

ABC Consultation # 1 – February 4, 2021

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Group 3

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### **What are the obstacles to student success?**

1. Biggest issue for student success from COVID – Mental Health Aspect
2. Fear for students coming to school due to COVID concerns
3. Interruption to learning and catching up
4. Sporadic attendance
5. Loss of learning due to COVID
6. K students coming to school without required skill set e.g. fine motor skills, basic skills
7. Gap due to school closure and students not attending
8. Support Staff without training and specific skills to assist students
9. Fear – coming to school
10. Students aging – turning 19 - focus on those students so that they have the opportunity to graduate

### **What is needed to help students be successful?**

1. Remedial opportunities, After school programs, summer school, evening school
2. Options for summer school if students just need to take 1 or 2 courses to graduate
3. Provide online tutoring for students, remedial
4. Sense of belonging with the school community
5. Build positive relationships with parents and guardians and show them the wonderful things we do in school, might help with attendance
6. Offer parent workshops that indirectly help students success
7. Seek volunteers from community, retired teachers mentor help
8. Important for teachers to communicate with parents on a regular basis not only when they are failing but also when they are successful or thriving; keep parents in the loop
9. Help children that miss school due to medical issues – how can they catch up
10. Early literacy support essential – intervention, train the trainer
11. Hire Literacy assistants (EA's) like the current speech assistants to close gap
12. Online learning options to close gap
13. Invite the community more into our school as a larger community and have them as part of the team and part of the support
14. Option for night / evening school as opposed to summer school cause many high school students work in the summer.
15. Comes down to people, it's going to be our people in the schools that build those relationships that help get families back in the door
16. Indigenous mentor providing that little bit of extra support
17. Think outside the box - help our students with that extra support that is going to make things a lot easier in ways of helping kids staying connected and catching up

**What specific suggestions do you have for this school district budget?**

1. Support for students in the classroom, essential to keep programs that are working
2. Literacy support – early intervention, literacy is essential; Literacy EA's
3. Continue programs that are successful in the district
4. Find ways to motivate students – different models, so that students can catch up with the current loss in learning
5. Knowledge is available in our schools as we do have experts in many fields but how do we channel them in the right direction to support the school community as a whole?
6. Technology like literacy is also essential especially with online learning being a big part – support teachers with technology so that they can then support students