

# SUPERINTENDENT'S LISTEN & LEARN FEEDBACK



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District 6

## What does Guilford County Schools do well?

- Good communication.
- Dedicated faculty and staff.
- Say Yes to Education.
- Successful middle colleges.
- PACE grant—tablets in middle schools.
- Guilford Parent Academy is a great resource for parents and students.
- Celebrate and recognize student achievements and choices.

## What can Guilford County Schools improve?

- GCS can provide better benefits for employees—better salary and evaluations—medical and dental care.
- A summer program is needed for filling educational gaps in reading and other studies.
- Create Wi-Fi hotspots for lower income families to use laptops for learning.
- Give high school students the option of completing a fifth year of high school to obtain an associate or advanced skills diploma.
- Computers are needed in all classrooms county-wide.
- We need full-time social workers and school nurses.
- Business partnerships.
- Require all graduates to have completed either career or college credentials.
- More personnel for elementary schools, assistant principals for elementary schools.
- Facilities need repairs and/or renovations.

## What advice would you give Superintendent Contreras and the Board of Education that will assist them in moving the District forward?

- School Board Members and GCS staff should do surprise visits to the schools and spend time with students, teachers and staff.
- Evaluate discipline at each level, ISS to expulsion. More alternative schools (SCALE, Twilight, etc.)
- More security cameras and school safety.
- Bring back more of the CTE courses to the schools—automotive, shop, carpentry, etc.
- Consider more year-round schools.

