

SUPERINTENDENT'S LISTEN & LEARN FEEDBACK



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What does Guilford County Schools do well?

- Tablet initiative for middle schools.
- Parent Academy.
- Choices offered—academics, AP courses, honors classes, CTE, on-line courses and magnet schools.
- Say Yes to Education.
- Graduation rates.
- Media relations.
- College fairs and events.
- Teachers prepare students well.
- AP courses.
- Recognition of students and staff at BOE meetings.
- Prepares and sustains assistant principals to become principals.
- Orientation for new teachers – Right Start.
- New reading program (ARC).
- X2 VOL is much better than Noble Hour for logging service hours.
- Partnering with community businesses.
- GAP offers apprenticeships.

What can Guilford County Schools improve?

- Expansion in high schools with tablets/ laptops with access for students.
- Alternative career pathways—celebrate trade schools.
- Limited access to current trade schools (Weaver).
- Expand to associate degree HVAC, plumbing, cosmetology, etc.
- Expand GAP program.
- Update facilities.
- Need full-time nurses and social workers in every school.
- Better salaries for teachers with master's degrees.
- More classroom supplies and equipment and textbooks for teachers to help students to be successful.
- No safe room in school—bullying, anxiety attacks, etc. need place where students feel safe.
- Not enough staff.
- Nutrition options should be improved.
- More Wi-Fi access.
- Counseling Department should offer more assistance to students and parents.

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

- Continue listening to parents, administration, teachers, and students.
- Prioritize.
- Keep up Say Yes to Education.
- Continue to focus on technology for 21st Century learning.
- Look for ways to close the achievement gap.
- More STEM education.
- Put less emphasis on test scores.
- More services offered in low performing schools so charter schools are not needed.

