

Wendy Wright

1) What is your opinion of the outside review?

I believe the concept had merit but some parameters should have been place on spending. A formal needs assessment should have been done. I feel we could have performed a review utilizing the resources we have here in New Jersey. Out of 600 districts, there was not any data findings we could have analyzed and considered recommendations first? I posed this question last month at a Board Meeting. I am concerned with why we did not empower New Jersey and its resources before going outside. We have many districts here I am sure, capable of providing creative strategies with positive solutions on common challenges.

2) What is your impression of the performance of Mr. Seto?

I cannot honestly give a fair impression of his performance because I am too far removed from the duties and responsibility of his job. I have only been exposed to one component of many facets - School Board meetings I observed.

I do believe he has chosen an aggressive agenda of changes he wishes to implement. My thoughts center more around how timely (too fast /too slow), the impact on decisions and the effectiveness as it relates to morale.

The decision to revisit the Bell Schedule (increase passing time to 5mins) and the Lunch period being made a full period of 45 minutes I can appreciate. These are gradual steps to help encourage better communication with students, teachers, parents and school community. I can only hope the importance of the "Value in the Voice" will continue.

3) What is your impression of the leadership of the BOE? Do you want to make changes?

The leadership is chosen by the BOE by a majority vote. As with any leadership role, there are many challenges. The leadership team is always and should be mindful of the impact and its effectiveness of a decision, in my opinion. I can tell you what I am looking for in when it comes to leadership. I am looking for " transparency, consistency, honest and respectful communications." I feel strongly that you gain more when you consider being upfront and honest; even when it's not a favorable situation. We open ourselves to building relationships when we promote working together to resolve issues.

4) Do you support the budget? Yes

5) What changes, if any, do you wish to make in the school system?

If I could make any changes n the school district I would work as best as I could to ensure our students had an environment which cultivates learning to better

prepare them for their future. I would not limit my expectations to just Math and Science but Language Arts Literacy as well. I would analyze best practices, unnecessary trends, and align resources to maximize success. We as a school district have many resources available. An example, Saturday tutorials why are we not making better use of this time for our students who may need additional help with their studies? Our teachers are available from 10am-12noon; this is a valuable resource. This can be used as a motivater if proposed properly.