

Category	Title	Description	Pairwise
What are we doing well at Becker schools?	Mental Health Support	726 has worked to address the growing concerns of our students mental health. The addition of a counseling intern at the HS was helpful should be continued due to the increase in support needed for students. For example, there have been about 35 suicide risk assessments these last few months that often are time consuming	1
	Mental health	I notice the attention to mental health things and appreciate it. More speakers/topics like Heather Forbes would be a good thing, throughout the year. Some skills on how we can communicate better with our children.	2
	parent involvement and communication	Emails and Seesaw app with pictures, reminders of important dates, homework deadlines, books to read, curriculum outlines, goals, etc Teachers provide their email address, phone number, and link to seesaw and continually remind us to let them know if we need anything Ease of scheduling conferences online Volunteer opportunities Bulldog tickets- sending them home so our kids can share the story about what they did to earn them	3
	Activities	Becker is attentive to many activities and offers a variety, whether it be arts, athletics, clubs etc. They work hard to represent all of these and help to connect students together and aid in school pride.	4
	Early Childhood Programs	Our family has benefited greatly from the Early Childhood programs through ECFE classes, Small Wonders, School Readiness, and special events. We really appreciate the amazing staff at Becker, their interest in helping children and families, and the variety of classes, times, and activities they offer. Consider investing more space than is currently being added for EC and other programs that are restricted due to space right now.	5
	Sense of Community	I love the sense of community within our district. Any time I walk into one of the four schools, I feel welcomed. Whether they are janitors, food service workers, teachers, etc, this staff does a great job of being personable and relatable. I love seeing staff at sporting events, musicals, and other school events. Having staff like these has made my school career much more enjoyable.	6
	Positive School Spirit	Becker School District and its staff have done a great job of fostering and promoting positive school spirit. I feel that students have tremendous pride in our schools, and that staff and the district are very supportive of the students here.	7
	Specialization	I feel that Becker High School does a great job of allowing personalization and flexibility with classes and schedules. All the courses offered are varied greatly between the content they cover; any student is able to pick and choose the classes that they feel will benefit them in later years and cater more closely to what they would like to pursue in college. Having a diverse pool of classes is useful as well as greatly appreciated, as it allows for exploration of different career ideas.	8

Great communication	We really like the student progress report emails, as well as communications and grade updates in skyward. In general, communications between district, family and student are awesome. Teachers have responded quickly to emails, although it can be challenging on your website to access that list.	9
Excellent District	The Becker Primary does an excellent job with their students!! The staff is very kind, considerate, friendly, and will do anything to help their students succeed in so many ways. They are amazing! I also appreciate the value the schools place on raising students with great character, and that the district allows faith and family based activities on our campuses. In todays society, it is important to strive for academic excellence along with students of high character.	10
Teacher to Student Ratio	I believe you are doing a great job at keeping the class sizes small and giving the students the individualized attention they need.	11
Parent	I love all the communication. From the teachers regarding my kids progress or emails about upcoming events and opportunities.	12
iPad usage	I think the iPad and technology usage throughout the school and in classrooms have been put to good use. The money and time we spent to perfect the system has really paid off. I really like how much we use it in every class and that we dont have to bring multiple text books and thousands of worksheets to each class. We have definitely put these iPads to good use and we have caught up to all the new technology. Life as a student has been much simpler.	13
Mental health needs	Id like to see a part time counselor hired for the high school (or shared between theHS MS).The mental health needs are higher than ever. This takes away from other aspects of our job that are also very important. College and career readiness is critical but doesnt get the attention we'd like it to because of the mental health concerns/crises. We were trained on how to give suicide risk assessments over the summer and have done approximately 35 so far this year.	1
Connection, social, emotional and mental health - 2	Becker could invest more time into school-wide social/emotional learning, and making connections among students, within the school and community. I do not believe Becker does a particularly poor job in this area, but this needs to be more of a priority to help address mental health, build emotionally secure students and overall, help send more well-rounded students out into the world.	2
Classes and Learning	Fund more classes such as those focused on other languages, ancient history, engineering, manufacturing, machining, and small and large engines. more generally: STEM classes -Stay away from Common Core -Ensure teachers allow for respectful and informed discussion and debate -Explore all sides/point of views of history in history classes -Put an end to bullying	3

Additional School Counselors needed	With the amount of needs in all 3 areas that school counselors work with (Academic, College/Career and Personal/Social (Mental Health)), there is a great need for additional school counselors. It would be great if an additional school counselor could be added (whether it be shared between middle school and high school or solely high school).	4
Bullying	There is a lot of bullying that happens among the boys and no one cares. They are bullied through middle school and high school and no one will say anything. They pee on each others cars. This is ridiculous	5
Work with all students	Work at preparing those students who dont do well in regular classroom settings for life beyond Becker. For example, there are so many options for students with great GPA and class ranking to enroll in AP classes, college at school and/or PESO. What about those students who do great in robotics or construction technology or web design? How come none of these classes can count toward college credit (Vo Tech)? How about working with Wright County Vo Tech or St. Cloud Vo Tech to offer programs to these kids that will count for something after high school? I personally feel these kids are overlooked, but I feel they will be the some of the most successful after BHS	6
Student Meeting Space	I think the high school should have a designated student meeting space where different student organizations can conduct meetings, etc. If one room was dedicated to this, it would keep (or at least reduce) meetings from having to take place in classrooms and teachers from having to come in early. We have a beautiful TLC that I believe could be used for this purpose.	7
Allowing children to learn differently	I think Becker could do a better job at recognizing that not all children learn the same. For instance, my child can get distracted easily, there are tools used such as figit spinners that allow the childs body to keep busy and allow their mind to keep learning. Some teachers have recognized this with allowing exercise balls to sit on, allowing the child to lay on the floor in the back if the class for example. These are the classes my child excelled most in and had less behaviors.	8
Option for continued summer learning camps	I think it would be so great if the kids had the option to continue learning/ work on areas of academic struggle during the summer. My kids are in the primary school and I know they would love to do like an English or math camp at the school during the summer. Not only to keep skills fresh from the previous year but also to help them going into the next grade level.	9
Device distractions	This generation is inudated with screen time, 24/7. I dont think its beneficial to allow cell phones in the classroom, as they cause additional distraction. Our children have devices at home and now school issued, they need help focusing. When corrective action is being taken at home, there is still the school issued iPad being used for homework and possible distraction.	10

What could Becker schools do better?	Do better ideas	Less 1/2 days; the early outs are really disruptive to parenting / work schedules. Either have a full day off, or full day of school. In the last 2 weeks now, we have 2 Fridays with half days. Cant they be combined to just have one full day off for students? I think schools should be on a same schedule, either trimesters, or quarters, or semesters. Conference times could align better, It can be staggered across schools by a week or two.	11
	Standardized Testing versus Social Skills	I am concerned at the large amount of time, energy, and focus that is put on standardized testing. I have heard through that the district is going to put more time into testing prep. These test do not fairly represent individuals. I would like there to be more focus on developing social skills as this is what potentially makes or breaks our students as they enter the working world. Please check out the following link. <a href="https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/answer-sheet/wp/2017/12/20/the-surprising-thing-google-learned-about-its-employees-and-what-it-means-for-todays-students/?utm_term=.78d1f3c615d9">https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/answer-sheet/wp/2017/12/20/the-surprising-thing-google-learned-about-its-employees-and-what-it-means-for-todays-students/?utm_term=.78d1f3c615d9</a>	12
	class sizes	I believe that the class sizes are too large!!	13
	Spirit and Sponsors	After seeing how other schools help students have more school pride and spirit, I think Becker should aim to have more community spirit surroundingsports/extra curriculars. Perhaps having signs in stores like We support Becker Tennis (Football, Speech, etc). Or signs for when teams make it to state. It makes everyone feel more involved and represented in both the school and community. Perhaps selling signs of support could even be a fundraising oppurtunity for teams.	14
	Too Much Homework at Times	Homework needs to be looked at at all levels. Even in the primary schools, some teachers give a lot of homework that, depending on the student, is not appropriate. The purpose needs to be examined and the amount of time that it takes to complete needs to be more carefully looked at. When students get home, many have extra curricular activities they are in. Students should also just be able to relax and enjoy their families after spending 7 hours in school. There is value to that too.	15
	School security concerns	A recent school shooting that cost seventeen innocent students at a high school in Florida their lives. Its a saddening scenario. School is supposed to be a safe haven, a place away from home where students can feel out of harms way, and I want to make sure Becker remains that way, so we dont have to worry about situations such as this. I feel we could increase the security of our school within reasonable bounds, obviously in a way that doesnt compromise the privacy of the students.	16
	Language Immersion	Our family moved to Becker specifically for the small community and world-class education. The only improvement to the curriculum that I can see is adding a language immersion program. Our world is becoming more connected by the day, and soon the time will come when being fluent in a second language will be necessary to thrive in our society.With many other area districts adding this to their curriculum in the last few years, I dont want to see Becker take a back seat!	17

Teachers technology	teachers sometimes struggle using the technology that they have in theyre classroom. Sometimes its general how to use, and other times its how to use the technology better in the classroom.	18
Change of policy and appearance	The school should paint the walls or decorate the school because it feels boring, unlike the media center. The bathrooms could be painted and have positive quotes painted by the artists we have in the school. There should be a change of policy in wearing hats. Hats allow the students to express their individuality and after the research Ive done, there is no actual reasoning behind why hats would be disrespectful indoors. A hat is not any more distracting than a shirt, pants or shoes.	19
Homework	I believe that the homework level of High School students is excessive. The homework should be able to be done at school, so that the students have time when they are home, to be apart of the family, play a sport, and get the exercise they so dearly need.Thequantity of assignments is not always better. Ifthe learning plan involves quality assignments thequantity is not needed. More is not always more.	20
Classes Internet Ne	When teachers ask their students to go to a website or to watch a video that you either cant get on at home or is blocked at school such as the websites on Our media center website. Or asking students to watch a video that is blocked at school.	21
typing	I believe our children need to learn skills such as how to type. How are they ever going to write papers in college if they dont know how to type?	22
More open internet	Too much of the internet is blocked, I go on a couple of websites to gain legitimate information for a class and it says its blocked for games or language. I later go on the site at my own leisure and there is none of that there.	23
Open administration (and open bathrooms)	High schoolers hereare fed up with the administration, and both dislike and dont understand most of the rules and policies that are in place. We think the school motto (work hard be nice make good decisions) is a joke, everyone hates the no hats rule, the whole closed-campus thing is actively ridiculed, and everyone wants the PAC bathroom to be opened. Open the bathrooms! Stop punishing the majority for the faults of, what, two or three people? Listen to us and take action.	24
Focuses Beyond Math and Reading	I expect that Becker Schools will help ALL students feel valuable, smart, and unique. Too often, in school districts, there is a focus on math and reading due to high stakes testing. However, many students have amazing talents that, if not successful in math or reading, never feel they are worth much. I hope that Becker keeps this in mind and the unintentional messages sent to kids when all decisions about a students schooling ultimately come down to math and reading success.	1

What is your expectation of the Becker School District?	Enriching Lives and Engaging in Community	<p>My expectation for my daughters education is that educators focus on things to do not things to learn.</p> <p>I want them to learn how to play music, to solve problems, to connect with others, and to have fun.</p> <p>I believe they need daily experiences that involve art, language, fiction and non-fiction books, and interaction between their peers.</p> <p>I want their educators to be involved in the community, not only working in the community.</p>	2
	Connection, social, emotional and mental health	<p>My expectation of the Becker School District is that they are providing space and time for students to have opportunities for connection with each other (working on social skills), staff, and their community as a whole. In light of traumatic school situations, it is a perfect time to shed light on how Becker is doing in providing students with time, teaching students how and showing students what it means to connect. Also, much need for social/emotional learning and mental health support.</p>	3
	Expectation to keep safe and teaching the basics of how to be a good human being	<p>I expect Becker schools to offer advancing technology, but also to teach how important it is to have those face to face conversations and relationships, and put down the iPads and cellphones. I believe this teaching starts at home, however it has become apparent that not all families are... I would like to see more back to the basics of How to be a Good Human 101 taught. I also expect Becker Schools to keep our children safe including on the buses!</p>	4
	Life skills	<p>I expect Becker schools to help prepare my children to be responsible and contributing members of society. I expect that they are taught how to take proper notes and how to study so they can be successful when tested. I expect that they are challenged in a debate like setting to teach them how to defend facts. I expect them to learn life skills that will actually teach them how to cook, change oil, balance a checkbook, organizing bills, or patch a wall. Offer classes that encourage tradesmen.</p>	5
	Cultivate Kindness While Building A Better Future	<p>I expect my children to come out of their schooling as solid contributors to our greater community and the world. The district should help to cultivate characteristics like kindness and acceptance while learning and appreciating other cultures and view points. Our students should be challenged daily to be their best and put forth their best effort, comfortable asking questions and challenging the status quo. It's these traits that will build a better future for our children and our world.</p>	6
	Expectations for Becker District	<p>Prepare students to be critical thinkers. Good books. Good questions. Strong math and science programs to not force an agenda, but scientific method of Theory, Hypothesis, Testing, Examine results. Introduction to coding / writing apps, etc. Philosophy.</p> <p>Give students skills needed to start / examine life in 21st century world, including life affairs (managing money, etc.)</p>	7

	expectations	<p>My expectation of Becker school is to teach my child that life is not fair, you will not always win or get your way. Teach them how to manage money. I also want my child to know how to respect people and have consequences for poor choices.</p> <p>I also expect that the teachers communicate with me regarding concerns, achievements. bullying should be addressed IMMEDIATELY. my son had his head slammed against a wall, i called the school to tell them, no one talked to my son until the next day.</p>	8
	Thriving environment	To provide our children a safe, nurturing and thriving educational environment. Be mindful of what other districts are doing; successes and failures.	9
	Social skills	<p>Along with teaching them all the standard school curriculum I personally believe it is very important to teach them to be good people and be kind to others around them. Teaching them to reach out to kids who maybe dont have someone to play with and just all around saying kind things to eachother rather than the negative things! I do think Becker has some things in place that are really cool like the buddy bench at recess. Im not sure what else there is since we are new to the district!</p>	10