

On Wednesday, October 14th, 2015 the KCSD hosted the first community budget development forum of the 2015-2016 school year. Approximately 24 individuals representing KCSD parents, the community, and KCSD faculty attended the event. The meeting took place at 6 PM at the KCSD administration offices. Following a PowerPoint presentation by Superintendent Dr. Paul J. Padalino, attendees broke into small groups and reflected on what they valued in a KCSD education (priorities) and what they would like to see explored to reduce spending (efficiencies).

Group One

Priorities

- Continued Focus on Reduced Class Size
- Additional Support Services for Special Education
- Support Service for Mental Health of Students
- Continue to Maintain/Protect Clubs, Honors Courses, KALP, Arts, Music, things that engage our students and make our schools “special”
- How is School District perceived from an economic development perspective? How is school district rated?
- More Comprehensive Early Education

Group Two

Priorities

- Special Education inclusion in lower grades in particular
- Social and emotional development (social worker, crisis management team, looking at the whole child)
- Class Sizes
- Maintain what high school is offering
- Expanding opportunities to college through expansion of SUNY Ulster
- Ninth grade academy

Efficiencies

- Warehouse
- Administration
- Paper Waste

Group Three

Priorities

- Alignment of Goals
- Graduation (cohort/subgroup model)
- Diversity
- Special Education
- Bridge program with SUNY Ulster
- CDOS/Internships

Efficiencies

- Partnering with BOCES
- Professional Development with our own