The Next Three Years



NEWARK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

DISCUSSION GUIDE: OPERATIONS, BUDGETS, GOVERNANCE, AND PLANNING
FEBRUARY 25, 2016 MEETING

We are hoping to focus this evening's conversation on the ideas that received the most support during the community meetings and initial surveys that have been tabulated, see below.

KEY ISSUES

- Improve school services (janitorial, food, etc.)
- Inform and work with the school community when making decisions about school locations, improving or ending ineffective programs, and use of school buildings
- Continuously update policies to meet evolving needs of all students and staff, and to align with current operations
- Assess programmatic and educational needs of each ward and the availability of quality school options
- Successfully implement a "community schools" pilot program to provide more full-service support services to students and families in the South Ward, and plan for expansion throughout the city

DISCUSSION

NPS agrees that these issues are critical. And these are very broad topics. We're hoping to use this evening's conversation to probe deeper and learn more so that we are on the same page about goals and strategies.

From your perspective, what would success look like in these areas?

Are there specific steps NPS should be taking? Are there specific problems NPS needs to address?

A senior NPS leader is with us tonight — both to listen and explain what the district is doing and/or considering if that would be helpful.

Are there other issues that should be very high priorities?