

SUPERINTENDENT'S LISTENING AND LEARNING TOUR

Student Voice, Elementary Students | Wednesday, October 6, 2021, 5:00 to 5:30 PM

Participants: Approximately 11 (representing students from Palmer, Polaris, Valverde, and Rocky Mountain Prep)

Language: English

Below is a summary of the feedback from this listening session. It may not reflect the views of all participants and stakeholders district-wide.

What is going well?

- **Teachers are kind, try their best, and address students' individual needs**
- **Schoolwork is challenging and fun**
- Being back in person makes students feel good
- Schoolwork is often cooperative and hands-on
- Most students are paying attention and doing their work
- Teachers prepare students well for tests
- Some schools include life skills or values education (e.g., Palmer Elementary's *Palmer Pride*)

What needs improvement?

- **Scheduling issues (including rotating specials schedules that are confusing and hard to remember and recess times that are not long enough to play, go to the restroom, and fill water bottles)**
- **School food issues: (including food not good enough, not enough vegetarian options, no lactose free milk, and chocolate milk which may contain palm oil which harms the environment)**
- **Facility Issues: Bathrooms and hallways sometimes dirty; classroom and hallways sometimes small and crowded; more custodians may be needed**
- Class sizes sometimes seem too large
- At peanut free schools, where peanut products can trigger reactions in others, some students bring peanut products without consequences
- There are sometimes not enough consequences for bullying, and sometimes parents are not notified about bullying

Advice for Dr. Marrero

- **Improve conditions in poorer schools; think about all of the schools and treat them as equally important**
- **Work to end and prevent bullying and students being unkind and mean, fighting, and saying bad words to each other**
- **Visit schools at least once a month to see how they are doing**
- At least once a day, stop to look up and see which way the clouds are moving
- Keep doing student surveys
- Have security outside school as well as inside
- Work to have more parental supervision and check in on students
- Provide more after school activities
- Provide more books on the subjects we are working on to help with homework

Notes: The comments with the most mentions or agreement during the meeting are listed in bold at the top of each column.