

Youth and Family Engagement and Support

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To engage the community better and bring more voice, make sure public knows when the district safety committee meetings are. Put them on the website to promote more people attending.

Student voice needed in the safety planning, communication.

How do we effectively poll / survey students about what projects they want to see?

Parents

parents feel like if we approach the school you all get offended and the success of our students is not a mutual goal.

Guide parents in understanding how to engage school faculty. Curriculum night is good and traditional but we need nontraditional invitations to be inside and engaging with the school (as covid allows).

School staff need to refrain from using catch words like "safety" when talking about parents in the building. You have our children we are trusting you, you aren't trusting us.

We are giving you the benefit of the doubt and privilege of enaging with our children there needs to be a mutual level of respect in place.

I would love to hear more thoughts about what non-traditional invitations would be most welcomed. I think this thought is spot-on. — LARRY DAKE

Opening the Helen Foley Theatre to more community events. Free events that parents / families can access.

Youth Empowerment

youth need a place to develop inter and intra personal skills. A youth center, dedicated to engaging youth in career pathways, homework, movement and other forms of expression is lacking for children who have lesser means. We need a low cost...better yet FREE youth center. A center that is accessible to all and reaches youth and families where they are without barriers or judgment.

On campus police

I'm a student at the Binghamton high school. I do feel less safe with the amounts of police around the campus and school grounds. I do understand the want for them to be on campus for percussions, yet I do feel they are adding more stress or pressure to the situations as if we're all being watched and expected to be caught messing up.

Completely disagree. If police would be present on campus and around, some late events would not happen. At this time we DO need BPD presence. Not safe now. — ANONYMOUS

Septembre through December one awful events after another. We need police on campus and school grounds. — ANONYMOUS

police presence is necessary – ANONYMOUS

I'm sorry you feel that way as a student. When it's safety officers, they know how to interact with the student and make you feel comfortable. When it's the regular BPD they are there for a specific reason and don't know you, and so think any student at any time may act up. Fortunately with the steps being taken I think the 'visible' police presence will be less frequent.

– ANONYMOUS

What about a Youth Commission for middle school and high school students?

I would love to learn more about this. We have student governments, but this feels more like a student empowerment approach, which I like a lot. – LARRY DAKE

Youth Commission works with school board and city council to help understand the issues concerning the youth. Yes, giving the empowerment to youths. I've experienced this in Newport News, VA. – ANONYMOUS

<https://bridgesusa.org/youth-programs/additional-leadership-opportunities/shelby-county-youth-council/?v=9a0d701a3b2a> – ANONYMOUS

<https://mayor.columbiasc.gov/youth-commission/> – ANONYMOUS

<https://www.mitchellparkteenservices.org/payc> – ANONYMOUS



NYS Governor's GVP Jobs Initiative for City of Binghamton Youth, in cooperation with NYS Department of Labor

Are you 18-24 years old? Live in zip codes 13901, 13904, and 13905? That's the City of Binghamton north of the Susquehanna River. If you're not in school full-time-we can help.

We Will Find You a Job!

The goal of this grant is to remove obstacles to employment in permanent jobs. Broome-Tioga Workforce NY can help to remove obstacles to obtaining employment and

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Thank you for sharing this! – LARRY DAKE

Can we do some of the larger family events, even if in smaller chunks.

Great Idea! It's also important to be considerate of working parents/guardians who want to be involved but can't attend during the school day. – ANONYMOUS

Agree! This was an evening activity. It was as a reinvention of the old school curriculum night – ANONYMOUS

This is what a PTA is for - but PTA's are highly active in elementary school, die away in middle, and almost non-existent at the high school level save for a dance or two. – ANONYMOUS

I think the schools should work with more HBCU's as options for students.

Great idea – ANONYMOUS

It may be a good model to have district partners right there at the community centers as well as in the schools with our students. – LARRY DAKE

We should leverage our College and Career center at BHS more for this. – LARRY DAKE

Good idea – ANONYMOUS

That would mean that the person working in that position not get pulled for other duties.
– ANONYMOUS

City-funded youth programs should document new or existing partnerships with BCSD to obtain grant funding.

I like this idea a lot. – LARRY DAKE

We can put this in motion.– Mayor Kraham – ANONYMOUS

I'm in for helping with this, I am heavily involved in our grants here and am happy to jump in and help collaborate and write. – LARRY DAKE

How can we make parent/family support a regular part of the school? Expand health / wellness programs.

I wonder if there are curricular opportunities, around college and career development...getting families more involved with their student's pathways as they progress through BHS. – LARRY DAKE

In the Athletic Department we are working on ways to start programs that are not just competitive but wellness based for families moving forward. – ANONYMOUS

One goal I have is to visit our community centers with John Klenchik from the Housing Authority to brainstorm more ways to be collaborative.

I think we should find more ways to engage families alongside students during the school day.

At some point you have to say we have expended enough resources. It's the 80/20 rule. It's effective and economical to reach the 80%, but you expend increasingly more resources chasing after that remaining 20%. Who in the end probably don't care to hear what you have to say anyway. Schools is after all a day care to many. In the end the parents have to 'give a 🍷 and consume the resources that have been made available. Ignorance should not be an excuse. – ANONYMOUS
