

## Synopsis of the Open Ended Comments

The parent/student survey that you will find attached included 170 families. We have broken the open-ended comments into categories to provide a picture of what people are saying. The categories are not mutually exclusive. You will find: positive comments that are supportive of the project, questions that are raised in the comments surrounding financial concerns or implications, questions regarding how we will manage safety and security within the learning environment, comments that indicate a need for training or education for parents, students, or staff, comments that bring up the issue of equity to access, comments on long-term or longitudinal use as students progress through our school system, and negative comments that are not supportive of the initiative. We believe we have answers to all of the concerns expressed except the comments that are directly opposed to the educational philosophy of the staff. This project does have financial implications for the school and families and that will not disappear, but we are working on ways to help families and our data shows that a large percentage of our population are ready to support this initiative financially. Please take some time to digest the data and read the comments.

