

To: Dr. Robert McKanna, Superintendent
From: Mary Podjasek, PTA Council President
RE: PTA ISSUES LIST
Date: March 17, 2006

Each PTA developed a list of issues to be shared with board of education members at the March 22 board meeting. The list from each PTA is attached. The following represents a summary of the items most frequently mentioned on each of the lists. I would like to share this list with the board members first and then call on each PTA President to share their individual school list.

- Full time social worker - 13
- Reinstate field trips - 10
- Full time + part time LRC - 10
- Full time Bldg Asst. - 8
- Reduce class size - 8
- Restore Clubs - 5
- Increase art instruction - 4
- Increase program assistants - 4
- Teach a second language in elementary school - 3
- Invest in technology (computer software/hardware) - 3
- More/shorter bus routes - 3
- Video Club/Morning Announcements - 2
- Restore office clerical help - 2
- Retain Principals - 2
- Have 2 Student Advisors - 2
- Full time psychologist - 2
- More supervision on the playground - 2
- Allow parents to volunteer in the classroom - 2
- School Board should be more fiscally responsible
- Negotiate a fair but fiscally responsible teacher contract
- Physical Ed should be 5 days/week
- Fix Health & Safety violations in buildings
- Hire experienced teachers
- Restore custodial staffing
- Revamp lunch menu
- Help for students who do not qualify for IEP's
- Orchestra & Choir meet during the school day
- Change start time
- Gym divider
- Increase Hallway supervision (Jr. high)
- Wall mats in gym
- Merit pay for staff
- Improved communication on district website

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- Improve maintenance of outside grounds
 - Reinstate block/rotating schedule (Jr. high)
 - Full time psychologist - 2
 - More school & classroom info via internet
 - Grade level/classroom webpages with curriculum & homework
 - Reinstate building case manager
 - Parent Liaison for Special Ed
 - Reinstate Alternative Suspension Program
 - Reinstate 2nd Chance
 - Additional Playground Equipment
 - Homework club
 - Restore Ethics & End Micro Managing by the Board
 - Leadership by School Board & Superintendent
 - Increase communication by Board & Superintendent to the schools and administration
 - More differentiation in the classroom for gifted learners
 - More detailed 1, 2 & 5 year plan in curriculum development, financial planning & technology
 - Integrate with D211 so are kids are prepared for high school
 - Internet Safety