



COMMUNITY LISTENING SESSIONS - FOCUSED CONVERSATION ABOUT HELENA SCHOOL DISTRICT'S FACILITIES

CONVERSATION OBJECTIVES

- Re-engage community members in thinking about the District's facilities and the educational goals they support.
- Establish a productive conversation climate regardless of points of view.
- Provide the community with some context for discussion.
- Collect information from community members that will help inform the School District in moving forward in facility planning.
- Explain what happens to tonight's input and encourage community interest and engagement as the process goes forward.

AGENDA - 5:30 to 8:30 PM

- Refreshments and check in...
- Welcome from the Superintendent
- "Focused conversation" and the role of the Facilitator
 - Desired conversation climate
 - Tonight's objectives and discussion focus
 - Introductions among you...
 - The concept of "important questions"
- Context for tonight's conversation
- "Important Questions":
 - "Warm up" - Why did you come to the meeting?
 - A. What guiding principles are important to you as we talk about facilities and educational goals?
 - B. What "interests" need to be recognized as the District plans for facilities improvement?
 - C. What do you not want to lose when planning for improved facilities? What do you want to gain when planning for facilities improvement?
 - How would you describe a useful process that engages the community? What would success look like in the end?
 - Summarizing...
- Closure

Desired Climate Tonight

- *Be open and candid – but without a "blunt instrument".*
- *Respect that others have different points of view; to learn - keep an open mind.*
- *Manage your own communication - contribute to the productivity of the conversation.*
- *Recognize realities – individually and collectively.*



Thank you for
Attending this
Listening Session!

***Vision:* Helena Public Schools foster dynamic educational experiences that prepare all students for life.**

Board of Trustees Goals

1. **Curriculum / Learning** – Provide relevant, integrated and meaningful learning experiences for students that will prepare them for life.
2. **Staff Support and Relationships** – Enhance the learning opportunities for students by providing professional development for all employees and encouraging innovative instructional practices.
3. **Environment** – All schools and work sites will be safe and foster positive and productive environments for students and staff.
4. **Technology** – Implement technology in Helena Schools to enrich student learning and deliver more efficient administrative services.
5. **Community partnerships** – Encourage excellence in our schools by maintaining a positive and productive relationship with parents, employers, community members and members of the higher community.
6. **Fiscal Planning** – A budget development process is established so the allocation of resources has the greatest positive impact on the performance of students and staff.

**Community Listening Sessions: 5:30 p.m. Refreshments and Check-in
Meeting 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.**

Monday, November 9

Ray Bjork Learning Center Gym
1600 8th Ave, Helena, MT 59601

Wednesday, November 11

Ray Bjork Learning Center Gym
1600 8th Ave, Helena, MT 59601

Thursday, November 12

Jim Darcy Elementary School
990 Lincoln Rd W, Helena, MT 59602

Monday, December 7

Ray Bjork Learning Center Gym
1600 8th Ave, Helena, MT 59601

Wednesday, December 9

Ray Bjork Learning Center Gym
1600 8th Ave, Helena, MT 59601

Thursday, December 10

Warren Elementary School
2690 Old York Road, Helena, MT 59602

**Staff Listening Sessions: 5:30 p.m. Refreshments and Check-in
Meeting 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.**

Tuesday, November 10 (non-certified)

Ray Bjork Learning Center Gym
1600 8th Ave, Helena, MT 59601

Tuesday, December 8 (certified)

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