

# SUPERINTENDENT'S LISTENING AND LEARNING TOUR

Warren Village | Wednesday September 28, 2021, 6:30 to 7:30 PM

Participants: Approximately 21 (including 4 attending virtually)

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.*

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## What is going well?

- **Food assistance provided through the school or district**
- **Many teachers have been dedicated, flexible, communicative, patient, and bond with students**
- **Some schools are very effective and communicative (incl. Rocky Mountain Prep Creekside, DSST Byers)**
- The Parent Teacher Student Associations (PTSAs) at some schools are very effective and solution-oriented
- Afterschool services provided by the YMCA are high quality and very helpful

## What needs improvement?

- **Verbal and physical bullying is often a problem; to address bullying, students and families are often separated instead of being brought together**
- **There are big differences in quality and resources between schools, forcing parents to opt out of their neighborhood school**
- **Many after and before school programs are full**
- **School lunches can be improved and students need more time to eat lunch**
- **Students who cause disruptions can impede the learning of others or cause students to leave a school; teachers need more training, resources, and empowerment to deal with discipline and classroom management (incl. during remote learning)**
- History classes can be white-washed and assignments aren't always inclusive or sensitive to the culture of all students
- Sometimes school staff are insensitive and unhelpful
- Some schools start too early for younger students; differing school schedules are hard for parents
- There is not enough transportation for students

## Advice for Dr. Marrero

- **Stay open and listen to the community**
- **Put students first and treat them like people**
- **Find the balance between academics and social-emotional learning and mental health, especially now, after the pandemic**
- Be a change agent after a time of disruption
- Remember that teachers' mental health is also important
- Address bullying and discipline on behalf of the parents

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