

# SHAPING STUDENT SUCCESS

## INQUIRY PREFACE AND INTERVIEW GUIDE



At this pivotal moment in education, we have the opportunity to design an education system that ensures every child receives a high-quality education, setting the stage for a bright and successful future. Within our school district, each employee, parent, and community member plays a vital role in providing the necessary education, tools, resources, and support for our students to become lifelong learners and globally competitive.

Now is your chance to share ideas on how we can best support our students, unlocking their potential and guiding them toward success. This interview will delve into your peak learning experiences, as your insights are invaluable in shaping an environment that caters to our students' needs. Together, let's equip our children not just for today's world but also for the future that lies ahead.

### **EXCEPTIONAL LEARNING EXPERIENCE (10 MINUTES)**

1. Recall a time when you were part of an exceptional learning experience--a time when learning was inspiring, challenging and exciting and even if it was hard, you and others seemed to be highly engaged and learning rapidly. Tell me that story. What made it exceptional?
  - What was happening?
  - What do you most admire or appreciate about this experience?
  - How did this make you feel?

### **HIGH EXPECTATIONS (10 MINUTES)**

2. Research has shown that the expectations we hold about one another influence our beliefs about what we can do. When someone holds high expectations, they try harder and achieve more. Recall a time when either:
  - a) High expectations inspired you to do more than you thought possible; or
  - b) Your high expectations for another encourages them to do something they did not think they could do.

Tell me about that time and what happened. Why is this story important to you?

### **OPPORTUNITIES & INNOVATIONS (10 MINUTES)**

3. Look beyond our traditional classroom and school year traditions. What positive and novel things are happening in the world that could influence our thinking, so we can design an innovative and highly effective educational system to ensure the success of every student and to generate inspiration for everyone?
  - a) What opportunities do you see?
  - b) What innovations/possibilities might inspire us?
4. Imagine it is 5 years from today and [insert school name] has become internationally known for their innovations in learning and teaching. Our students have made remarkable strides in learning and achievement, and the upcoming graduating class boasts 90% going on to further their education and the other 10% finding meaningful work or serving in the military. You have met someone from another state who has heard about [insert school name] and they want to know more.
  - Describe our new education system and what makes it exceptional and effective.
  - What role did you play in designing this innovative system and making it a reality?

# SHAPING STUDENT SUCCESS – INTERVIEW SUMMARY SHEET



## QUOTABLE QUOTE

What was the most appreciative **quotable quote** that came out during your interview?

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## COMPELLING STORY

What is the most **compelling story** that came out of your interview? What details and examples did the interviewee share? How were the interviewee and/or others changed by the story?

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## 'LIFE GIVING' MOMENT

What was the most **'life-giving' moment** of the interview for you as a listener?

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## CREATIVE EXAMPLES

Did a particular **creative and/or innovative example** of 'shaping student success' emerge during the interview? If so, describe what you learned about it.

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## EMERGENT THEMES

What **three themes** stood out most for you during the interview?

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