

Board of Education Goal Setting Workshops
Consolidation of Focus Group Responses

What would you identify as the strength areas for Hartland Consolidated Schools and what would you identify as areas that need to be improved?

Strengths

Staff

Quality teachers

Focus on students

High academic and social standards

Strong academic programs – high expectations

Needs to be Improved

Class sizes – need smaller classes

More intervention opportunities for at-risk students

Improve collaboration between administrators and teachers

Should Hartland need to reduce programs/services, what existing programs/services should be considered “untouchable” and preserved until the very end?

Quality teachers

Strong curriculum/standards

All-day kindergarten

What do you really need from the Hartland Consolidated Schools?

Fiscal responsibility

Teacher leadership

Honest communication

Smaller classes

Preparation for college/life

What do you really want from the Hartland Consolidated Schools?

Elementary counselors and additional middle and high school counselors

Smaller class sizes

Accountability for clearly defined goals that are time bound and measurable

Are there programs/services currently being offered that should be discontinued?

Bidding party process

Change school year calendar

Core Math program

Contract benefits for employees

(over)

Are there programs/services that HCS should begin to offer? If so, what are they?

Parent/student feedback on quality of teachers
Use workshop forum in each building (staff, board, PTO)
K - 8 at-risk programs
Hire elementary counselors
Wireless communication
Reduce class size
Better process for dismissing/disciplining teaching staff

What do you see as Hartland's potential opportunities and threats?

Opportunities

Collaborative negotiation effort
Distance learning
Sharing among buildings - open academic opportunities
Corporate partnerships
Accessing explosion of new information
Train students for global economy

Threats

Lack of funding
Economy
Burnt out teachers/administrators
Unfunded mandates