

Living up to Eben Hopson Senior!

**To:** David Vadiveloo, Chief School Administrator

**From:** Student Council, Hopson Middle School

**Date:** April 27, 2022

Dear Chief School Administrator Vadiveloo

We, the Hopson Middle School Student Council, thank you for including us in the process that will hopefully lead to the creation of the new Vision for the North Slope Borough School District. We realize that as the members of our middle school's student council, we represent the school's student body, as well as, the community's future leaders. Below are some of our thoughts, which we hope will help you in crafting the new Vision for the North Slope Borough School District:

1- What are the things we like about Hopson?

- a. Lots of different activities in PE...
- b. All teachers are very enthusiastic about what they teach...
- c. A lot of kids are very nice and welcoming to new students...
- d. The schedule...
- e. The diversity...
- f. Teachers care about their students' safety...
- g. Opportunities to join sports' teams, become helpful in the community, and join a wonderful student council...

2- What are the things we like to see at Hopson?

- a. Playing outside during recess...
- b. Keeping cell phones in lockers during classes...
- c. Longer lunch/recess periods...
- d. Greater equity, in particular for students with special needs...
- e. Greater and mutual respect among teachers and students...
- f. More clubs...
- g. More electives...
- h. Very experienced teachers...
- i. Better school lunches...
- j. More opportunities to join different organizations...
- k. More afterschool activities...
- l. GSA (Gay Straight Alliance)...
- m. More nice and respectful students...
- n. More clear instructions from the teachers...
- o. More feedback on student work from the teachers...

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- 3- What questions do we have for the District Office?**
  - a. What sort of things do you discuss in your meetings?**
  - b. How do you make changes in schools?**
  - c. What kind of jobs do different people have?**
  - d. What is it like to run a school district? Is there a procedure for running it?**
  - e. What are somethings we should be learning?**
  - f. Is your job difficult?**
  - g. What's your vision for the next generation?**

Once again, we thank you for including us in this process and for expressing a genuine interest in our thoughts and ideas. To learn more about them, please contact our council advisor, Miss Marandi.

We are open to being asked to bring together all student council members from across the slope for a summit of future leaders, and generating more thoughts and ideas on such matters as visions and missions for our community's schools. We are open to, and appreciate any opportunity to live up to our name-sake, Eben Hopson Senior!

**In Service,**

**Student Council, Hopson Middle School**