

**Question:** What comes to your mind when you think about the hopes and dreams that you have for the District?

(223 responses)

1. For the schools to have high academic standards. For the community to demand students and staff work hard (like homework every day) instead of complaining about homework. For the district pride to be the heart of the community.
2. I hope to improve in every way each year.
3. Middle School Aux Gym needs to be added soon! Pay to teachers who run extracurricular activities.
4. Close. I would like to see a pool or fitness center for the community.
5. I would like for all students to feel connected and a sense of belonging.
6. I want to see our district continue to show up as one of the best in the county and not get complacent because we are up there now. Continuing to grow and improve in every way possible.
7. Prioritizing mental and behavioral health - including having enough staff to support in this area.
8. For students to feel supported and able.
9. More electives so that students can venture into things they are interested in and be excited about coming to school.
10. Providing a fun and accepting learning environment where all students feel comfortable, safe, and challenged to be lifelong learners.
11. Lower class sizes.
12. I would like for the math classrooms to be more standards-based in grading and approach.
13. Producing responsible citizens that understand the opportunities they have to choose from.
14. Improve the cleanliness of the middle school gym areas.
15. Smaller classes and more teachers.
16. A great school district that we can be proud of. Strong and proud!
17. Smaller class sizes.
18. That we get back to self-contained, pull-out, and co-taught for Special Ed students. As an observant regular ed teacher this was best for students.
19. I would like the district to have smaller class sizes so that teachers can build better relationships with students and have more success in classes.
20. Our district becomes a destination district.
21. It is my hope that Fruitport will assess their lack of support for students who have significant behavior difficulties along with the need for additional support for special education students.

22. Continued focus on the needs of students and families. Giving our students the best opportunities for success.
23. Finding a way to compensate adults who run and organize after school clubs for students.
24. A more academic culture that prepares students for success in the world after high school academically, socially, and behaviorally.
25. Continued growth- student body and academic classes offered.
26. I hope the Leadership of this District comes to the realization that we are Falling & Failing BEFORE we hit Rock Bottom. I hope the Leadership of this District sees the Backwards Budgeting, the Too Many Chiefs and Not Enough Indians Framework they have created. I hope the Leadership of this District finds a way to put the word "Community" BACK into our District. I hope the Leadership of this District actually begins to CHAMPION for Staff and Students, not just write it in a letter.
27. To be a top tier district both academically and athletically.
28. That Fruitport is the District that everyone wants to be at.
29. I hope to continue to see students who care about their learning and go on to live successful and fulfilling lives.
30. More club/extra curricular opportunities for elementary and MS students (elementary robotics in all buildings, academic clubs such as mathletes in elementary or challenge of the books, Boys On Track (a program similar to Girls On the Run) for elementary/middle school males, Continue the support of all fine arts programs, Diversity training for ALL staff.
31. Student numbers begin to go back up, Community puts us up and not down.
32. I see a district that is the top in the county and among the very top in the state. I see EVERY student learning to her/his full potential. I see a district with dedicated, happy staff.
33. Culture of consistency, further developing social/emotional wellness, long term strategic plan, strong focus on preparing students for life after high school, and developing a plan for hiring/retaining high quality staff.
34. All buildings will be updated.
35. I hope Fruitport continues to move forward in its academic success.
36. Continued growth
37. More community programs and events. More support for parents in unique situations.
38. More available teachers, less bullying and more communication from the middle school.
39. Having a pool again!
40. Continuing to support all students with academics and various extracurricular activities.
41. Smaller class sizes
42. Community aquatic center
43. Indoor athletic facility in likes of Whitehall
44. Growth and the continued high standards.
45. More educators

46. DEI
47. Continue to make safe places for kids to learn and grow.
48. That our schools curriculum can be at the same standards of Spring Lake and North Muskegon.
49. All decisions revolve around students rather than political/money/ease.
50. Electives and new programs need to be added. Get out of the crisis mindset and bring back and bring in new electives at the middle and high school. Don't just talk about health and mental health, create classes for students. Bring back life skills, including basic cooking, laundry, etc! Have culinary options for at home not in the industry.
51. More student teacher communication. Interaction with students more than just in the classroom ( hallways, cafeteria, etc).
52. More AP options, and language options
53. I'd like to continue to see the district grow academically, get a handle on extreme behaviors, and provide a variety of activities so that all students can feel part of a group.
54. My dream is that staff and students are treated with respect. Teachers are provided with the support they need to address student behaviors, so they can actually teach. Our students are prepared for their future and are able to achieve great things. Students are proud that they attended FCS.
55. New Construction = Elementary and Middle School
56. More higher end classes and electives for students.
57. Our district will one day find its way back to providing special education programming like they did years ago. So many students are being left behind because the "workshop" model doesn't work for all people.
58. Building improvements and growth
59. Achievement to go up with the support of proper staffing and more opportunities for students to receive mental health services.
60. Updated buildings
61. Paying support staff more, supporting them, and increasing retention.
62. More electives, such as another option for learning a non-English language in High School.
63. Keep moving forward.
64. Smaller class sizes across the district, especially elementary.
65. Putting plans and protocols into place that will support teachers and staff in response to student behavior. We need structure in our protocols with student discipline. Actions need to be taken so staff is not consistently disrespected and so that the issues they report are not ignored.
66. Community classes at night, a real homecoming for alumni. Like a whole week of activities cosponsored by the community.
67. Elementary building upgrades
68. Helping our students grow into productive caring citizens.

69. I have been a part of the Fruitport district for all of my lifetime, whether it be a student, community member, staff member or parent. I want Fruitport to continue to grow and be recognized for the amazing work that we are doing here. Fruitport matters. The community matters. The students matter. The staff matters. For those reasons, we should receive the respect that we deserve for all of that hard work that has been put into being where we are today.
70. More staff - more classroom teachers so class sizes can be smaller.
71. High quality instruction with high academic expectations. Access to athletic opportunities that will prepare them for life skills as well as possible post high school play. Expansion and growth of student body. Decrease class sizes in ALL elementary classrooms. Back to Ceglarek's plan for smaller K-2 classrooms. Support for challenging behaviors that impact the learning of ALL students. Not more things...MORE STAFF.
72. New buildings to replace the dated elementary schools, cleaner buildings by using a better company and therapy dogs in every building.
73. Growth; continue being supportive.
74. Turf baseball field with lights.
75. Holding kids accountable for academic success (or lack thereof).
76. More clubs for kids.
77. Improve overall safety for each facility, both from internal & external threats. Further awareness of bullying and providing assistance to prevent occurrences.
78. Recognized for the outstanding academics and a school culture that encompasses and supports inclusiveness.
79. A great education in a safe environment.
80. Future focused graduates, kind, caring, respectful people.
81. Continue to be a top notch school district. Continue the "community" in Fruitport Community Schools.
82. To be a safe place to learn.
83. That my child won't be bullied or hurt at school anymore.
84. Better/wider transportation options.
85. I feel like as a perk the junior/seniors get off campus lunch.
86. Keep up the great work.
87. Not getting sucked into what the world believes is correct at the moment. Teach history how it happened. Do not teach my kids it's OK to change their gender, As that is not the school's place. Be a safe place For learning, and leave all the political Issues out of it.
88. I think Fruitport is amazing. However I believe we could do better with the clubs, foreign language, IT.
89. To continue being community oriented.
90. Proud
91. Becoming more "aware" of the environment that today's kids/teens are experiencing as far as social media goes. Kids are not learning social media risks, and think it's a joke.

Totally different environment from even 10 years ago.

92. To continue the direction of leading our county in academics and athletics.
93. I would like to see more language opportunities, more worldly classes, more prep for real life and opportunities to venture outside of Fruitport.
94. More involvement with the community.
95. Safe learning environment.
96. This district will soon be undesirable.
97. Continued academic growth and newer learning facilities.
98. Needs improvement.
99. That our school could try to introduce a plan to teach students how to be effective in a work environment with technology. This is referring to the cell phone policy.
100. Continue to maintain and update buildings, technology and facilities. Add a Trojan Soccer sign so the field can be seen and promoted as tennis and baseball/softball.
101. Improved facilities and technological advances to stay current in building skill sets.
102. Newer facilities, lower staff to student ratio.
103. A community aquatic center/pool.
104. Academically competitive with other schools.
105. Continue on path to upgrade/ remodel remaining district buildings. I'd also love to see mandatory mental health education added to the curriculum.
106. Support for all students to have the best school experience.
107. Better mental health options.
108. Continue to build new buildings and grow and retain the number of staff.
109. Hopeful
110. More financially affordable
111. I want to see more emphasis on writing. The writing skills of my student, who will soon be graduating, are not what they should be for a high school graduate.
112. Hopefully more students stay in the district.
113. A new middle school (with improved technology and appropriately sized hallways). Edgewood is likely in the same situation with aging facilities.
114. Updated elementary buildings.
115. Growth in education and community.
116. Inclusion. More teachers. Less kids per classroom.
117. Better support for fine arts. Would be nice to see promises come to reality. New band instruments, uniforms, and storage facilities. Plays and musicals are well funded. Even a choir that competes with full support of the district.
118. Promote diversity and inclusion.
119. Expanded technology and more middle school sports options especially in 6th grade level.
120. I hope that we can continue on this upward trajectory and continue to update facilities.

121. Continuous Improvement
122. Continued community involvement with the school.
123. Better equity. Costs for school sponsored extracurriculars are out of control. Time expectations are also inappropriate for ages. I also feel with our physical environment there are great opportunities to be had with outdoor programs and increasing student access to the outdoors.
124. State champs for football, volleyball, softball, baseball
125. Elementary building upgrades
126. Nothing
127. So much progress has been made! Proud to be a Trojan!
128. Good curriculum with zero politics.
129. I would love for more kinder people/teachers.
130. Build better treatment when it comes student to student.
131. A safe place with a great education.
132. Updating elementary school buildings.
133. Fruitport is already making hopes and dreams come true from a new HS to making improvements and new building plans in place.
134. They were not met.
135. Hopes and Dreams for the district is that the educators and those in charge would start paying attention. The mental health struggles in these buildings is astounding. It's as if they all would rather look away than acknowledge or take any responsibility for what happens in their schools. This is a problem that Fruitport Schools has had for many years. I personally know of several students that have been bullied on a regular basis, in front of staff and it's just shrugged off as no big deal. But these are huge situations in our children's daily lives. They spend more waking hours in these buildings than in their homes. They should feel like someone in those buildings is doing what's right and care a little bit about them.
136. A moral and technological advantage.
137. Need more help for mental health. Mental health problems and behaviors are becoming a bigger issue and not much support for students and parents.
138. That the district will continue to grow; they will continue to update buildings as needed; and continue to make academic progress.
139. I feel like the hopes are going to be fulfilled and the dreams are endless.
140. I want to continue to see Fruitport grow and improve.
141. Continuing to support all kids, remembering that all means all.
142. That Fruitport Schools is one of the top schools in the area/state.
143. Growth, improving facilities, being the district that other local districts strive to be.
144. Higher test scores
145. My hopes would be that there would be better communication within the athletic department with parents. There is never enough information on events happening at the

school especially for new families.

146. N/A
147. I would like to see opportunities for advanced children at the elementary level. Advanced kids are being left out, there are programs for kids falling behind but not for kids that need more of a challenge.
148. Quality education and positive support for students both academically and emotionally.
149. Safe, Fun, Education
150. High graduate numbers, well round kids
151. Upgrade current out of date facilities at middle school and elementary schools.
152. I want us to avoid Social Justice Issues. Parents are responsible to teach morality, not our school teachers.
153. I hope that the district continues to retain quality leadership and staff for the benefit of students.
154. Middle school building upgrades. Air conditioning so students can focus on learning and not about being extremely hot. School bathrooms are terrible. Small and need upgrades.
155. I hope that the district continues to thrive academically and that they place a focus on student safety (physically and mentally).
156. Continued excellence
157. Less bullying
158. I would like FCS to continue to grow its music and arts programs, including adding staffing to allow for program growth.
159. More project based learning, interactive classes, less lectures and movies.
160. That my children are safe at the schools they attend and given all the opportunities they can have.
161. Possibilp
162. Better communication between teachers, administrators and parents. Seems like parents are always notified about something last minute.
163. To continue to push the envelope with curriculum to be cutting edge and offer relevant experiences to our students.
164. Growth, well educated and caring teachers, students that receive practical instruction in subjects that will benefit them to get real jobs/careers.
165. Continue keeping students safe and happy.
166. Strong community
167. Cleaner buildings, smaller class sizes, alternative plans for behavior students.
168. Aspire to garner better education survey results than neutral.
169. Inclusion - the hope that we won't regress into a District that values personal/religious viewpoints over acceptance and inclusiveness.
170. I hope they will do a better job with behavior in middle school and high school. I

hope that they will get a team to regulate drop off lines at the middle school and high school. But especially at the middle school. I hope they will get bullying under control and learn to monitor 504 plans more effectively.

171. Continued Growth in all areas.
172. Just hope bullying at the middle school gets better before my first grader makes it there. Heard it is an issue.
173. Weed out the uncaring and unproductive employees-including Teachers and Principals and Food Service.
174. New Elementary campus. AC in the schools. Better support for teachers, professionally and financially.
175. I hope that FCS can continue to adapt and grow together to best support students and families in order to fully prepare our kids to be successful in their future endeavors.
176. To be inclusive!
177. Language immersion in more than Spanish.
178. I hope that the elementary schools get the much needed remodeling.
179. Continue to use/ grow systems for social emotional learning & trauma informed/sensitive care such as TCIS, mindfulness, conscious discipline, etc.
180. I hope that the quality of education that my children receive continues. Both of my children attended FCS K thru 12. They graduated in 1991 and 1994. They were very well prepared for college, thanks to the great teaching staff.
181. Continued education and safety of our kids.
182. Better Special Education Programs to help mainstream children/teachers stay safe.
183. No CRT indoctrination & not teaching LGBT in sex-Ed. And no books in the class/library that promote sex/LGBT.
184. New middle school
185. Newer facilities for Junior High and the elementary schools.
186. Better at taking care of bullying.
187. Students, staff , and community are able to grow and flourish together.
188. That the district would produce academically strong, diversified students that care about others. provide a safe place for students - bullying is addressed immediately and followed through with meaningful consequences, athletic events are safe at all levels.
189. Becoming more respected academically. Continued improvement of sports programs.
190. Everyone needs to feel proud to be a Trojan.
191. I hope that we continue to be open minded, creative planners so that we are able to meet the needs of all learners.
192. Don't go woke, stay in your lane. No CRT, no gender confusion. Transparency and keeping parents informed about curriculum. Medical decisions by parents, not education staff.
193. Excited for our future.
194. Update elementary school buildings. Continue to provide the current activities.



195. School graduates who are prepared for college or to enter a productive vocation and not be left to fail or flounder because they did not receive the needed assistance and guidance to succeed.
196. Conservative Christian values instilled in the school system.
197. Stop bullying in schools
198. Safety
199. That the district continues to stay at the forefront in technology and all areas of education.
200. Provide quality education and help students develop important life skills.
201. New elementary for Edgewood
202. Youth sports programs
203. Equality for all students regardless of income. Students being inclusive to others and reducing the amount of bullying. Bullying is a huge issue for most schools so to see one take action is amazing.
204. Just stay 'real', don't get sucked up into the 'social' and 'political' fads.
205. Soccer in middle school, band students being able to put their instruments in the storage area on buses.
206. I would like to see more students involved in extracurricular activities and more parents involved in the community.
207. My hope is for our students to be leaders and standouts within our community. To weed out the teachers and staff who have not been best fit for academic subjects, programs, and sports.
208. I would like to see Edgewood, MS and HS enjoy the same success that Beach and Shettler have recently received. I would like to see more elective offerings, and I would like to provide more support to teachers and staff.
209. Diversity, equity and inclusion, emergency preparedness, more special ed programming.
210. I wish the district had a swim team and a ski club.
211. I would love to see the competition between elementary schools come to an end and instead embrace the district as one unified team. We lose so much by not using the teaching staff at other buildings as a resource or by participating in common PD TOGETHER. Why not strive for excellence for ALL of Fruitports young students TOGETHER?
212. Better organization and communication from the principals
213. Sidewalks and speed traps
214. Prepare students to be career ready in a global community
215. To provide the best educational experience for our children from K to 12 in a safe, state of the art environment where kids will flourish.
216. To provide a quality and safe education.
217. Parents will be confident that their children are being provided an excellent education

while they are surrounded and encouraged by a staff that cares for them.

218. An early childhood center to prepare the students for school.
219. New buildings
220. To be a leader in education
221. To be able to help my child with work that is sent home from school. At this point the math program is beyond some of the student and parents comprehension levels. The math program this year has set students behind and has discouraged some of them from even trying and that is not fair. It is unexceptionable for students to struggle so much they don't even want to go to school!
222. Keeping the ideologies such as CRT and transgenderism out of Fruitport.
223. I hope to see a district that is innovative in the way it meets the needs of students, moving away from traditional schedules and instruction. Our students are entering a world of flexible work locations and ways to interact. Our students are asked to be critical thinkers and problem solvers, not just note takers and mimickers. I want our district to recognize the need for students to be able to work and get help at school and not outside of school hours. I hope for growth - more students, more Arts and STEM programs, more connections to our school community.