2013-14 Feedback - Common Themes

K-12 alignment across schools: consistency rather than everyone doing their own thing
Solid foundation based on Common Core for all students beginning in ECE and primary grades
High expectations for all students (regardless of poverty, language, ethnicity, disability)
Learn from classrooms/teachers where students are having success
Graduation requirements for all that lead to college and career readiness
Connections with careers; career fairs, internships, community service
Expand online course opportunities for high school and middle school

Need support and interventions for students when they start to struggle; throughout the year and in the summer (jump start?)
Special supports for newcomer English learners and refugee students; especially when students enter US in high school
Culturally responsive school and classroom climates: positive effect on children and families
Greater connections with African American community
Reach out to parents and families to get them involve; especially those who don’t typically take an active role
Family outreach focused on how parents can help their children

Need to increase student engagement
Students want to be known: want to connect with teachers
Increase student collaboration

Build (re-build) prevention services and supports
Mental health supports and services available to all students
Improve school safety (internal behaviors and external threats)

~Drawn from feedback from school meetings, parent and student focus groups, parent group meetings during spring 2014