successful life in challenging economic times. They should have knowledge of the government and social structures that will directly and indirectly effect their way of life. Hopefully their will be leaders among them that will continue to strive and make our town, state and country a free and safe place to live.	Feb 1, 2012 5:49 PM
76	Have the organizatioal tools to succeed.	Feb 1, 2012 9:32 AM
77	they need to be computer literate and learn to be socially acceptable	Feb 1, 2012 8:27 AM
78	function to the best of their ability	Feb 1, 2012 8:15 AM
79	read, write, basic life math, critical thinking, self-determination, ownership, respect for authority, respect for peers	Feb 1, 2012 7:42 AM
80	knowledge of computers and all programs. maybe an education that has them ready to enter the work force once they graduate	Feb 1, 2012 6:35 AM
81	Communicate, be respectful, understand that they are not 'entitled ' to anything without hard work. Add and subtract, know something about geography and the world events that surround them. ARTICULATE and make eye contact	Feb 1, 2012 6:34 AM
82	Read, spell, advanced math, think creatively and independantly	Feb 1, 2012 6:18 AM
83	Why are we asking this question. In an ever changing world we should not be looking beyond 5 yrs. However some things never change. We need young men and woman of character with good work ethics and the knowledge to become productive citizens	Feb 1, 2012 6:17 AM
84	Strong math skills, ability to communicate effectively (written, oral)	Feb 1, 2012 4:29 AM
85	Stop bullying .	Feb 1, 2012 4:25 AM
86	Better prepared to enter the workforce	Feb 1, 2012 2:50 AM
87	Time management, organizational skills and good study habits are key to academic success and should not be overlooked in a teaching curriculum. Due to different developmental levels, it cannot be taken for granted that students are at a level to know/do this on their own and guidance in these areas would go a long way towards success in both high school and later in life.	Jan 31, 2012 7:07 PM
88	Will be able to use their electronic textbooks to facilitate the learning process. Will learn in "Master Classes" via video chat with leaders of industry, commerce, media, etc.	Jan 31, 2012 6:13 PM
89	I don't know about 2025, but the kids today need the knowledge and experience to be able to get a job in this lousy economy! Education isn't just about	Jan 31, 2012 5:33 PM



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	pragmatic stuff like getting a job, though. It is also about bettering yourself and learning. An educated person should be an excellent writer with knowledge of literature and poetry, art, mathematics, science, history, philosophy, computers, financial planning, law, government, and also practical skills.	
90	they need to know how to function in the real world.	Jan 31, 2012 5:27 PM
91	The class of 2025 needs the basic strongly enforced. Reading and basic math without relying on computers. They need to be able to think and be creative in problem solving in a rapidly changing ever smaller global community.	Jan 31, 2012 5:17 PM
92	time management and stress management to handle the rigors of graduation especailly senior year	Jan 31, 2012 4:51 PM
93	Math and Sciences!	Jan 31, 2012 1:35 PM
94	While the student would need to be technooglocially saavy, they should also be able to interract on a personal level and understand how to apply their knowledge across disciplines.	Jan 31, 2012 11:38 AM
95	They need to be problem solvers and think flexibly. They also need to have good communication skills and be able to work with others. They also need to be competitive in the technology field.	Jan 31, 2012 11:00 AM
96	How to communicate well with others face to face. That they have a responsibility to others, not just to themselves. To think critically and come up with focused questions that help direct their inquiries. They need to find something that they are passionate about.	Jan 31, 2012 10:24 AM
97	they need to learn from parents and teachers alike to be responsible for their own actions ( ie completing homework following guidelines etc) to prepare them for working in the real world.	Jan 31, 2012 9:55 AM
98	I feel to be able to compete with other countries, we really need to teach our students how to study! The use of computers should be a must for all classrooms, but they also must know how to write in cursive.	Jan 31, 2012 6:32 AM
99	Have knowledge that has prepared them for college as well as life skills to be successful in the real world.	Jan 31, 2012 5:41 AM
100	Communicate, work ethic, less self centered.	Jan 31, 2012 5:29 AM
101	adapt with changes but be able to do basic skills which it seems that may of todays students are not able to do..our math and english skills awful....our knowledge of history ...horrible,	Jan 31, 2012 5:23 AM
102	Mathematics and writing skills	Jan 31, 2012 4:39 AM
103	Understand the importance of face-to-face interaction. Put away the phones and social media.	Jan 31, 2012 3:52 AM
104	computers, no violence no bullying	Jan 31, 2012 3:47 AM
105	Read, write, math, science, FOREIGN LANGUAGES! and most importantly	Jan 30, 2012 7:12 PM

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respect and get along with others

106	They need to understand themselves and have good decision making skills. They will also need technology skills.	Jan 30, 2012 6:58 PM
107	Communication skills, thinking skills and more languages.	Jan 30, 2012 6:35 PM
108	Like the students of 2012, the class of 2025 needs to know how to read and write effectively. They will need to have a solid understanding of mathematics and science. They also will need to be fluent in at least one other language. Technology of course will be second nature to them in helping them solve problems.	Jan 30, 2012 6:00 PM
109	Proactively assess the future needs our society will have, and design the curriculum to put prepare our children for these careers and also how they may be learning as well.	Jan 30, 2012 5:54 PM
110	They need to think more creatively having a solid foundation of skills in all areas to apply their knowledge. They need to know that they are valued and have a great stake in the future. They need to be taught a set of solid core values including respect and dignity for others ,and themselves. They need to be taught the value of fairness in a community that does not value all equally.	Jan 30, 2012 5:22 PM
111	Are you serious???? Ask me in 2024.	Jan 30, 2012 5:14 PM
112	They should definitely be either career ready or college ready. I feel like they should actually know the difference and be helped in that direction before graduation.	Jan 30, 2012 5:03 PM
113	The class of 2025 needs to be able to navigate through a world of technology that we don't even have. We are not supporting them with current technology, how do we provide them with the skills to discover new technology.	Jan 30, 2012 4:56 PM
114	They need to know how to be successful beyond high school, whether that means college, work, or a training program. They need functional skills, in addition to the ability to think out of the box and use technology to aide their learning,	Jan 30, 2012 4:47 PM
115	I have no idea. The world is changing so very rapidly.	Jan 30, 2012 4:36 PM
116	the basics- how to balance your checkbook, the importance of paying bills and having good credit, how to be kind to one another	Jan 30, 2012 4:19 PM
117	work with a team, access and analyze information, and communicate their findings.	Jan 30, 2012 3:50 PM
118	good basic skills ,need to know their goal.	Jan 30, 2012 3:45 PM
119	have the the skills to do whatever there choice may be with there life enter the job market,go to a tech school,or go to college done spend all the time and funds on the proper and important things and spend them on all !!!!!!!! students not just the smartest ones all students should be treated the same and follow your hand book to the letter or dont bother handing it out	Jan 30, 2012 3:27 PM

**Q7. What does the class of 2025 need to know and be able to do?**

120	The class of 2025 needs to be able to solve problems, use technology, and compete globally in order to succeed. They also must know the value of community service and the importance of hard work.	Jan 30, 2012 3:23 PM
121	MATH!!!!!! It seems quite a few children lack in Math skills!!!	Jan 30, 2012 2:55 PM
122	i think young adults should be able to know there way through a computer in and out and also know proper skills getting out of highschool on how to apply and present yourself in the real world and for jobs.	Jan 30, 2012 2:50 PM
123	the three r's	Jan 30, 2012 2:47 PM
124	computer smart, able to speak in public, strong sense of how to communicate with peers, teachers, and community.	Jan 30, 2012 2:46 PM
125	Problem solving, creative thinking, goal planning and achieving.	Jan 30, 2012 2:45 PM
126	There needs to be viable options for success beyond high school besides college. They need to learn how to run a business in high school.	Jan 30, 2012 2:39 PM
127	Critical thinking. Adaptability to the changing job market. We also need to make sure our children graduate with a solid base of personal financial management.	Jan 30, 2012 5:36 AM
128	collaborate function in a global society communicate through writing/verbally integrate appropriate technology	Jan 28, 2012 4:26 PM
129	2025????? ABOUT 2013? WE NEED TO GET THINGS IN PLACE TODAY FOR OUR CHILDREN - WHY ARE YOU CONCERNED ABOUT CLASS OF 2025????????????????????????????????????	Jan 28, 2012 10:58 AM
130	They need understand that they need to take responsibility for their futures. Work hard and not depend on others for their successes. I feel that the Westerly School system does not put enough emphasis on the importance of a college education. It should be instilled in students while they are young. I am shocked by the amount of high school students that I talk to that do not have an idea of what they will do after high school.	Jan 28, 2012 7:27 AM
131	Plan to go to college	Jan 28, 2012 5:59 AM
132	Master reading, writing and math. Be able to communicate. Period.	Jan 27, 2012 5:51 PM
133	Be up on the latest technology which is SIGNIFICANTLY lacking in the system at this time...Westerly needs a technology goal and needs to join this century. Access to computers and the internet would at least be a start. Having one computer in a classroom of 20 students does not cut it in this day and age.	Jan 27, 2012 10:54 AM
134	Technology skills, communication skills, problem solving, and creativity.	Jan 27, 2012 9:37 AM
135	Fundraise money early on for big projects later. Ex: Prom is expensive.	Jan 26, 2012 4:00 PM
136	determine how to access and evaluate information, ask questions, understand and use technology for the better, understand use and abuse of resources, know how the political system works and is privy to opportunities to participate in the political process. Students should have the ability to utilize math in an applied	Jan 26, 2012 3:15 PM

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sense not just problems,

137	I don't have a crystal ball but it seems to me that the most indispensable skills/abilities are being able to write/speak clearly and persuasively, and have strong reading comprehension. The ability to interact confidently and competently with adults in real-life situations is also very important. Schools, with the help of parents, need to engender a sense of curiosity in students and foster in students the confidence that they can pursue their interests without fear of failure.	Jan 26, 2012 1:04 PM
138	I believe that they need to know that hard work dedication, and & being responsible will help an individual succeed. They should be able to read, perform math skills that will help with everyday life and be able to write their thoughts, hopes and dreams.	Jan 26, 2012 12:56 PM
139	Think outside of the box. Children should be able to be creative and inventive.	Jan 26, 2012 12:47 PM
140	Know how important setting goals are for their future and start on them now.	Jan 26, 2012 11:56 AM
141	I feel they need to be able to have self esteem, to communicate verbally, to have knowledge of finances and self development. To know how to take care of themselves once they graduation. To be able to read, write.to be able to have a understand and have a compassion for their community and those around them.	Jan 26, 2012 11:45 AM
142	They will need critical thinking skills and be able to think creatively.	Jan 26, 2012 11:42 AM
143	They need to have a strong grasp of basic content and skills, and have the confidence to advocate for themselves	Jan 26, 2012 9:48 AM
144	Basic Reading, writing, math, computers	Jan 26, 2012 9:40 AM
145	students should be able to assess their strengths and weaknesses and know how to manage them to be successful	Jan 26, 2012 7:16 AM
146	Technology and communicate with others around the world. Classrooms need to keep up with what the kids are exposed to the outside world.	Jan 26, 2012 6:43 AM
147	write, be computer literate, have the appropriate social skills to work together well with others, speak a second language	Jan 25, 2012 7:09 PM
148	They need to know how to work hard, meet true deadlines, ask questions, apply what they have learned.	Jan 25, 2012 6:59 PM
149	Problem solve, read, write and creativity	Jan 25, 2012 5:59 PM
150	Whatever it takes to succeed in that time	Jan 25, 2012 4:12 PM
151	Computer technology, budgeting of personal finances and charity (compassion).	Jan 25, 2012 3:55 PM
152	How to work in the global marketplace. Advanced education in technology and they need to be aware of all new innovations across a variety of disciplines.	Jan 25, 2012 3:35 PM
153	Communicate, research, use technology effectively, get along well and work with others,	Jan 25, 2012 1:33 PM

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154	that the world is becoming increasingly competitive and success requires sustained hard work. try hard only counts in little league.the school will ultimately prepare children for life not just college or a job.	Jan 25, 2012 1:25 PM
155	All students should have mastery of "the three R's", study English and American literature, and have a firm grasp of American history and civics. Most should have at least basic knowledge of Chinese or Spanish, world history and economics, and be computer literate. Some of these students should know advanced mathematics, science, engineering, and computer programming.	Jan 25, 2012 12:48 PM
156	the "OLD" math when you could count back change in your head!	Jan 25, 2012 12:39 PM
157	Technology, Science and business. Convergence of these aspects will enable students to gain perspective of the society around them and perhaps how to manipulate it to work in their favor.	Jan 25, 2012 12:17 PM
158	the world of science and technology	Jan 25, 2012 9:44 AM
159	Be positive and stay focused on individual goals.	Jan 25, 2012 9:27 AM
160	I think more emphasis should be placed on work ethic, organization, respect, ect. There are so many young adults and children who are not exposed to these areas.	Jan 25, 2012 8:04 AM
161	The class needs to know how to be able to fill out a college entrance form to further their education. They need to be able to be self starters and independent.	Jan 25, 2012 7:56 AM
162	Technology, emp on science and math. Include the second language oportunities early on in elementary level!!!	Jan 25, 2012 7:32 AM
163	One of the biggest challenges in most public schools today is lack of communication between school staff and parents. In addition, outside influences like drugs, alcohol, continues to be an increasing problem within schools with little education to the students about negative effects and little support to control within school system as well.	Jan 25, 2012 7:10 AM
164	do not know	Jan 25, 2012 7:02 AM
165	The need to develop good study habits. They also need to learn that they are accountable for themselves and the decisions that they make. There are consequences and it's not OK to fail. There is no "prolonged progression".	Jan 25, 2012 6:54 AM
166	Social Education - less bullying More project based learning to extend their independent thinking Organization and confidence in senior work.	Jan 25, 2012 6:47 AM
167	Everything the classes of 2003 and older knew!	Jan 25, 2012 6:07 AM
168	Read and communicate effectively about complex topics imporrtant in the trades and college settings.	Jan 25, 2012 5:52 AM
169	market themselves for the workforce. technology, hands on skills are important, public speaking	Jan 25, 2012 5:41 AM
170	Fluency in modern technology and mathematics will be essential. A large World	Jan 25, 2012 5:24 AM

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view and better understanding of the variety of cultures.

171	Technology is rapidly changing every year and our students need to stay abreast of these changes and be exposed to the hardware that is available. Technology will increasingly be used to facilitate instruction.	Jan 25, 2012 4:56 AM
172	Life skills to succeed after highschool. Not everyone is college bound. Get Vocation education to WHS	Jan 25, 2012 4:44 AM
173	To be more aware of the importance of taking care of the environment. To live to make the world a better place. Whatever field they are interested in, to help them develop a sense of the whole and that we are all important in building a better school society and world. Become successful with a higher purpose in mind than personal gain.	Jan 25, 2012 4:15 AM
174	Speak clearly, think logically, write logically and pass an armed forces physical readiness test.	Jan 25, 2012 3:09 AM
175	Science and technology.	Jan 25, 2012 12:42 AM
176	They are faced with technology being in the way of having a face to face conversation i predict many will have hard time knowing how to communicate without being so dependent on texting emailing talking etc.	Jan 24, 2012 9:03 PM
177	Estimate math answers, so they know if their calculations are close or not. And rationalize differing points of view - information on the Web can not be taken at face value, must combine ideas from multiple sources to come to real conclusions; must be able to see issues from multiple sides and find own answers. Students must learn to QUESTION, not just accept what is presented to them as fact (even starting at lower grades).	Jan 24, 2012 7:53 PM
178	More Science and Math skills to compete with other students from other country's.	Jan 24, 2012 7:15 PM
179	understand finance mortgage, credit, investment, retirement plan, computer, think creatively, opportunity to discover interests	Jan 24, 2012 7:12 PM
180	Read-Write-Math-Computers-Public Speaking-Job Interview-Music-Home economics-DIY courses-VoTech classes for ALL	Jan 24, 2012 6:01 PM
181	Back to the fundamentals of learning, Learn the basis of all and the ability to find answers, the rest will follow	Jan 24, 2012 5:30 PM
182	Techonology and computers	Jan 24, 2012 5:18 PM
183	write in English, cursive, and type, basic accounting, math fundamentals, physics	Jan 24, 2012 5:12 PM
184	They need to have a plan on how they will differentiate themselves from everyone else in their career of choice. They need to have excellent problem-solving, media, and life skills.	Jan 24, 2012 5:07 PM
185	This is a strange question. Not sure how to answer it other than have basic life skills and be lifelong learners. I'm not sure this response helps shape a strategic plan.	Jan 24, 2012 4:35 PM

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186	They need to know that if they work hard they will be rewarded. They are not entitled to anything unless they work for it.	Jan 24, 2012 4:21 PM
187	Communicate, think outside box	Jan 24, 2012 4:10 PM
188	the class of 2025 has to at least catch up to other countries achedemically and should learn a variety of information and know how to apply the knowledge later in life by the time of graduation. College rates should increase, while the drop-out rate should be way less than it is now.	Jan 24, 2012 3:33 PM
189	The complexities of the world. Hands on technology, math, science and UNDERSTAND why it's important. My child still doesn't know why he studies it even though he's a high achieving student.	Jan 24, 2012 3:25 PM
190	Read. Write. Do math. Function in an electronic environment	Jan 24, 2012 3:00 PM
191	I suspect that the class of 2025 will no longer be a class, but many individuals studying from home using free, abundant information to gravitate toward where their passions lead them.	Jan 24, 2012 3:00 PM
192	feel safe while getting the best education they can	Jan 24, 2012 2:52 PM
193	First I expect my child to be respectful and have the confidence that he can do whatever he wants to do.	Jan 24, 2012 2:44 PM
194	I think we need to continue to emphasize science and math skills	Jan 24, 2012 2:36 PM
195	How to think critically and broadly about issues. How to creatively approach tasks. How to work effectively with many types of people. How to balance technology advancement with personal connection and independent thinking. To be well rounded. To have confidence and articulation of strengths- self discipline. Ability to multi-task.	Jan 24, 2012 2:04 PM
196	Sky's the limit.	Jan 24, 2012 1:19 PM
197	Be an independent thinker and problem solver	Jan 24, 2012 12:34 PM
198	They will face new challenges and still be rectifying our mistakes. They need to know how to think critically, creatively, and be able to work together, co-operatively to resolve conflict. They need to realize that computers and technology are only tools to be used in furthering their own ideas, that real, fulfilling life happens out amongst other humans. They need good manners, patience, perseverance, and the strength to be independent.	Jan 24, 2012 12:26 PM
199	Critical Thinking, flexibility, adaptability will be essential for these kids to succeed.	Jan 24, 2012 12:23 PM
200	READ. SPELL. BASIC MATH. KNOW the BASICS of how government is run. KNOW the HISTORY of THIS country. Learn tolerance. Learn how to socialize with adults. Get these kids interacting with PEOPLE.	Jan 24, 2012 12:07 PM
201	They will need to know how to read, write and problem solve. No different than today and 50 years ago. Reading and writing might be done on a digital device, but it is still reading and writing.	Jan 24, 2012 12:01 PM



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202	Have a good work ethic, be able to handle whatever technology is @ that time, etc	Jan 24, 2012 11:22 AM
203	Communicate verbally	Jan 24, 2012 11:17 AM
204	How to implement technology and use it will maintaining relationships with others	Jan 24, 2012 10:42 AM
205	easily combine skills learned in different classes to develop practical and creative solutions to real world situations	Jan 24, 2012 10:40 AM
206	Adapt to change. Have confidence to continue education, change careers, think outside the box	Jan 24, 2012 10:38 AM
207	I'm not sure.	Jan 24, 2012 10:35 AM
208	Be critical thinkers and make excellent personal choices	Jan 24, 2012 10:29 AM
209	Beyond the basics, I feel technology will be dominant more so than today. Technology makes people lazy, however, that is what people want. My generation will have worked far harder for what they did and acheived in school than generations that follow.	Jan 24, 2012 10:28 AM
210	You are already pushing them too much. My 3rd grader can't do basic math (addition of 2 and 3 digit numbers, and subtraction) I've brought it to the attention of the teacher, but there is only so much to be done to help. I work nights and weekends, so I can't help with homework too much.	Jan 24, 2012 10:26 AM
211	Personal finance and budgeting, social skills, reading, writing and arithmetic.	Jan 24, 2012 10:17 AM
212	Be happy!	Jan 24, 2012 10:16 AM
213	Way too much!!	Jan 24, 2012 10:03 AM
214	Read, write and adapt to change.	Jan 24, 2012 10:01 AM
215	Students then and now need some basics - understand how to balance a checkbook, learn the value of money, and to know that they are not entitled to any job or payscale but have to earn it.	Jan 24, 2012 9:59 AM
216	Read proficiently and WRITE AND READ CURSIVE (handwriting) - the age of computers has all but eliminated writing - some middle school students cannot produce a written signature of their own name nor can they read cursive !	Jan 24, 2012 9:43 AM
217	How to get along with others and how to make their way in society as a functioning part of the community. They need to know kindness and if teachers want respect they also need to respect the child. Respect is learned and earned.	Jan 24, 2012 9:42 AM
218	Life skills such as balancing a checkbook and budgeting. Goal planning, College planning, study skills, and how to deal with the transition to college life, work life or life after high school in general.	Jan 24, 2012 9:40 AM
219	They need to be able to successfully compete and compare with students who are highly educated from other parts of our country and the world.	Jan 24, 2012 9:39 AM



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220	Technology - the class of 2025 will be challenged with understanding and operating multi technological medias.	Jan 24, 2012 9:35 AM
221	Technology changes instantly its hard to say	Jan 24, 2012 9:34 AM
222	they need basic skills and understanding. How to balance a checkbook and count back money. Being "book" smart is so wonderful but if you have no common sense to back it up then what good is it going to do you.	Jan 24, 2012 9:27 AM
223	Speak properly, read, balance a checkbook, interview for a job, dress appropriately, change a tire, cook a well-balanced meal, and formulate a monthly budget.	Jan 24, 2012 9:26 AM
224	Math, Writing, a foreign language, Internet and communication skills.	Jan 24, 2012 9:18 AM
225	use technology and work as a group.	Jan 24, 2012 9:10 AM
226	Use Technology	Jan 24, 2012 8:59 AM
227	The class of 2025 will need to adapt to a rapidly changing world by being more proficient in technology and science than prior classes.	Jan 24, 2012 8:54 AM
228	Think outside of the box! Color outside of the lines! See everything with the future in mind (learn from the past but don't live in it)	Jan 24, 2012 8:52 AM
229	Use and have access to technology, read, write, compute, problem solve.	Jan 24, 2012 8:51 AM
230	Have respect. Knowledge level to be completely ready for college	Jan 24, 2012 8:51 AM
231	Hard to answer this so far in advance. They must know how to learn and be up on current technology.	Jan 24, 2012 8:51 AM
232	ALL Media and beyond	Jan 24, 2012 8:42 AM
233	be able to read, write a complete sentence...do math without a computer/calculator. But be able to use technology to its fullest. as well as know history so that we do not repeat our mistakes.	Jan 24, 2012 7:56 AM
234	They need to know how to think for themselves, that life is not fair, they are not entitled to anything, if they want something they need to work for it and they can be anything they want to be if they apply themselves and work hard.	Jan 24, 2012 7:08 AM
235	Communicate effectively in order to eventually join and be able to contribute to the workforce; not all people need to go to college in order to be lifelong learners- many can, do, and should, learn trades.	Jan 24, 2012 6:25 AM
236	remember kindness and manners will always be expected	Jan 24, 2012 6:24 AM
237	Strong interpersonal skills	Jan 13, 2012 12:09 PM
238	how to find relevant information and be able to communicate it.	Jan 13, 2012 4:39 AM



**Q8. What do you picture your ideal school will look like?**

1	Focussing on what the kids need to know before they graduate , and cracking down on the students who cause trouble	Feb 16, 2012 6:30 AM
2	A big arena conecting both schools to have for a future indoor hockey and track set up. A campus setting was by far the dumbest that our former head left us with as he took off to his new job.	Feb 15, 2012 5:34 PM
3	No summer school because all students are doing the best they can through out the school year.	Feb 15, 2012 6:23 AM
4	The ideal school would have teachers and students who have compaction for each other.	Feb 15, 2012 5:33 AM
5	I feel the idea school should be an open campus with classes more like a college: individualized, specialized and specifically meeting the needs of the students. Alternative classes should be introduced to supplement and online learning should be integrated with traditional instruction for enhancement and opportunities outside of the traditional mainstream.	Feb 15, 2012 4:27 AM
6	An environment where students/teachers are respectful and motivated to learn/teach and be the best they can be.	Feb 14, 2012 11:41 AM
7	Question is too vague. What level, in what regard? Too open ended.	Feb 14, 2012 7:44 AM
8	A school where each child is given the ability to reach there potencial	Feb 14, 2012 7:35 AM
9	old fashioned and basic no touchy feely bs	Feb 14, 2012 3:58 AM
10	a school that looks like a huge college building with dozens of learning rooms about everything you could possibly think of for a kid. Also it would have a huge library with tons of books.	Feb 13, 2012 4:01 PM
11	with new technology computers	Feb 13, 2012 2:58 PM
12	There has to be a better way for students to communicate with adults...sometimes it's not about the degree,but the support,caring,love and understanding of the adult.	Feb 13, 2012 10:02 AM
13	less focus on test scores. more free play	Feb 12, 2012 5:20 PM
14	less focus on test scores. more free play	Feb 12, 2012 5:18 PM
15	Students are put into classes based on learning style. Students that learn alike are taught together according to their specific learning style/needs. Testing and assessments are also based on this. Outcome goals for each student are not the same but tailored to the individual. The world needs a variety of different workers to contribute to its future, why try to create each person the same?	Feb 12, 2012 3:33 PM
16	State of the Art Computer Labs/access. Safer cleaning products used, less harsh chemicals. Clean, well taken care of facility. Maint. issues addressed.	Feb 12, 2012 8:20 AM
17	I think that the Westerly Middle School is a great model for what my ideal school should look like. It is a great design and easy to maneuver throughout by the students.	Feb 12, 2012 7:15 AM

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18	N / S	Feb 11, 2012 8:58 PM
19	idk	Feb 11, 2012 6:38 PM
20	A school should have enthusatic and supported instructors that teach to the needs of all students. They should have the nest facilities. Instructors should also be excellent and be assessed regularly	Feb 11, 2012 2:11 PM
21	Good education and good morals teaching	Feb 11, 2012 6:13 AM
22	No more textbooks. all students will have an e-reader with all textbooks stored on it	Feb 10, 2012 7:19 PM
23	More choices and individualized learning, better use of technology, more hands on relevant learning, better communication with families.	Feb 10, 2012 7:15 PM
24	It will have a variety of ways to learn the same thing. No 2 students learn the same way. All must be given an oppportunity to discover the best way and be provided with the tools and resources to receive and practive knowledge that way.	Feb 10, 2012 5:27 PM
25	Very disciplined, structured and serious. School is not about fun it's for learning. A more spartan environment coupled with an emphasis on excellence would give the students the foundation for future success.	Feb 10, 2012 5:14 PM
26	Like school	Feb 10, 2012 3:54 PM
27	A place where children enjoy going to.	Feb 10, 2012 2:10 PM
28	More like a Montessori school.	Feb 10, 2012 12:37 PM
29	Small class size classrooms and students who are engaged in learning.	Feb 10, 2012 12:30 PM
30	A place where every child is learning specific to their needs and goals. A place where progress is measured, for students and teachers, in a comprehensive way. A safe place where every child's dream is important and they feel capable of achieving!	Feb 10, 2012 11:21 AM
31	doesn't matter	Feb 10, 2012 10:38 AM
32	A school where all students are recognized for their individual talents and abilities - specifically students who may be average and need to develop more strengths. Also, more ways for parents who work to be involved	Feb 10, 2012 10:01 AM
33	Not much different	Feb 10, 2012 9:27 AM
34	the way it looks now	Feb 10, 2012 8:53 AM
35	classes full of children actually engaged in the learning process and learning how to work together.	Feb 10, 2012 8:36 AM
36	The ideal school should be welcoming, promote learning, open communication between each teacher/administrator, no toleration policy on bullying that is enforced, teachers that want to be there, dedicated parents that support their	Feb 10, 2012 8:33 AM

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children, and happy, shining children.

37	A campus setting with buildings/floors dedicated to a certain discipline such as a building or wing dedicated to just science, math, the arts or extra curricular instruction in non-traditional subjects or trades (plumbing, electrical, construction, etc...)	Feb 10, 2012 8:27 AM
38	Top of the line technology. Endless educational supplies. Near perfect moral, students and faculty.	Feb 10, 2012 8:08 AM
39	Not WHS a newer school with smart boards computers and better technology. A safer school WHS is easy to enter no one would know your there!	Feb 10, 2012 7:59 AM
40	The picture of the ideal school is one that is maintained on a daily basis and the town does not wait 10 or 20 years to fund normal maintenance with bonds. As a town we need to be proactive and maintain our school buildings so that the tax payers of Westerly do not have to approve huge bonds to fix the buildings that should have been maintained each year.	Feb 10, 2012 7:57 AM
41	Similar to a financial institution...keeping up with technology and advancement.	Feb 10, 2012 7:54 AM
42	The school would need seniors doing some type of internship, and maybe access to college campuses.	Feb 10, 2012 7:46 AM
43	Mild uniforms/dress code (see above), a faculty parking lot that isnt reflexively empty by 3 or so (high school), ALL kids challenged. Senior project not so sure about -- how much is learned from this experience? Would like a survey done with kids who have gone through it. Did they find it valuable or more distracting from their other studies/classes/learning?	Feb 10, 2012 7:46 AM
44	Open communication between school and community. Community is aware of schools goals and partner to help all students succeed.	Feb 10, 2012 7:43 AM
45	Well balanced subjects that challenge and encourage each child to succeed and have fun learning.	Feb 10, 2012 7:42 AM
46	More computers/electronic equipment, science labs, more languages offered- Chinese.Keep art, music, gym ect!	Feb 10, 2012 7:38 AM
47	Nothing is ideal, but the information I receive from my child, her teachers, and the school system is critical in assessing the overall educational process. I think the Westerly School System does this very well.	Feb 10, 2012 7:38 AM
48	A school where all students have the opportunity to find their true love of learning. More of a feel than a look.	Feb 9, 2012 3:51 PM
49	Same as it is	Feb 9, 2012 7:53 AM
50	Clean with an easy environment for breathing. No chalk boards as will impact children with asthma. Fun and lively teachers who strive to make learning fun and interesting. Use of iPad tablets may help. Use the utmost technology in class. Continue with teaching elements of friendship, caring and respect for others including elders. A good nutrition program that promotes healthy eating and exercise. Would want to pair that with a fun physical education program that	Feb 8, 2012 6:25 PM

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	incorporates sports and elements of art/dance (i.e. Zumbatomic program which has been mandated in VT and TX as part of the P.E. program).	
51	A place where every student feels they are valued, can explore their interests, can figure out and then hone their talents.	Feb 8, 2012 9:34 AM
52	A challenging learning environment where my child is continually challenged to excel	Feb 8, 2012 8:02 AM
53	Hopefully more creativity and teach kids how to use new resources available to them. Hope there is more focus on teaching kids to create their careers rather than searching for them in classifieds	Feb 7, 2012 6:35 PM
54	A warm,welcoming and safe place to learn. I spend some time each week at wms. And I don't feel like that school possesses that quality. Not blaming anyone. It's just how it is and that's too bad	Feb 7, 2012 2:18 PM
55	K - 5	Feb 7, 2012 10:12 AM
56	I would love to see more community outreach.	Feb 6, 2012 4:43 PM
57	updated, modernized, clean, safe, latest technology. Happy, energetic learning environment, experiential learning opportunities. Staff that feel valued, supported and given the proper support and professional development.	Feb 6, 2012 4:42 PM
58	Like a Google office - good food, flexible hours, time to interact on a personal level off of the tech grid, multiple options for recreation, individual learning plans for each student or small group of students, business partnerships from around the world	Feb 6, 2012 9:56 AM
59	To be based on each child instead of all about test scores that don't amount to anything except money from the state.	Feb 4, 2012 7:48 AM
60	Progressive. Innovative. Developmentally appropriate. Joyful.	Feb 3, 2012 1:35 PM
61	School classrooms would consist of levels vs grades. Resources would be available to all levels and not just for Special Education, including personnel. Enrichment levels would be soaring in each building with the staffing to support this instruction. Students would not progress from the elementary level to the middle school level until they were proficient in their respective levels and the same from the middle school to the high school.	Feb 3, 2012 12:00 PM
62	The ideal school would include daily use of technology including interactive white boards, personal computing devices, wireless internet and electronic learning management systems. Teachers would communicate with parents and students electronically through email, websites, and texting. Students would be able to submit questions and assignments over the internet, creating a paperless classroom.	Feb 3, 2012 5:28 AM
63	4 campuses. Early Childhood, Elementary, Jr. High, Senior High.	Feb 2, 2012 6:02 PM
64	higher learning working together to support all students no bullying safe, comfortable for all	Feb 2, 2012 10:25 AM

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65	Clean, well-maintained grounds, and we are getting there. I want to see a vibrant, enthusiastic atmosphere, and we are getting there as well.	Feb 2, 2012 5:58 AM
66	I picture a school that has more open classrooms and more integration of community and government figures so that the students can grasp the "real life" situation they are preparing for. I don't think a closed classroom with tightly structured curriculum is the only way or even the best way to prepare the students for life after high school.	Feb 1, 2012 5:49 PM
67	Multi-discipline learning to accommodate different styles of learning. Also music instruction for every child!	Feb 1, 2012 9:32 AM
68	Campus	Feb 1, 2012 8:15 AM
69	Uniforms, multi-path learning, project based, strong & enforced behavior policy	Feb 1, 2012 7:42 AM
70	not sure	Feb 1, 2012 6:35 AM
71	Dress code; teachers who are present and not constantly 'out' for training or math, science, reading 'training days'; students who greet each adult with a hello and eye contact; TEXT BOOKS; more academics and less social service; more instruction and less placating; happy kids who feel that they are challenged - not bored;	Feb 1, 2012 6:34 AM
72	No bullying, no drugs, enrichment classes provided for those children who excel in their current curriculum,	Feb 1, 2012 6:18 AM
73	All students engaged Varied educational opportunities for all students A place where all students feel comfortable and safe An environment where the staff and students know each other well and genuinely like and respect one another	Feb 1, 2012 6:17 AM
74	More actions against bullying.	Feb 1, 2012 4:25 AM
75	A school where a child feels safe and comfortable with an environment that is conducive for learning	Feb 1, 2012 2:50 AM
76	High school starting at a later time. Studies have shown teenage students learn better with later start times. Elementary students are usually early risers, so the times should be flipped.	Jan 31, 2012 7:07 PM
77	More educators, less administration, remove "No Child Left Behind". If you are behind, stay after school to catch up. All this does is slow everyone else down.	Jan 31, 2012 6:13 PM
78	I like the idea of modern technology in the classroom (laptops, flat screens, great science equipment), but my ideal school would also have lots of honors classes and teachers who strive for academic excellence. I want a degree from WHS to be worth the same as a degree from Newton North High School in Massachusetts. Frankly, they don't compare right now. We need to become more competitive and raise our academic bar.	Jan 31, 2012 5:33 PM
79	a school that sees a student as an individual not as a number and sees them for who they are not the funding they can get for them.	Jan 31, 2012 5:27 PM
80	An ideal school would separate children based on learning styles and ability. It	Jan 31, 2012 5:17 PM

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would have teachers that could teach the subject and to the child's learning style. It would fit children who are not academic with a trade so that they could be prepared for the workforce or at least for a trade school or tech school upon graduation.

81	honetly similar to SHS. One building, use of lockers, decreased stress on students with senior project work and teachers who are positive, encouraging and enthusaitic about teaching and learning. eliminate heavy back backs and be sensitive to a 6 min cross time. Administration should try to put a back pack on, and try to cross in icy rainy and snowy condition from third floor babcock to 3rd floor ward. We are not helping the backs of our children and again more stress	Jan 31, 2012 4:51 PM
82	Modern and updated	Jan 31, 2012 1:35 PM
83	Interactive sessions/projects with a focus on team-building and problem-solving. The school would expose children to international issues and encourage involvement and service.	Jan 31, 2012 11:38 AM
84	It would be a school that prepares my child for the future so that he will have the necessary skills to be competitive in higher education and beyond. An ideal school would also hold both the school community and parents accountable for student achievement understanding that it takes both to work together. An ideal school would provide each student with what he or she needs including enrichment programs. Much of the emphasis in schools seems to be on remedial programs. There needs to be a balance of both.	Jan 31, 2012 11:00 AM
85	A high school with students doing a mixture of independent work (self-directed projects) and classwork. All children taking ownership of their education and having personal pride in their accomplishments. Teachers feeling appreciated and supported. Parents experiencing little frustration because they can easily access info. and feel they are part of the school's fabric.	Jan 31, 2012 10:24 AM
86	.	Jan 31, 2012 9:55 AM
87	Instead of 40 lb backpacks, how about tablets? More emphasis on learning.	Jan 31, 2012 6:32 AM
88	A school that is well maintained where every child is given the opportunity to learn to their fullest potential.	Jan 31, 2012 5:41 AM
89	State of the art technology in all classrooms...computers/laptops for all students.	Jan 31, 2012 5:29 AM
90	Sense of community and respect for adults	Jan 31, 2012 4:39 AM
91	i think they need to always keep up with the computer stuff because the kids do and you need to keep their interest	Jan 31, 2012 3:47 AM
92	High achievers should be encouraged to grow and learn. More attention should be paid to those children who do well in school. Any student who is meeting benchmarks/GLEs as early as September should be recognized as high achievers and curriculum should be adjusted to suit their needs as vigorously as those who are in danger of not meeting benchmarks.	Jan 30, 2012 7:12 PM
93	I don't care what the school looks like if my child is safe and learning what	Jan 30, 2012 6:58 PM



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	he/she needs to learn.	
94	Bright, clean buildings filled with current technology & smiling teachers who help each student reach their potential.	Jan 30, 2012 6:35 PM
95	An ideal school is where each student is welcomed into a community that supports and encourages their academic success.	Jan 30, 2012 6:00 PM
96	Solid fundamental based elementary curriculum, and ensure it aligns through high school. Grammar is not taught until high school! This should be learned in Middle. Math stinks, and the scores have shown this for years. I am extremely disappointed that educated individuals continue to allow this in our system!	Jan 30, 2012 5:54 PM
97	Small class sizes with flexible scheduling, individualized instruction using portfolios and pass or fail grades based on criteria learned. Teachers need to be dedicated and willing to stay after to work in an Ace program to get more individualized help when needed. Respect for adults and teachers is key. Teachers need to be evaluated annually by team, not friends. Uniforms and a strict adherence to the rules apply to all students no matter who their parents are connected to. Drugs will not be tolerated by teachers, coaches and administrators in and outside of school no matter what team would be effected and no matter what family may feel dishonored. The school handbook would truly be enforced by the entire staff.	Jan 30, 2012 5:22 PM
98	Not sure....but I bet it will be expensive. \$\$\$\$\$\$.00	Jan 30, 2012 5:14 PM
99	Strong partnerships with the community and its businesses would create frequent real-world application of skills and knowledge for our students. Both the community and its schools would benefit from understanding the academic and social needs of each entity. The schools need the community and the community needs the schools!	Jan 30, 2012 4:56 PM
100	I would like to see our schools be able to offer some of the opportunities that our magnet schools are now. In terms of technology integration, curriculum options, and community involvement.	Jan 30, 2012 4:47 PM
101	Kids working at their full potential fully engaged in areas that they find both interesting and challenging.	Jan 30, 2012 4:36 PM
102	A place where all children are equal, they can be themselves without being harassed or bullied	Jan 30, 2012 4:19 PM
103	-Good teachers -good principal -good education	Jan 30, 2012 3:58 PM
104	school is o.k as far as physical structure is concerned	Jan 30, 2012 3:45 PM
105	dont care how school looks its what is going on in the school the learning that matters	Jan 30, 2012 3:27 PM
106	A school full of talented, passionate, and EFFECTIVE teachers. Teachers who can manage a classroom, motivate students, and teach relevant content area information and skills. We need a whole district full of Rob Gouvins and Melissa Talardys! (Many of Westerly's teachers have become too comfortable in their	Jan 30, 2012 3:23 PM

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jobs, lack classroom control, and are not really concerned with doing what's best for students. It is very disheartening.)

107	modern. all available technical advances available...always updated..	Jan 30, 2012 2:50 PM
108	disciplined - uniforms- quality staff and laptops for all	Jan 30, 2012 2:47 PM
109	a place where every student can be successful without the amount of stress placed on them with constant testing and probes. Kids need to be kids sometimes and that has been taken away with constant testing.	Jan 30, 2012 2:46 PM
110	Positive, team building, technical, and an school everyone is proud to be part of.	Jan 30, 2012 2:45 PM
111	Tech savvy, this is the world we live in	Jan 30, 2012 6:48 AM
112	no books-all technology based acceptance of cultural differences classroom without walls	Jan 28, 2012 4:26 PM
113	1. HAVING QUALIFIED TEACHERS THAT ARE VERY KNOWLEDGEABLE WITH THE MATERIAL AND THAT CAN CLEARLY TEACH THE MATERIAL . 2. RESPECT CHILDREN AS THEY WANT TO BE RESPECTED IN THEIR CLASSROOMS. 3. IF THERE IS A CODE THEN ALL SHOULD FOLLOW IT AND NOT FOR CERTAINS ONES TO BE SINGLED OUT WHILE OTHERS GET FAVORED. 4. HAVING A FAIR, CLEAN, SAFE, UP TO DATE EQUIPMENT, AND HAVING CLASSROOMS THAT ARE SUITABLE FOR CHILDREN.	Jan 28, 2012 10:58 AM
114	My son spent two years at one elementary school in Westerly and now due to a move has transferred to another one in town. If I were to be able to combine the best of both schools it would be ideal. The former school was very good with communication with parents and parent involvement was very high. This is something that is lacking in our new school - I feel that I need to seek information out and unfortunately with a busy work schedule this is not always possible - I would like to be more involved in school (volunteering, PTO) but sometimes am not aware of events until the day of. Our new school is very nurturing - I feel that an emphasis is put on the importance of each child and what they achieve. Children seem very happy and learning is not a struggle. I would say overall I am very happy with our new school - just wish parents were more involved and school communicated better with us.	Jan 28, 2012 7:27 AM
115	Anything fuctional and safe	Jan 28, 2012 5:59 AM
116	A place where	Jan 27, 2012 5:51 PM
117	Clean, organized, responsive to the students needs, engaging, warm, welcoming. Students are held to the highest moral standards and are respectful of school and their environment.	Jan 27, 2012 9:37 AM
118	It would bring some of the fun and excitement back into the classrooms. As a parent and educator, I often feel like the rigors are creating high levels of stress for all involved. Schools should look at creating an environment where we can look at the whole child- academic, social, and emotional pieces.	Jan 27, 2012 9:36 AM

**Q8. What do you picture your ideal school will look like?**

119	Big with lots of desks and a low student to teacher ratio.	Jan 26, 2012 4:00 PM
120	The high school alone cannot create the ideal it is about process that begins in the elementary school. Nevertheless, the ideal highschool, our school would be K-10 skills and content fcreating a strong academic foundation and grades 11 and 12 exploration and advancement.	Jan 26, 2012 3:15 PM
121	Clean, bright, colorful, spacious, full of displays of student work and full of people who are excited about learning.	Jan 26, 2012 1:04 PM
122	It would be a school with all the latest technology, a building that also focuses on fitness and health.	Jan 26, 2012 12:56 PM
123	More hands on learning.	Jan 26, 2012 12:47 PM
124	CLEAN bathrooms with SINKS!!!! Bigger classrooms, clean well kept grounds with room to play & a great playground	Jan 26, 2012 11:59 AM
125	The physical "look" is not as important as the safety and protocol of the high school. Drugs, bullying, etc is a big problem. Not sure my son will attend, thinking of private school.	Jan 26, 2012 11:56 AM
126	An ideal school would have state-of-the art technology and a variety of classes that address of areas of intelligence.	Jan 26, 2012 11:42 AM
127	More open to parent involvement, better handling of parent concerns	Jan 26, 2012 9:48 AM
128	Alot like ours, but with less focus on the delinquents who don't appreciate education and the special needs kids who disrupt classes.	Jan 26, 2012 9:40 AM
129	schools should be clean and safe firstmost	Jan 26, 2012 7:16 AM
130	Classrooms that are accomodating to change and technology. they also need to have a happy and engaging enviroment whether it is personel and environmental.	Jan 26, 2012 6:43 AM
131	earlier second language acquisition learning more learning and studying skills	Jan 25, 2012 7:09 PM
132	All day learning. Instruction and application of what is learned. A school day that takes into consideration the learning styles of all involved and at a reasonable hour.	Jan 25, 2012 6:59 PM
133	Happy Children learning various subjects with opportunities to also participate in team building relationship making activities.	Jan 25, 2012 5:59 PM
134	Safe, secure, filled with the best techniques for students to reach their full potential.	Jan 25, 2012 4:12 PM
135	Highly technical and overlapping grades or team teaching.	Jan 25, 2012 3:55 PM
136	A school where the teachers are effective and love to teach and a school where the children are pushed to their fullest potential and beyond.	Jan 25, 2012 3:35 PM
137	A place that is creative in teaching, respectful in relationships, and open to	Jan 25, 2012 2:07 PM

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	families.	
138	Dedicated professionals, involved parents working together.	Jan 25, 2012 1:33 PM
139	As in mere appearance? There would be trees, gardens, and sports fields on the outside, and possibly a few animals, all maintained at least in part by the students. The inside should be clean and dry, warm and welcoming, with an extensive library and assorted labs.	Jan 25, 2012 12:48 PM
140	Clean bright and cheery!	Jan 25, 2012 12:39 PM
141	Facilities needs to be modern, comfortable and inspiring. Teachers enjoy working in their environment and are able to provide resources for the students. All student have access to technology to help them learn. iPads instead of books perhaps, so resources are at their fingertips. Standard research toolkits developed for students by the school system and libraries.	Jan 25, 2012 12:17 PM
142	No bullying	Jan 25, 2012 9:27 AM
143	Clean and functioning	Jan 25, 2012 8:04 AM
144	A school that is well rounded and includes a great art and music program as well as academics. An ideal school will have frequent communication with parents and parent/child functions.	Jan 25, 2012 7:56 AM
145	New, bright, happy, fully equipped with tech, staff that love what they do, who are supported and given the tools to help children be successful.	Jan 25, 2012 7:32 AM
146	measured by successes of the students.	Jan 25, 2012 7:10 AM
147	Community involvement to extend student learning. Involvement with industry to prepare students for careers. Less lecture more research/hands-on learning Positive environment from all administrators/teacher/students/community	Jan 25, 2012 6:47 AM
148	Seriously its what the school looks like that matters?	Jan 25, 2012 6:07 AM
149	A friendly, student centered atmosphere where positive behavior and academic rigor are taught, modeled, nurtured, and rewarded.	Jan 25, 2012 5:52 AM
150	The compass school at URI, project based learning, hands on out of the classroom	Jan 25, 2012 5:41 AM
151	Physically larger classrooms to better facilitate individual learning and uncluttered thoughts.	Jan 25, 2012 5:24 AM
152	Overall, I am very happy with the education my children are receiving in Westerly. Please see #9 for changes that I feel should be made.	Jan 25, 2012 4:56 AM
153	A school that offers college curriculum AND vocation skill training. Programs within the school to support students who are not college bound be successful. ie... education with vocation training.	Jan 25, 2012 4:44 AM
154	Focus more on getting back to natural things and not be dominated by electronics.I see it as a movement of changes.	Jan 25, 2012 4:15 AM

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155	Open and warm	Jan 25, 2012 12:42 AM
156	Hard to answer... Filled with teachers who truly make differences in students.	Jan 24, 2012 9:03 PM
157	Learning driven by challenges and application of ideas, not just memorization of facts. Students working on projects across multiple subjects and interacting with outside groups/businesses/organizations. And (of course) every student with equal access to the latest technology...	Jan 24, 2012 7:53 PM
158	N/a	Jan 24, 2012 7:15 PM
159	resources open to students to get help every night at school in academics, alternative learning paths for alternative students, partnership with parents to assist with learning	Jan 24, 2012 7:12 PM
160	Like the middle school, but no more than two stories.	Jan 24, 2012 6:01 PM
161	What we have is almost fine,	Jan 24, 2012 5:30 PM
162	Open communication with teachers with an additional teacher conference during early spring instead of only 1 in December, along with safety.	Jan 24, 2012 5:18 PM
163	more independent study and individual progress, less routine curriculum, more interest based development	Jan 24, 2012 5:12 PM
164	A place where students feel safe and encouraged to express their ideas.	Jan 24, 2012 4:35 PM
165	It's where the courses and the expectations are clearly explained to the students and the parents.	Jan 24, 2012 4:21 PM
166	Smaller class sizes. I have been a volunteer in an elementary school for the past 2 years and I feel that 19 or 20 kids in a class is a lot.	Jan 24, 2012 4:18 PM
167	Open, airy, modern, artistic, warm	Jan 24, 2012 4:10 PM
168	a wide college-like campus, many educational programs, an appropriate amount of students per teacher, many classes available for students to take, protected and safe environments for students to learn in.	Jan 24, 2012 3:33 PM
169	Clean, safe, technologically advanced and appealing and nutritious food served. Westerly is WAY behind and Chartwells menu and attempt at "marketing" their menu is very sad.	Jan 24, 2012 3:25 PM
170	Nothing that I could see, just many entities coming together to serve the education of our children.	Jan 24, 2012 3:00 PM
171	free of bullies, everyone is equal and the school is a peaceful environment!	Jan 24, 2012 2:52 PM
172	smaller classes( I know this is difficult)--if students do have IEP's, teachers adhering to what is being needed	Jan 24, 2012 2:36 PM
173	Small class sizes, flexibility in schedule, ability to extend learning when the opportunity arises, enrichment opportunities, opportunities for individual instruction, focus on community and social development, ample physical activity,	Jan 24, 2012 2:04 PM

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creative projects as a way to address academic skills.

174	Kids learning on laptops-doing self instruction and helping each other to learn	Jan 24, 2012 1:19 PM
175	like wms	Jan 24, 2012 12:57 PM
176	Each child would be thoroughly engaged, working within their own zone of proximal development. They would have enough time to eat lunch and there would be several opportunities throughout the day for them to play outside and explore the natural world. There would be outdoor classrooms with high quality activities. Children would volunteer in the community and mentor students in lower grades. Educators would be excited to be in the classroom and have the full support of the administration. There would be a system for creating community for the parents (so that we are not so isolated, so that we feel supported in our efforts to raise great kids, so that we can inspire all parents to do right by their children) and great communication from teachers. Children would leave and regard themselves as well-rounded, critical thinkers who believe that they can take action to change this world into something wonderful.	Jan 24, 2012 12:26 PM
177	Freedom to have a choice in learning. The ability to move on at your own pace. Students running community activities (gardening, child care, a food bank, etc.), allowing different learning styles, more inclusion than exclusion, students working with students, preparation for the REAL world, more relaxed environment, circular seating, open windows (that is the stuffiest school I have ever entered!!), plants, regular sit-downs with students for open communication, idea sharing (for ALL students), a much friendlier library is needed. We need more work study programs to help these kids decide their future. Many are not college bound. Mutual respect between administration & students.	Jan 24, 2012 12:07 PM
178	Multi-purpose learning center	Jan 24, 2012 11:17 AM
179	Service Learning!!!	Jan 24, 2012 10:42 AM
180	An ideal school would have classes of increasing difficulty, where a student would move up to a more challenging class not after a set time frame, but once they had mastered the content being taught at their level.	Jan 24, 2012 10:40 AM
181	1. Students, parents, teachers and administrators working closely. Frequent personal communication. 2. Students taking initiative in their education (goals, directions, growth). 3. Respect from all teachers towards the students	Jan 24, 2012 10:38 AM
182	Smaller classes -	Jan 24, 2012 10:29 AM
183	Computerized beyond belief.	Jan 24, 2012 10:28 AM
184	Clean, up -to-date technology in each classroom.	Jan 24, 2012 10:26 AM
185	Let the money follow the child. Interactive self paced learning with mentors.	Jan 24, 2012 10:17 AM
186	Newer and cleaner, better air control and quality. Teachers less stressed! Students less stressed!	Jan 24, 2012 10:16 AM
187	Ideally,,,Start the day a little later. 45 min. max for each class,,after that, you lose kids focus. Lunch needs to be at least 1/2 hr. These kids barely get time to eat	Jan 24, 2012 10:03 AM

**Q8. What do you picture your ideal school will look like?**

and get some energy out,,which they need. Gym should be every day,,they need the exercise and the a chance to get some of their energy out. Also, room for every sport to be held at the school and after the school day. That way parents aren't shuffling kids all over the place for practices and games. They can be done at a reasonable hour,,come home,,have dinner and plenty of time for homework.

188	Large, plenty of storage, proper plumbing and labs for various learning-including physical movement.	Jan 24, 2012 10:01 AM
189	I have never been a fan of the current campus design, however working within this limitation, I would like to see walkway enclosures to keep the student out of the harsh weather.	Jan 24, 2012 9:59 AM
190	Home fields for sports (in addition to soccer field and baseball field) - desperately need track field and cross-country practice areas.	Jan 24, 2012 9:43 AM
191	A Waldorf School	Jan 24, 2012 9:42 AM
192	Small class size instructional groups highly engaged in rigorous work.	Jan 24, 2012 9:39 AM
193	The success of our school should be measured by the success of our students. Providing them a forum for achieving their potential is the "ideal" school	Jan 24, 2012 9:35 AM
194	Computers in many classrooms.	Jan 24, 2012 9:34 AM
195	Ideally I would love if we could take the time to really service every students needs. Obviously, there are certain levels, goals that they all need to reach in order to move onto the next grade level. I wish things like sitting perfectly still at your desk and speaking only when spoken to were replaced with things like having group discussions that incorporates the entire class and every level of learners. A classroom that allows for movement. Maybe unassigned seating at tables instead of desks to allow for more group discussions.	Jan 24, 2012 9:27 AM
196	Life skills classes, vo-tech classes, uniforms, specialized coursework, different classroom activity for boys (more physical involvement, movement, etc)	Jan 24, 2012 9:26 AM
197	Results oriented teacher retention. Small classes with one on one. Technology upgrades.	Jan 24, 2012 9:18 AM
198	community learn where all grade know and interact with one another in school activities.	Jan 24, 2012 9:10 AM
199	Each child would have their own laptop/ipad. Smartboards in every classroom.	Jan 24, 2012 8:59 AM
200	An open forum where students have the opportunity to learn in a way that is most effective for them personally. Additionally there would be no standardized testing, and effort would be a large portion of overall grades	Jan 24, 2012 8:54 AM
201	Hi-tech and highly artistic. Marrying the intangibles of science & poetry as 2 sides of the same coin rather than as opposites.	Jan 24, 2012 8:52 AM
202	More technology in the classrooms, computer labs, on line textbooks, get rid of PBGR's more welcoming environment.	Jan 24, 2012 8:51 AM



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203	More hands on learning. A principle who interacts with students. Trying the theory positive reinforcement.	Jan 24, 2012 8:51 AM
204	Very electronic in operation. Very balanced between academics, physical activity and arts. Lots of self directed projects.	Jan 24, 2012 8:51 AM
205	the kids want to learn, are inspired to learn. Standardized tests do not take up months to prepare for. Instruct and teach the students.	Jan 24, 2012 7:56 AM
206	A place where all children are happy to be, and are learning at their level. Kids should be grouped based on skills and abilities, not age. Classrooms should not be heterogeneous.	Jan 24, 2012 7:08 AM
207	Contain more technology per student; more vocational courses to allow more students to pursue individual career interests	Jan 24, 2012 6:25 AM
208	Children with special need focus on learning life skills that will help them throughout their life.	Jan 24, 2012 6:24 AM
209	Assess to the best technology for all students Tablets/Kindles/Netbooks for all	Jan 13, 2012 12:09 PM
210	A school with high expectations and a chance for all kids to learn and be successful.	Jan 13, 2012 4:39 AM





**Q9. Is there anything else you would like to tell us as we develop the Strategic Plan?**

1	Just to make sure that the kids that are there to learn, get the most of their learning experience	Feb 16, 2012 6:30 AM
2	Stop hiring teachers with no experience and don't make them administration. Get some real standards and cut out the petty discipline	Feb 15, 2012 5:34 PM
3	No Child Left Behind does not mean that students are not held accountable for their education.	Feb 15, 2012 6:23 AM
4	I feel the more communication we have the better. Accountability needs to be enhanced from the top down. We need to hold everyone to a consistent level. Too much nepotism is involved now which is killing our school district.	Feb 15, 2012 4:27 AM
5	I has always heard taht Westerly had a reputation for being "average" and not challenging its students to be the best. As my child has progressed through the school system...I have found some good teachers and many poor teachers. I can't say that any one of them was "excellent". My child will not attend Westerly High School for this reason. I wish you the best with your strategic plan..unfortunately its is too late for us!	Feb 14, 2012 11:41 AM
6	No	Feb 14, 2012 7:44 AM
7	Each child is different and not all will be a success in life but giving each child a love of learning is the best gift we can give our children.	Feb 14, 2012 7:35 AM
8	I question the value of this survey	Feb 14, 2012 3:58 AM
9	Good luck!!	Feb 13, 2012 6:10 PM
10	I am very happy with the teachers in our school system they care about our childrens future's	Feb 13, 2012 2:58 PM
11	Less homework. Schools have our children all day. When they come home to us this is OUR time to influence them. We want to play, enjoy nature, learn to cook, have time for chores at home, teach our children about the world outside of school.	Feb 12, 2012 3:33 PM
12	I realize this will never happen, but I believe teachers should work year round in order to improve our educational performance. If they were to work year round a true educational plan could be develope for each student in the classroom and perhaps provide a higher educational standard and improved performance based outcomes.	Feb 12, 2012 8:49 AM
13	Feel strongly about a look at safer cleaning products. It is better for our children and school staff. The strong chemical/cleaning smells in school is concerning.	Feb 12, 2012 8:20 AM
14	Communication throughout this process is key and timely follow through crucial. It's great to have a plan in mind but the action following it creates parent and community confidence in their education leaders and brings forward more participation from them as well. Make sure the plan is not just about budget cuts and teacher union contracts...it needs to be about the students and our ability as parents, teachers and the community to help them to fulfill their potential and create a better world for themselves and their children than we could.	Feb 12, 2012 7:15 AM

**Q9. Is there anything else you would like to tell us as we develop the Strategic Plan?**

15	N / S	Feb 11, 2012 8:58 PM
16	Teachers that actually want to be there.	Feb 11, 2012 6:38 PM
17	Assessment of instructors and retraining poor instructors.	Feb 11, 2012 2:11 PM
18	Good Luck	Feb 11, 2012 6:13 AM
19	Youths need to know that the final goal here is to be able to get a good job, that the world does not owe them a living, they need to achieve it.	Feb 11, 2012 5:09 AM
20	Make regular upgrades to technology.	Feb 10, 2012 7:19 PM
21	School should have a food garden integrated with Home Ec and school food services.	Feb 10, 2012 5:27 PM
22	The budget is ample and can not be an excuse for poor performance. We need to go back to basics, with a structured curriculum, discipline and uncompromising standards.	Feb 10, 2012 5:14 PM
23	No need to be more time in between. So the kids can actually utilized a lockers they are going to have back problems carinos heavy backpack across the quad	Feb 10, 2012 5:01 PM
24	No	Feb 10, 2012 3:54 PM
25	Get teachers who want to teach & will push the students to learn.	Feb 10, 2012 2:10 PM
26	Yes listen to your teachers and parents. Do not listen to anyone else	Feb 10, 2012 12:37 PM
27	Put the focus back on academics.	Feb 10, 2012 12:30 PM
28	As a future teacher in the final stages of my teacher preparation program, I am very excited about the changes in store for the educational programs in this country! I feel that by forming this Strategic Plan and making it more "real" than it has been in the past, we are doing our part to ensure that parents, teachers and community members are heard in helping each child reach their full potential!	Feb 10, 2012 11:21 AM
29	each child is an individual and should be treated as such academically and socially	Feb 10, 2012 10:38 AM
30	Personal responsibility must be stressed	Feb 10, 2012 9:27 AM
31	To help the students you must also listen to the students. They have many of the answers.	Feb 10, 2012 8:36 AM
32	I'm not opposed to paying good teachers well, pay should be commensurate with performance!....	Feb 10, 2012 8:27 AM
33	I'm not sure if this is pertinent to what you are asking but one class I would like to see at the elementary level is typing. At the middle school they are expecting to type most reports and have little experience or proper form in doing so.	Feb 10, 2012 8:16 AM
34	Focus should be on the "average" student.	Feb 10, 2012 7:54 AM

**Q9. Is there anything else you would like to tell us as we develop the Strategic Plan?**

35	N/A	Feb 10, 2012 7:46 AM
36	No recess in fifth grade is VERY disturbing. Please change this immediately. are examples of mediocre-to-poor teachers. Do not follow (or have a strong) curriculum, do not engage students, do not well teach concepts. Some much stronger teachers, at least, on Granite team for 7th & 8th graders.	Feb 10, 2012 7:46 AM
37	Concerned about the overall safety of the Westerly Schools.(Lack of)	Feb 10, 2012 7:38 AM
38	No additional comments.	Feb 10, 2012 7:38 AM
39	As a parent of four I would like to say thank you to the many teachers that have opened the doors of learning for my kids. It only takes that one interest that can really take a child to another level if its fostered. I also realize that this is not the soul responsibility of the school system but that of the parents as well.	Feb 9, 2012 3:51 PM
40	Teachers need to care about every individual	Feb 9, 2012 7:53 AM
41	Teachers are the key...if the right ones are not on board, the plan will likely fail. Unhappy teachers=unhappy children. :)	Feb 8, 2012 6:25 PM
42	Elementary school: Spend more time on Multiplication, Division, and Clock time. Middle school: teach Keyboarding again, and reinforce basic HOW TO STUDY methods so kids can be lifelong learners High School: reduce the number of Senior graduation requirements, and add a waiver for the Senior project for students with extenuating circumstances.	Feb 8, 2012 9:34 AM
43	Let's get back to where we use to be in this community at the forefront 8th from bottom is unacceptable	Feb 8, 2012 8:02 AM
44	Good luck	Feb 7, 2012 6:35 PM
45	Transition for 5th graders needs to be better. They should have outside time every day possible. The teams should change year to year so kids don't feel like 'losers' if they don't get 'right' team. I think the nes of teams should be chosen by that grade of kids each year. kids held on busses until 7:45? Silly. Let them in and go to pods. Staff should be there by then. Set expectations for behavior. They should have opportunity to be good in their own. AND. I see/hear lots of bossy adults at the school. Giving respect earns it. Sometimes it's just the way you say something that makes all the difference to the person listening. School should be such a great experience for all concerned! Not something you just get through.	Feb 7, 2012 2:18 PM
46	If you are going to make a rule...you need to be prepared to enforce it!	Feb 6, 2012 4:43 PM
47	DCS is a wonderful elementary school. I am very happy my children have the opportunity to attend this terrific school. Keep up the great work!!	Feb 6, 2012 4:42 PM
48	Kids need to be invested in their learning environment - not just in academics but in the day to day operation. Why not have kids help the custodians, cafeteria workers, ground crew - lots of learning can take place outside the classroom walls	Feb 6, 2012 9:56 AM

**Q9. Is there anything else you would like to tell us as we develop the Strategic Plan?**

49	Do your best to be a beacon of light and hope to illuminate the way and inspire us as we look forward.	Feb 3, 2012 1:35 PM
50	Think outside of the box. Our current education system is failing our students, our teachers, and our future. There needs to be discussion of a major change, in order to make an impact. Be fearless and passionate about seeing these necessary changes actually happen---	Feb 3, 2012 12:00 PM
51	Incorporating educational technology in the various parts of the curriculum should be part of the strategic plan. Each teacher and student must have access to educationally used technology daily.	Feb 3, 2012 5:28 AM
52	All schools need to have the proper technology to be able to administer the standardized testing that will begin 2015.	Feb 2, 2012 6:02 PM
53	There needs to be more presence in the form of administrators at the middle school and HS levels to intercept any form of abuse/bullying. I think more SRO's are needed or the administrators need to have a more firm hand when it comes to dealing with the students.	Feb 2, 2012 11:41 AM
54	remember to support all students	Feb 2, 2012 10:25 AM
55	my son will be a senior next year it is not fair that he will be in college prep classes he has an iep i thought that was the law why do that to that population why set them up for failure the change isnt for the better!	Feb 2, 2012 6:49 AM
56	I appreciate the efforts of all the excellent teachers in the district. Like any other aspect or group, there are some teachers who don't belong teaching. I am a very strong proponent of merit-based employment and compensation for teachers. I am a certified teacher myself, and would welcome the opportunity to be paid what I am worth. Those who don't cut it need to be let go. I would gladly participate in any workshop or committee that addresses this issue, which I feel is a large and important one.	Feb 2, 2012 5:58 AM
57	Students should have more involvement in how the school should plan the courses to be offered and more input from what they would like to learn and why, in order for them to respect and what their teachers are trying to teach, as well as make them feel it is their school, not just a building they must go to until they graduate. Private schools, from my experience make the students more involved in choices, which in turn gives the student a positive and more rewarding feeling about the school they attend.	Feb 1, 2012 5:49 PM
58	Music instruction and exposure is very important for a student's self-esteem and motivation. For some students, music is their main interest and perhaps they are most gifted in this area. In Westerly, students will never be able to realize their full potential in music. This is a serious injustice, in my estimation!	Feb 1, 2012 9:32 AM
59	be creative using common sense	Feb 1, 2012 8:15 AM
60	children go to school and talk, this is encouraged and part of life and learning; that being said, I have heard things repeated outside of school, to people who are not part of the school. This type of behavior adds to rumor, gossip and should have consequence such as verbal warning, written warning	Feb 1, 2012 7:42 AM

**Q9. Is there anything else you would like to tell us as we develop the Strategic Plan?**

61	nothing	Feb 1, 2012 6:35 AM
62	Our goal should be to be the #1 district in the region (at at least the state). We have the resources (human and material) to do it, but we do not employ either to their fullest. We need to focus on ALL kids as having needs, not just the diagnosed. Mediocrity is not the standard, excellence is. Let's help our kids strive for that raised bar. Make superior academics the center of this plan - everything else will fall in to place to support that.	Feb 1, 2012 6:34 AM
63	ENRICHMENT CLASSES/PROGRAM. Please bring this back to the elementary schools! Some of the kindergartners in Bradford Elementary School are far exceeding their expectations. Their needs should be considered along with all the other students.	Feb 1, 2012 6:18 AM
64	Don't try and reinvent the wheel. Keep it simple, attainable and measurable. Whatever the goals are, you need buy in and good people to accomplish these goals. Remember this is a fluid plan and there just needs to be adjustments made from year to year based on what your assessments and data tell you.	Feb 1, 2012 6:17 AM
65	Need to get back to basics. Focus more on English. This includes writing and penmanship. Not every child is on the. Same level, which causes some to fall behind and never fully catch up. Eliminate senior project and instead concentrate on preparation for college.	Feb 1, 2012 4:25 AM
66	Leave more time between classes in the HS school day. Kids are carrying around 30Lb bookbags because they have no time to go to a locker. You are developing a generation of kids that will have back problems.	Jan 31, 2012 6:13 PM
67	More honors classes!!! Bright kids should be with like-minded peers---kids who want to learn, are polite to the teacher and to other students, and are responsible about doing their homework. That's a great environment for learning (and for building friendships). It's free of the bullying and the kids who talk during class or skip class altogether. The bad kids drag the learning experience down for the kids who really want to learn. I want my child to reach his potential and to make friends with kids who are like him--not with druggies and bullies who are nothing like him. He strives for academic excellence and I want his classroom to nurture that, not inhibit it.	Jan 31, 2012 5:33 PM
68	Please develop a better method for evaluating teachers. Students will not communicate with parents about a poor teacher when the student feels that the teacher will retaliate. There should be exit surveys/interviews of students and parents of the things they felt they could not speak of due to politics. It is the only way to get full disclosure.	Jan 31, 2012 5:17 PM
69	Would like for teachers to be observed more in their role by administration. From what my children tell me many teachers are not positive. Instead of saying you can do it they are saying if you dont you will not graduate. I would also like gym staff to accept that not all students are athetically inclined and should not be made to feel like a failure. Push ups and other activity are made to be done in front of everyone as the teacher counts and if the student cannot finish they are dismissed and those watching see this. I would like gym staff to be observed to see their interation with all students. Again more encouragement is needed.	Jan 31, 2012 4:51 PM

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70	Guidance counselors should be rated by the parents of students yearly as to their helpfulness and accessibility to the student and parents. standard	Jan 31, 2012 1:35 PM
71	Let's not reinvent the wheel. There are great existing programs now that shouldn't be "remade". Don't spend too much time envisioning change before understanding the strengths that exist- some continuity is good (along with necessary change).	Jan 31, 2012 10:24 AM
72	.	Jan 31, 2012 9:55 AM
73	ELECTRONIC BOOKS TO ELIMINATE THE HEAVY BACKPACKS	Jan 31, 2012 8:36 AM
74	Would love to see teachers use MMS more. Also, post homework on their web site/ teacher profiles. Make it an everyday occurrence. It's hard for a parent to tell a child to do their homework, when they've forgotten what they need to do.	Jan 31, 2012 6:32 AM
75	pay teachers what they are worth. Get rid of the ones that don't teach	Jan 31, 2012 5:23 AM
76	Foreign language is so important and I would really love to see the ESL/ELL program go both ways. Students who need to learn English could be paired with English speaking students and they could peer tutor each other. Why can't a Chinese or Spanish speaking student in turn teach their language to a peer as they learn the English? Also, please please please bring back some sort of gifted/talented program, I know that it is not a mandate from the state, but if Chariho can pull it off, why can't we? I feel that our brightest and best are being short changed by the constant striving to the middle.	Jan 30, 2012 7:12 PM
77	Forget teaching to pass tests - teach to individual potentials.	Jan 30, 2012 6:35 PM
78	Although the high school offers many activities some students are reluctant to join and they miss out on a significant part of high school. I feel the school should require students to participate in one after school program in their freshmen year so they could give it a try. They might find that they like it and make some new friends.	Jan 30, 2012 6:00 PM
79	Stop teaching to tests. Reward the effective teachers, rid the poor performers, hold everyone accpoubtable for their roles in education.	Jan 30, 2012 5:54 PM
80	Teachers and administrators need to be held more accountable. We lack teachers that understand the demands of an average American family. Requiring more of the parents and the community is not the answer. Money and time is limited. Consistency is needed in the classroom especially at the high school level. Prof. development during class time hinders the students. Let teachers do their training when the students are not in class.	Jan 30, 2012 5:22 PM
81	I also think a longer school day is necessary to meet the academic, social, and emotional needs of our students.	Jan 30, 2012 4:56 PM
82	Get control of spending on costly union contracts. Do not give up managerial control. Put the BEST teacher in front of students....this does not mean the teacher who the kids like or who give them 10 points for showing up to class. Keep the bar HIGH!!!!	Jan 30, 2012 4:36 PM



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83	more emphasis should be on good teaching skills, shorten summer vacations, make sure the basics r clear to the students, good learning. enviornment at home and school.	Jan 30, 2012 3:45 PM
84	id rather you cut sports then cut extra help certain kids like my child that has an iep who is not getting the help or in the right classes	Jan 30, 2012 3:27 PM
85	Westerly is a unique and wonderful community. We are blessed to have the local resources that we do...in both our people and our places. Any strategic plan should be focused on doing what's best for our current students while always remembering the rich history of our community.	Jan 30, 2012 3:23 PM
86	Every elementary school in our district needs to be learning the same skills the same way...again, talking about Math.	Jan 30, 2012 2:55 PM
87	Starting time is too early (high school) a longer day and longer school year - half hour lunch with at least 15 minutes of outside time (weather permitting).	Jan 30, 2012 2:47 PM
88	Teachers, students, and all faculty members work hard every day to provide a safe and enjoyable environment for all students. Many students have a lot of outside baggage when entering their school everyday. You need to support all students and not add to their stressful lives. School is a place of learning, but it should also be a place where students can feel comfortable and not pounded constantly with assessments.	Jan 30, 2012 2:46 PM
89	Bless you for taking the time.	Jan 30, 2012 2:45 PM
90	SINCE CHILDREN ARE BEING EVALUATED THROUGH THEIR GRADES THEN TEACHERS SHOULD BE EVALUATED ASWELL ON THEIR KNOWLEDGE AND ABILITY OF TEACHING THE MATERIAL AND THEIR QUALITY IN TEACHING. 2. HAVE TEACHERS EVAULATED EVERY	Jan 28, 2012 10:58 AM
91	NO	Jan 28, 2012 5:59 AM
92	Get back to the basics and simplify education. Stop trying to be all things to all people. Stop with the new programs and curriculums and just teach kids to master the basics like in the "good ole days." This is not rocket science. The Catholic schools have it all over the public schools when it comes to this. A Catholic School education is basic and simple ... uncomplicated.	Jan 27, 2012 5:51 PM
93	Make sure you have different level classrooms. Every child learns at different levels, CP, Honors, AP, Basic. Also, my child gets lots of out of school assignments where teachers expect parents go out to buy scrapbook and posters and it gets extremely costly.	Jan 26, 2012 4:00 PM
94	Please remember that the high school cannot do it alone and that everyone all the schools in the district need to be on the same page. Moreover, interventions are of the utmost importance but there needs to be incentives for kids to earn their way out of them. Work ethic and determination should be embedded in the plan.	Jan 26, 2012 3:15 PM
95	Stop chasing after every new idea, workshop, conference, performance tracker and fad that comes along. Focus on the basics and on the students. The best	Jan 26, 2012 1:04 PM



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tools for student learning are adult participation and excitement about learning. Teachers and administrators who are stressed out trying to do too many things at once have no energy to enter into the joy of learning with students.

96	I have a child that graduated and a child that currently attends high school. I had a child that I never had to worry about doing homework or studying for a test and I now have one that is the exact opposite. I really appreciate the time that teachers spend not only communicating to my son about what he needs to do but to me so I can help him succeed. I hope we continue to find ways where we as parents and educators can achieve academic success. I believe it all starts with communication between parents and educators. It also saddens me that unfortunately all children do not have home support. We need to find a way to reach out to those students to help them succeed.	Jan 26, 2012 12:56 PM
97	Need to go back to instructing students by ability and skill level to optimize learning and teaching.	Jan 26, 2012 12:47 PM
98	Ask the kids, you will be surprised at how much they have to say and how important issues are to them! I talk to my son constantly, and learn more each day.	Jan 26, 2012 11:56 AM
99	not at this time	Jan 26, 2012 11:42 AM
100	Set lofty standards for our children to help them reach their potential. School support staff, especially lunch/recess monitors, need instruction on how to interact with children. I'm tired of hearing reports of children being bullied by adults who are supposed to be supporting them.	Jan 26, 2012 9:48 AM
101	Gifted honor students should be a first priority, not last. They will lead future.	Jan 26, 2012 9:40 AM
102	more time should be spent intervening with the students that have all the tools to be successful, but lack the ability to use them on their own	Jan 26, 2012 7:16 AM
103	foreign language requirement	Jan 25, 2012 7:09 PM
104	Please have all professional development at times when students are not in class. Have structured after school activities other than sports.	Jan 25, 2012 6:59 PM
105	Support teachers! Westerly has great teachers, and they have children's best interests at heart.	Jan 25, 2012 5:59 PM
106	The uniform is a very good idea. If not the dress code needs to actually be enforced. It seems like an effort was made but not a strong enough one. Also the students smoking on the walk ways needs to come to an end. It is polluting the air that the other students could breath in.	Jan 25, 2012 4:12 PM
107	Elementary children need more time to express themselves and all children need more outdoor time (i.e middle school).	Jan 25, 2012 3:55 PM
108	Do something about tenure and make raises merit based.	Jan 25, 2012 3:35 PM
109	Teach every student according to his ability. Strive for excellence.	Jan 25, 2012 12:48 PM
110	I would love to see more mandatory inservicing for all especially STUDENTS	Jan 25, 2012 12:39 PM

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about different learning disabilities, social disabilities, etc... these kids need to realize that just because you don't see or hear the disability doesn't mean they don't have one! They need to know why some kids do or act the way they do sometimes then they won't think those kids are "weird" and maybe will even learn to enjoy them more instead of pick on them!!!!

111	Seek to understand the possibilities available from corporate enterprises that have a focus on education (Apple has something to offer go look). Leverage RI business (Amgen, Pfizer, EB) they have resources. Leverage the local universities to help develop the strategy. Leverage Universities like MIT Understand what these universities consider a successful student. Create student opportunities for work study.	Jan 25, 2012 12:17 PM
112	I have three students at Bradford school and find that school excellent with preparing and remediating students in their academics. They have great parent/student involvement activities. I understand that there is talk of closing the school and I find that this would be a devastating decision.	Jan 25, 2012 7:56 AM
113	Great district with tons of potential. I have had personal experience with both DCS and Bradford- excellent elementary schools. Wonderful, supportive learning environments- role model schools!!	Jan 25, 2012 7:32 AM
114	not at this time but regular updates on progress with forums for feedback is needed.	Jan 25, 2012 7:10 AM
115	Not sure if this committee is aware of the stress and pressure the seniors of today are under. Many of the students I have been involved with are being pushed over the edge with all of the requirements. I don't disagree with having to complete a project, Portfolio, ect. However to complete these tasks on top of college essays, SAT testing, college applications, ect., are too much. Students should have more than one year to plan and implement these tasks. Many, many students are breaking down, requiring counseling, hurting themselves because of the stress they are living through. Senior year should be a positive time to remember. To be honest, most families and students are just counting the days to the end of the year. Students in 2012 are pushed, pushed, pushed and unfortunately like the teachers never do or are good enough... Something has to change!	Jan 25, 2012 6:47 AM
116	Try actually getting back to the old way of school and teaching!! These new methods are pointless and don't work! My child's education is suffering! He can't move forward because all the other kids aren't at his level! How much sense does that make?	Jan 25, 2012 6:07 AM
117	Students who struggle to meet standards academically and behaviorally need more creative support. The school day schedule needs to be more flexible in meeting these needs. Westerly has a population that is diverse and pockets of relative poverty and the social issues that are associated impact learning and require more acknowledgement and remediation. If the school expects students to engage in academics after the end of the school day, support needs to be provided for those who will not get that support in the home.	Jan 25, 2012 5:52 AM
118	charter school	Jan 25, 2012 5:41 AM

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119	<p>Focus 1: Ensure that all elementary grades at different schools are working on the same curriculum. I think when the students get to the middle school there are definite differences depending on the school they came from. Focus 2: There are some excellent teachers at WHS, however there are also some that should have been fired years ago! Parents have complained about these same teachers for years and nothing is done about it. I think the opinion of parents and students about the quality of instruction should be heard. I teach at a community college and my students fill out a Teacher's assessment at the end of every semester. I find this information very helpful. Focus 3: I think Field trips are an important component of education. Many students families can not afford to offer them experiences outside of Westerly. Every grade across the district should be allotted money for a meaningful field trip that is tied to the curriculum. When my older kids were younger I felt this was being done very well, but I see a marked difference for my younger child. Focus 4: Consider using Ebooks at the high school level. Focus 5: Improve Guidance Program at HS. Focus 6: I think all 5th grade classes should be team taught with two teachers, this will help each student transition to having four teachers in 6th grade and will also ensure that all subjects are covered equally. Fifth grade is a very important year and consistency across classrooms and support for the students is very important. Focus 7: Ensure building maintenance is a part of the plan...if the students feel the community cares about the building they are in all day long and it promotes learning they will be more apt to work harder.</p>	Jan 25, 2012 4:56 AM
120	<p>EVERY STUDENT DESERVES AN EDUCATION THAT BEST SUITS THEM ... EVEN THE "UNDESIREABLES"</p>	Jan 25, 2012 4:44 AM
121	<p>Say a prayer before you make decisions. Thank you.</p>	Jan 25, 2012 4:15 AM
122	<p>Be realistic. Include the parents. Provide frequent updates</p>	Jan 25, 2012 12:42 AM
123	<p>It truly matters on a teacher to influence students. Looking back at my schooling the subjects I struggled with a stumbled to a great teacher that made me feel like trying and asking questions and not feeling dumb for asking. Also those teachers really had and still have a passion in there classes that forces you to care and explore.... Not all teachers have that ability.... I would say 25% of teachers have that in them... You are born with it... You cannot learn this in college!!</p>	Jan 24, 2012 9:03 PM
124	<p>Parent teacher communication is critical, but very difficult with both sides very busy with daily chores. Need to make such communication easier for both. Make it easier for teachers to post homework assignments, quiz results (what was right and wrong, not just grade), etc.... Some teachers do better at this than others, Parent Portal is very limited. Cloud computing would also be good, students should be able to continue their class computer work at home (and have their work done at home easily available from school).</p>	Jan 24, 2012 7:53 PM
125	<p>Investigate other Education Programs at other schools in this Country that have higher education ratings.</p>	Jan 24, 2012 7:15 PM
126	<p>Teachers need to teach and not be pulled out of the classroom for redundant meetings. Less data but more measurement of time spent with kids to reach them</p>	Jan 24, 2012 7:12 PM
127	<p>Great Job on the middle school ! Teachers and admin are great so far! Each</p>	Jan 24, 2012 6:01 PM

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year, the best teachers (those who greatly improve their students' standard test scores AND get favorable student approval ratings) should be given bonuses. Bad teachers should have their salary reduced (and eventually replaced if repeated decline) Tenure should be irrelevant for job security. Promote & rehire (or fire) based on results only! BEducating our kids is the most important job in the world. Best of luck on your continued success and improvements. PS - Please add a 2nd entry/exit to the Middle School asap.

128	A safer and inspirational place to learn	Jan 24, 2012 5:30 PM
129	I worry about the reputation of the middle school and high school with respect to drugs, bullying and violence. We need to take a stand now in order to protect our students. As a parent of an elementary student, this is a big worry of mine.	Jan 24, 2012 5:18 PM
130	Children need their talents nurtured, maintaining the status quo by teaching historic facts takes too much time, this can be done in a trivia type format, kids can learn faster now, computers need to be part of each lesson plan	Jan 24, 2012 5:12 PM
131	Most of the problems that exist within our current school system are the result of poor parenting at home. Many other factors come into play, but poor parenting, be that the result of the lack of parental knowledge or the existence of parental apathy, is our most daunting issue.	Jan 24, 2012 5:07 PM
132	Please include an opportunity to comment on the draft strategic plan. It is not intuitive for the average taxpayer to understand what a strategic plan would even look like. Once we see a draft, we will be able to provide more meaningful comments.	Jan 24, 2012 4:35 PM
133	Hire teachers that care about teaching, not just meeting some mandate. Hire teachers that want to help kids learn and not just put in their 180 days a year.	Jan 24, 2012 4:21 PM
134	Improve facilities, look at neighboring schools for guidance (Waldorf, Compass school, etc)	Jan 24, 2012 4:10 PM
135	Raise the bar!	Jan 24, 2012 3:25 PM
136	We have entered an age where art and science are merging (ie iPhone). Provide a path for entering that path locally. Merge with students with science, business aptitudes with students who are creative. This synergy should benefit everyone. For example, student project that involving a small wind turbine, cost analysis, and LED light sculptures or school building outlining. Got to stop my head hurts.	Jan 24, 2012 3:00 PM
137	I feel children with IEP's are targeted by children whom do not attend resource classes. They are pulled out of class and this causes a problem with self esteem!	Jan 24, 2012 2:52 PM
138	I think Anti Bullying should be taught in the class as part of the curriculum somehow-starting at the Pre-K level	Jan 24, 2012 2:36 PM
139	Facilities maintenance and improvements need to be considered	Jan 24, 2012 1:19 PM
140	I am concerned that my child has only 20 minutes maximum to eat lunch. We	Jan 24, 2012 12:26 PM

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consider eating slowly, with conversation and the niceties of passing food, to be very important in our house. My son comes home cranky and ravenous because there is no time to eat. I am also EXTREMELY concerned about the very minimal amount of outside time that these children get. I don't have the answers on a large scale, but I do know that long hours sitting inside is just developmentally inappropriate for children. In my school, we spend a minimum of an hour outside every day, have long lunches and lessons on grace and courtesy, and my own children both have entered kindergarten knowing how to read and doing advanced math without flash cards and pressure from me. WE provide the rich environment, follow their interests, and it happens like magic that they love to learn and always want to know more. I would love to see teachers more able to follow their students and assess them individually rather than being chained to a grinding curriculum that treats all children the same. Thank you for you listening to the ideas of a hopeful idealist.

141	You need to create an environment that is conducive to learning! They need to breathe fresh air. So do your teachers. It's not a very great atmosphere at WHS. This is not elementary school. Listen to the students. You might be surprised at their ideas :)) After all, it is their school, isn't it?	Jan 24, 2012 12:07 PM
142	With the set up of differentiated classrooms NO child is learning to their fullest potential - it is either completely over their head or so easy they don't have to try - PLEASE PLEASE go back to dividing kids by ability!!!!!! It only frustrates the students and the teachers!!!!!!!!!! I have children on both sides and found them either bored or feeling stupid all the time because they didn't get what they needed. No one can convince me that teachers can teach the same subject on different levels. It is not only a waste of time, but no one is getting the best education. This doesn't mean that students have to stay in the same ability grouping from day one. As they learn they might need more or less of a challenge as they get older.	Jan 24, 2012 12:01 PM
143	Stop placing undue burden, stress and time on the teaches for all these evaluations, self-assessments, etc.. The priority should be the students and getting the proper instruction and time from the teachers. There are obviously better teachers than others but there must be a balance.	Jan 24, 2012 11:29 AM
144	Find a school system that is overacheiving and copy-cat their ideas and implement them.	Jan 24, 2012 11:17 AM
145	Thank you for this opportunity	Jan 24, 2012 10:42 AM
146	PBGR's are poorly planned and irrelevant aspects of Westerly's curriculum	Jan 24, 2012 10:40 AM
147	Eliminate nepotism and the teachers union, give incentive-related awards to staff for outstanding creativity in their classrooms	Jan 24, 2012 10:29 AM
148	Put the kids first. So much in this towns school system is bent in the wrong directions. By putting the children first in the school system you can atleast boast/ensure that children coming to a college/university from Westerly are best prepared. Politics are politics, but there reach is in the classrooms right now and that is disgusting.	Jan 24, 2012 10:28 AM
149	Put money in your budget for tutors. My child struggles daily with schoolwork.	Jan 24, 2012 10:26 AM

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The teacher has a quota of material to teach by the end of the year. My child can not do basic math, which is required. My child needs to learn this, because everything else is based upon this. How will she learn about fractions and decimal points if she can't subtract?!?

150	minimize the importance of standardized testing and maximize the importance of EXCELLENT instruction. Shun mandates and wright a mission statement in the students interest. Go back to basics and get rid of programs like PPRG that students, teachers and parents don't understand. Start school days later to allow students to wake up, have a meal spend time with family. For middle and high school student, go back to centralized bus stops.	Jan 24, 2012 10:17 AM
151	Stop demanding more from these children! Children need to have a balance! Less homework, so they can come home and unwind, play, committ to sports.... This will elieviate these children having problems. This will help the home life. Especially when you have 3 or more children and they all need help, dinner, sport. There is no time for a normal life and physical activity! There isn't enough time in the day for all this! STOP!	Jan 24, 2012 10:16 AM
152	Do not waste resources on unnecessary technology	Jan 24, 2012 10:01 AM
153	DO NOT ELIMINATE THE LEVELS OF COURSES.	Jan 24, 2012 10:01 AM
154	1) I believe the process of teacher evaluations should be explained to the public, each parent has the right to know if their child is receiving the best education possible and that the teacher is staying up with current standards. 2) It is sometimes hard to believe that the educators believe that it is "all about the sudents" when during contract negotiations, all we hear about is the request for increasing salaries and steps.	Jan 24, 2012 9:59 AM
155	The whole child needs to be nurtured. Stop trying to fit every child into ONE mold. Every child is unique and learn at different levels. Young children are being pushed to learn what their minds may not be ready to accept.	Jan 24, 2012 9:42 AM
156	The district needs a stronger foreign language program starting at the elementary level.	Jan 24, 2012 9:39 AM
157	We need to continue to focus on advanced technologies fbeing taught to our students but not lose sight of the fundamentals as well (many students today are lacking in fundamental skill sets).	Jan 24, 2012 9:35 AM
158	E-Books, no more excuses why they cannot bring a book home. No money for books is a terrible example of spending in a school budget.	Jan 24, 2012 9:34 AM
159	smaller class sizes; direct instruction with the teacher along with group projects that include problem solving and critical thinking.	Jan 24, 2012 9:27 AM
160	The time of going to school with a plan of heading to college at age 18 are over. It is too expensive and just not a possibility for so many in Westerly. I am highly educated and have worked with hundreds of college grads over the years who are not in the field of study for which they received degrees. We have to concentrate more on teaching them basic life/communication skills and subsequently "vo-tech" or specialized skills to go out into the world and fully	Jan 24, 2012 9:26 AM

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function and support themselves. I have a teaching degree I have never used because at the age of 22 I was not ready to be their parent. At the age of 43 and having raised two wonderful children, I'm ready now. But it is too expensive to continue advanced education. Students are in your complete care seven hours a day. I'm sorry to say it is the school systems responsibility at this time in our country to help "raise" these children as their parents aren't cutting it.

161	Diligence toward items in # 7 above.	Jan 24, 2012 9:18 AM
162	none	Jan 24, 2012 9:10 AM
163	Never close Bradford Elementary School. It is a beacon of hope for many children from broken homes and provides a safe place for kids living on or below the poverty line.	Jan 24, 2012 8:54 AM
164	I am extremely disappointed with the status of the school dept., there are very few great teachers that inspire my children to learn.	Jan 24, 2012 7:56 AM
165	GET RID OF INVESTIGATIONS MATH!!	Jan 24, 2012 7:08 AM
166	Allow students more options to learn about different careers- plumbers are vital in a community, and earn great incomes, but our community does not encourage students to pursue this field, or educate students in this field.	Jan 24, 2012 6:25 AM
167	incorporating character building as part of the whole curriculum	Jan 24, 2012 6:24 AM
168	Not at this time	Jan 13, 2012 12:09 PM