

Family Forum and Resource Fair (Downtown)

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If you had three wishes for Newport News Public Schools, what would they be?
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Talk more about guns and what to do2. It's always good to talk about what you see, in your friendship with your classmates.3. All things about safety!
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Better public transportation2. Police and Public servants have a better relationship with our community (growth)
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Better facilities for faculty and students2. More funding for activities for students3. Better pay for teachers
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. A way to make more activities on the schedule2. Students learn other languages in elementary school3. More sporting activities in elementary school
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. More volunteer opportunities for parents2. Keep parents better informed on health and safety incidents
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Better playgrounds2. School pets3. Extra recess4. More art5. More afterschool programs
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Safe schools2. Bully awareness3. Better funding
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Have parties2. No bullying3. Bigger gyms
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. That kids would play outside and all neighbors would know each other2. The community is very tight knit
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Enforce no bullying2. Spelling tests3. Involve parents more
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Send more materials home with the kids2. Easier IEP process3. More recess
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. More programs before 3rd grade
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Teachers being open to alternative learning methods/ teaching methods
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. More help for kids with emotional disabilities at an earlier age (6-8 years old) to help single parents
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Better funding2. Better communication3. More access for high school students to look into colleges
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Partner with more organizations like The Catalyst Effect at an earlier age
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Air space aviation

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<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Keep Huntington2. More parent involvement3. Liaison between parent & teacher
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Different afterschool program at Hidenwood2. Free lunches and breakfasts at Gildersleeve
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Better communication2. More safety and security3. Better teaching techniques
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Laptop/computer for every student2. More recess, team building, social activism, community involvement3. Guest speakers to explore careers and hands on projects
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. We have a Boys & Girls Club to keep our kids motivated2. We have a strong community and we all keep our faith in God3. We all try to keep our community clean and peaceful
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Have the same options at all schools2. Provide transportation after they have games from school to home3. Provide classes on cursive that prepare students for life
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Magnet school access allowed access to more areas of the community2. Math, reading, drawing time
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Need more security in the school2. Buckle down on gun violence
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Better resources for children with ADHD and autism2. Autistic behavioral should not be contacted everyday to intervene3. Afterschool programs for kids at school
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Better lunch menu (soup, lasagna, zucchini)
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Update facilities, especially the bathrooms2. More access to resources and notified of these resources in a timely manner3. Equal resources for all schools (laptops)
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Find a teacher in the school that really cares2. Praise the good
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Safety2. Metal detectors in all schools3. High pay for teachers
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. A lot of resources and helpful information to help raise grandkids
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Roller skating night
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Instead of suspension try other options
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Have teachers be more involved
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Our school to have more activities2. Nice students3. Motivated teachers
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Closer access to a pool2. People open

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3. Math time afterschool
1. Magnet schools confusing to enroll, subjective, no specific criteria 2. More money for education and growth 3. Good activities and events 4. Good communication with parents
1. More afterschool activities 2. Free lunch and breakfast 3. Kids volunteer program

What is your best learning experience in Newport News Public Schools?

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ They gave me the opportunity to go back to school, in 2005 to receive my high school diploma. That program was called External Diploma and I am very pleased and honored to receive my diploma through NNPS.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The free afterschool programs are very helpful and really enjoyed Sound Scapes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Learning about snakes and bears and keeping kids on time
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Learning about different program and math and science
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Making projects in science, my daughter love to count in math, and I love how the teacher interacts with my child.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The extra time after class my daughter gets to work on math.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Being a part of NNPS as a retired custodian
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Reading Wonder and learning to never give up
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Brand new to NNPS arrived three weeks ago and attend DSA. Kindergarten and 2nd grade, we are very happy. Youngest is on the spectrum, moved here to get a better education, but DSA keeps calling about behavior.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ We have a teacher that cares about others and helps my daughter find the good about herself.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Studying World Geography, I like the way the teacher explains the information.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Learning cool math facts
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ I love the teachers in schools want to build relationships with parents. I would like them to be more proactive and give parents monthly lesson plans to help at home.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ I got to go back to school in 2005 and get my diploma at 50 and get my GED
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ When I learned how to read, the interactions teachers are able to have with students.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Going to my 1st graders award ceremony and all the positive people in the school system
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Discovery STEM Academy and the robotics they offer. The high school is not very enjoyable, lots of complaining fights.

Tell me a story about your community...

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The people are always helpful, and they put people first no matter what the situation is to make the best of the situation.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ My community is awesome!

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ School was very helpful in our community to get settled in our new situation
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ We have great parks next to our house and opportunities to recycle. We saw a deer eating food and somebody's flowers.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ We need more to be done for the teenagers and violence, more people coming in and trying to help.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ We just had a shooting in our community where a guy died in front of my daughter. Once upon a time there was a Boys & Girls Club we went there to talk about our community and how we can help. My daughter picked up after people were littering.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ I live in a community where elderly people are scared to stand outside on the porch at night or go to the store in the day.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ We moved from NY to NN. I love seeing my friends in our community and my kids an sleep over at their grandmothers house, because she lives so close. Our family looks out for each other in our community and nothing is more important than family.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ One time my neighbor gave me a cat they found. My son participates with 100 Black Men. They go out of state to NY and tour museums about black education, black tie events and sponsored tuxedos and gowns. My child made the newspaper. It is a great group. We need more positive entertainment like that.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ I am scared for my safety. They need to crack down on gun violence, no more shootings. My son loves to learn and is at Hidenwood. They need more affordable housing closer to the school, so we don't have to go so far on the bus. He wants to be challenged, more advanced classes.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Take time to know somebody... ask questions about the person. Take a genuine interest in the person. Even if you never see them again, it will show you care.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ They have a lot of great free activities
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ No story, but it is always a pleasure to see people give back to the community and help the homeless
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Things are not as safe as they used to be... but I really like that there are different organizations trying to make a change.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ I live in a quiet community in Denbigh area and have a great community with lot so families and friendly people. Kids play basketball...
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ They make good friends at the Boys & Girls Club, but there is bad bullying. We want jobs for minor so they can have experience for the future. We need to teach children at a young age how to care for their community, clean up after dogs, etc... Most people are very personal, but I have found a good neighbor.