



District Optimization Process: Monthly Community Update

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Dear Lafayette Parish Parents and Stakeholders,
As Civic Solutions Group (CSG) works on developing a strategic plan for our schools, I promised to keep you informed throughout the District Optimization Process. Here's a brief overview of the latest developments and what you can expect in the next month:

1. Final Reminder: Community Survey

Your feedback is crucial to this process! Your response will help inform the development of the priorities that will underpin CSG's optimization recommendations. The survey will close on Friday, August 9, 2024.

Please take a few minutes to complete the Community Survey at
<https://app.opinionx.co/lpss-community-priorities>

2. Convening of the Community Advisory Panel

Lafayette Parish School Board members and I have appointed a District Optimization Community Advisory Panel of LPSS stakeholders - parents, community leaders, and elected officials - who will help to ensure that CSG's approach continues to be responsive to the needs of our community. CSG will convene the Advisory Panel for the first time in August.

3. Presentation by CSG

On August 21, CSG will present to the Board an overview of findings from their community engagement efforts. This presentation will include a summary of findings from: the Community Survey, the Community Feedback Sessions, the Community Advisory Panel meeting. These priorities represent the community's values for our schools. CSG will use the priorities to develop initial optimization recommendations. These initial recommendations will be shared in the early fall, as CSG begins another round of community engagement related to the recommendations.

Thank you for your dedication and support in the District Optimization process. Our goal is to continue offering an exceptional education while being good stewards of public funds. As always, we want to provide students with a safe place to learn and opportunities to grow in an atmosphere that also allows them to thrive.

Warm regards,

Francis Touchet, Jr.
Superintendent, Lafayette Parish School Board