



Osseo Area
Schools

Community Conversations

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Goals

- For the community to feel engaged and listened to (valued/heard).
- To have a focused approach to gathering and better understanding family experiences.
- For the community to maintain or even increase their trust in us.

Format in 2025-26

- Survey to all community members.
- The top 2-3 survey topics were the focus of in-person districtwide conversations alongside an open-ended question
 - About 30 minutes for each topic with 1-2 minutes of information beforehand
 - Conversation held in small groups with district leaders facilitating and the board listening
- Completed three times last school year
- Full summary report late spring



Heard from the board

- Desire to connect at conferences where families are, but concerned with busy schedules
- Liked last year's focus on top topics with an additional opportunity for open feedback
- Liked idea of continuing conversations on last year's top topics and/or topics aligned to our priorities
- Acknowledged that asking for open-ended feedback often could create a heavy rotation of new priorities; need to be clear of plans and/or offer lighter schedule
- Desire to work with partners like FACE

Proposed 2026-27 format

With a district leader, each board member hosts a table at one fall conference.

- Introduce yourself
- Ask families to fill out digital survey; one question asks if they're interested in a later group conversation

Survey QR code on TV screens, posters and flyers at six schools and all others.

Comm Relations and FACE support.



Proposed 2026-27 format

All community members welcome to district conversation around January/February

- Three topics discussed. 1-2 minutes of information to group followed by about 25-30 minutes of small group conversation.
- District leaders facilitate small groups with board listening in.
- Reminders sent to families that shared interest in later group conversation back in fall.
- Topics:
 - Classroom technology
 - Teaching and learning for math and reading
 - Financial stability

Positives of 2026-27 format

- Reaches more families
- Provides school-specific and districtwide insights
- Requires less promotion for the conference portion
- Gives more awareness to the districtwide conversation
- Gives the whole community access with the districtwide conversation
- Shows action with last year's next steps
- Shows alignment with operational plan priorities



Pause and reflect

In groups of two:

- Are we feeling comfortable with the proposed 2026-27 format - why/why not
- Any final thoughts as we move ahead this year?

Thank you for your time!
Happy to answer any questions