

**Question:** Please share any additional information that you would like the District to consider as it works through the Strategic Planning Process.

(99 responses)

1. none
2. Love how communicative Mr. Kennedy is. I think we have the best super in the state and a great board!
3. NA
4. Mental health matters
5. Just to remember ALL of our students and the community when planning for the future.
6. While funds will always be limited, resources must be maximized to keep staff that will help build the culture that values learning based on students' individual needs
7. continue to improve and expand the building facilities.
8. Hire more teachers
9. Smaller class sizes.
10. Thank you for asking.
11. I feel it would be beneficial to consider having one special education teacher for every one to two grade levels. This would allow for the high level of support needed. The needs of students, both academically and behaviorally are continuously getting more challenging which impacts the performance of all students in the classroom. It also makes it very difficult for the classroom teacher to provide the instruction expected for students to meet the state's expected progress.
12. Thank you for your time and effort. It is appreciated.
13. Fruitport is a district with immense potential to be great (we are already good in many respects). With small adjustments, I fully believe we could be one of the premier schools on the west side of the state. We have strong staff, new and improving facilities, and solid programs. We simply need to work on building the proper culture for our students and staff, and that is something that needs to be done intentionally from the top down.
14. If this District doesn't improve upon its Leadership at the TOP, there will be nothing to lead at the BOTTOM.
15. Hire people who you believe will be invested in Fruitport and be a part of the community. Keep doing things that allow staff and students to bond and have fun. A pool/exercise facility would be nice too :)
16. Continue with the excellent communication between school and community, through the different modalities (phone, email, social media, etc.
17. I know that money is always an issue and am not ignorant of that, but smaller class sizes would be such a blessing. It would greatly reduce the number of discipline issues we see, allow teachers to give more individualized attention and help students get more one-on-one help. Smaller class sizes also help with the sense of community as smaller classes tend to share more with one another, get to know one another better, have less disruptive behaviors and form closer bonds in my experience

18. Remember - It's not about words on a paper that sound impressive. It's about talking the talk and walking the walk! I don't want to attend activities where I continue to hear staff bad mouth their district and fellow employees or families and students.
19. Please consider reviewing the attendance policy for excused versus unexcused absences.
20. I grew up in fruitport schools and my kids are part of the schools now. I am proud of our district not going too far liberal or conservative staying right in the middle ground.
21. We really do need a pool
22. Reduce class sizes
23. Look at a schedule like Mona Shores with their 6 week/ 1 week off
24. With Beach and Shettler so close, why not combine them into one elementary school? The bonds are supposed to cover new ones, why not share a building reducing costs for 2?
25. More attention for special education students. A lot of them are not included for school events, general class activities, etc., and need more teachers, staff.
26. Consider bringing back home economics and money management, offer Spanish in Middle School and Elementary we are becoming a bilingual country
27. Remember our children are the future. They need a village to show them how to become a prosperous village for the next generations.
28. Teachers are overwhelmed and are seldom recognized for all the good things they do. Some teachers' health is affected by all the stress they encounter. We need to do a better job supporting teachers.
29. How to use the campus space wisely since it is limited.
30. Higher teachers, lower class sizes, and start dealing with the behavior at the middle school
31. Improvement for early childhood and young five programs.
32. All staff have the same amount of time off example being everyone has a snow day off, same amount of time off for summer, half days for everyone
33. It would be nice to have an ISS room for students to go where they are more monitored and have a consequence and have to be part of a restorative justice of some sort. No technology, working on book work, even if it's not given by the sending teacher.
34. Keep us moving forward. Jason has us on the correct path with what I believe is a positive atmosphere.
35. Mr. Kennedy, I want you to know that you are so much appreciated in this district! You are just what we needed to straighten this district out! The community, staff, and admin. support you!
36. It would be nice for each building to have more than one secretary. They are an important part of the school, but seem to be very busy or overwhelmed.
37. Bring back service learning
38. Don't forget about the "whole" and not just specific buildings. Don't forget it's not only those in child care but it's also goes all the way to adults that are enrolled in Adult ED
39. none
40. Continue the work begun. I think FCS has made some significant improvements and is on the

right track.
41. Thank you for all of the communication. Mr. Kennedy has been a breath of fresh air to the District.
42. For transportation to be able to pick my child up at the reserve apartments on Harvey street. Would be a great help in getting my child to school on time everyday and helping out a single mom
43. We have watched schools going downhill changing what they're teaching because of current political issues or the Opinions of those who complain the loudest. We have been really happy that fruitport has stayed common ground, and has just focused on being good educators. Our hope is that they continue to focus on what is important, and that is educating our children with the truth and caring attitudes.
44. Love the superintendent's openness about everything!
45. Move our district to the schedule that Mona Shores installed.
46. Consider student and staff mental health, have goals for ALL students
47. There isn't much room for growth for such a new facility
48. I would like to see students use a combination of paper pencil notes as everyone learns differently both methods should be represented. I also believe that we should get away from guided notes and go back to lectures as this is what the next 2-12 years after high school will be for many students.
49. Thank you for the support, communication and involvement of students, staff and community regarding the recent death of a high school student.
50. I love Fruitport - I want to make sure we focus on our own students and prepare them for the real world.
51. Include the Christmas Eve massacre from Calumet, MI 1913
52. I believe Fruitport community schools are doing a fantastic job educating our children. However, there is always room for improvement, and the way things are in the world today, the district needs to be mindful of what the needs and wants are, not only the students, but the parents and community as well.
53. I think you're doing it right. I already see better collaboration & good communication. Transparency helps to better work thru challenges & making sure you have the right people involved to make decisions.
54. I would like to see some changes to the transportation rules as far as shared bus stops. Maybe you can make stops at every other or every third kid's driveway instead of making kids who live at the end of the road walk a quarter mile to a shared stop when you pass their driveway to turn the bus around, but can't make a stop.
55. Having help for homeless families. Grateful for what you do have!
56. Raise the expectations of students and community members.
57. Smaller classroom sizes.
58. The mileage passed. We actively canvassed for it. The largest item was improving fine arts. The band has had to fight for every cent the taxpayers voted to give them!! The field went in overnight. Not a single instrument has been replaced and put in a kid's hand! Really shows how

<p>you “support the arts”. We’ve never seen an administrator at a band competition, a choir concert or a winter guard show. Start practicing what you preach and ACTIVELY support your arts rather than passively say you do and then cut the amount of that support down on financial sheets.</p>
<p>59. Fruitport "Community" Schools does its best when it focuses on its role in our community. We are a unique district without a municipal base, but we have so much more potential.</p>
<p>60. None</p>
<p>61. Change half days to Friday, weekly education on bullying and being responsible on social media and have more respect towards others when using your phone technology</p>
<p>62. I completely understand the reason for delayed starts but the district has no opportunities for Day Care on Wednesday mornings. At times we have considered moving districts because of this. Other districts do early release instead. With early release high school students could help with daycare (and it is easier for parents to leave work early rather than come in late)</p>
<p>63. There is almost zero student culture from what I've seen.</p>
<p>64. Continue to work on a morally safe environment.</p>
<p>65. n/a</p>
<p>66. Thank you!</p>
<p>67. Thank you Mr. Kennedy for collecting feedback and listening to the community. We appreciate you.</p>
<p>68. NA</p>
<p>69. Add another School Officer. We don't want the school built like a prison. An officer provides a personal touch and security. We want it to be warm, inviting, and a community center.</p>
<p>70. I'm not impressed with the current career exploration program. It focuses too much on academic strengths rather than considering the whole person. I would prefer a program that provides career exploration with hands-on experiences. There is a teen version of What Color Is Your Parachute which also might be helpful for kids who are trying to narrow down career options.</p>
<p>71. District financials- look where the money going and why aren't teachers getting bigger pay raises based on per pupil raises</p>
<p>72. Consider staffing at least a few office folks later - it feels crazy that your kid barely gets off the bus and you find a need to call the school for an issue and everyone is gone home. Consider eliminating late start - someone should present the math on the lost productivity to a couple thousand parents each week trying to cover for that 1-1/2 hour delay versus the cost of the school system to eliminate it and address those meeting times elsewhere - we would all pay an increased mileage gladly, or even an assessment charged to only those with students. Schedule a field trip to prison, scare some kids straight with what reality can become.</p>
<p>73. Please, for the love of everything, do not narrow the scope of our future. Do not follow these trends around the nation of book banning, religious beliefs as a basis for policy, shaming of individuals for wanting to live FREE in America. Community involvement has potential to become a valuable resource to help everyone see the value in nonconformity. Kids just don't go around anymore, they live inside from fear. Help the community by incorporating it into the school system. Division is the greatest contributor to all the negativity that is plaguing this nation. Please- don't choose exclusion over inclusion.</p>
<p>74. I want to be on the team as a parent advocate.</p>

75. School nurse
76. New middle school
77. Overall, I am very happy and impressed with the school district.
78. Guided elective classes to assist students who are failing or struggling to keep up but do not meet requirements for special assistance programs.
79. All public school systems have a lot of work to do to improve...however, Fruitport provides a better overall educational experience than Spring Lake.
80. Better communication with staff at the school
81. Just speaking as a former employee, the special education department and staff easily slip through the cracks of accountability with our students. Not all, but many of the itinerant staff go through so much professional development, but spend minimal dedicated time doing what they should for the students.
82. Please stay away from radical social/political fads, keep what the students really REAL and stick to the basics. Don't be soft, if someone fails, let them know and help fix it, don't coddle or they will never "learn".
83. Senior Grad Party makes it so it can be on the same night as graduation. The point is to protect them from bad choices on graduation night and not just supposed to be a fun night. Pre-plan the calendars earlier.
84. In this final part I would like to discuss the Athletics department. As a whole Fruitport is continuing to grow in numbers, and a lot of the students are involved in a sport or club that the athletics department oversees. With the growing number of students, new sports being added, and more games being added to schedules, and more/ different rules added, I believe the Athletic department could benefit by expanding with a few more staff and overseeing more of the sports programs and coaches. They do a great job, but it can be a tough balance between all of the high school and all of the middle school activities.
85. We've had a fantastic experience so far. Bus drivers and teachers are amazing! Would like to see More communication on how families can participate beyond a survey.
86. Please make sure that the school remains the center of the community. Thank you for asking for our input.
87. Continue your focus on communication and transparency. Thank you!
88. I am proud that my students attend Fruitport (Shettler). I think they are learning a lot and are, most importantly, happy to be at school.
89. Teachers and administrators need better communication with parents
90. The teacher shortage is going to have a large impact on education. Managing the Human Resources in staff will be more important than managing the physical structures in the district.
91. Please get rid of the Wednesday late start! Too inconvenient for working parents with no added benefit to kids
92. We are "school-of-choice" and we were told there would be bussing around September 1st, however, I received no email, call, etc saying that I needed to get them signed up for the bussing. When I called towards the end of September to follow up again, I was told the bussing was full. This REALLY puts a strain on us. I now have to go into work late each day and leave

early each day for drop-off and pickup. I also think there should be a waiting area at the middle school for kids because it makes me nervous having my daughter walk to the elementary school each day to wait until I can pick up her and her brother. Especially when we have inclement weather.

93. The early childhood center NEEDS its own facility!!!

94. Smaller classrooms. A new Early childhood facility

95. Be open and honest

96. Hiring more noon supervisors to help students who struggle outside with situations that need more than 2 persons at one time. Ideally 10 noon supervisors would be beneficial for the noon supervisors to do their job well and effectively and efficiently.

97. Please consider building an academic vision and belief system that is embracing evidence-based practices that promote engagement and motivation and truly effects learning - even if that means rethinking what "schooling" looks like. My biggest concern is how compliance driven our classrooms are and it just isn't working for many of our students. All of this work is hard, but getting all stakeholders involved and focused on continued growth and learning will be key. I appreciate the opportunity to provide feedback.

98. Thank you for the opportunity to provide our input Mr. Kennedy. We appreciate you.

99. Loved that our kids got to go to Disney World with the band. Please continue to provide these types of opportunities for students.