

Marengo Ranch Listening Circle 2019

1. Every learner at your school has a personalized learning plan with goals. How can we support you to help you achieve your personal learning goals and future dreams?

- *Teachers can help me to support my future dream to become a doctor by encouraging me and supporting me when I need it.*
- *To get jobs and get good grades, to get grades on math and reading*
- *You can support me by encouraging me to push myself and work hard to achieve my goals and dreams..*
- *Maybe 6th grade could have some more homework because in McCaffrey Middle School we have tons but in 6th we have none. I would like to be challenged not bored.*
- *I would like more technology homework and I would like more jobs.*

2. At your school there are different opportunities to learn and grow, like using technology, the Bright Future Learning Center, and service learning projects. What other things would you like to see in those Programs?

- *An after school program to help kids in their homework when they don't understand a problem. Or maybe help them get to their goal and seeing what college is like.*
- *I feel supported that I want to study different things and learn.*
- *One thing I want to see at Marengo is a more in-dept technology clubs that go into challenging and learning more about the computer it self.*
- *A club to design so I can practice, learn and prepare for my goal to become an engineer.*
- *I would like more activities after school like technology clubs because I want to be a scientist when I grow up.*

3. Would you like to have more choices in what you are being taught? How would you like to be included in making decisions about what you are learning?

- *I would like to be included by letting the student know what would be included in their day. In my opinion I would like to have a test for your level more often.*
- *When I go to the class and I take out my homework folder and put it in my shelf and sit down and to my number the day after I do the computer after that we do reading groups.*
- *I would like some choice in what we are being taught but also stay mostly in the perimeter of the lesson. I also feel like we could take test to see what we need to be taught and break up into groups to learn at the pace we need to learn at.*
- *I feel like what we are being taught is perfectly fine and we have just enough time to do everything we need to do without feeling pressure to finish really quick.*
- *I will want to do more science at times because it helps me learn more things about science.*

4. Do you have dreams and ideas about your future in school? How do your teachers support your

hopes for the future?

- *My teacher support me by helping me set goals and congratulate or cheer me on when I accomplish my goal*
- *When I do my work and finish my teacher is proud of me and get a good day.*
- *My teacher support my hopes by telling me I am smart and can do everything I put my mind to.*
- *When we are doing lessons they will sometimes add different kind of challenges for the more advanced kids when they finish.*
- *My teacher believes in all of us that we can do everything and she gets things ready.*

5. What do students need to be more confident that they will have a great future?

- *Students need more confidence by people saying you can do it, we believe in you. That is what students need to feel confident.*
- *Encouragement from teachers, friends, parents, different staff. Just the sense of accomplishment being said from other people.*
- *I think students who are struggling need some one on one with teachers and they also need to be encouraged more.*
- *When my future starts that I'm going to have a happy life and have people nice to me and me me comfortable.*
- *Students need to get a compliment from people at Marengo or for a teacher to believe in them and tell them they can do it.*

STEM Opportunities:

- ★ After school clubs - Geometry, Building, Coding, Engineer
Survey kids- what do they want for clubs
- ★ Medicine/Staying healthy
- ★ Computer
- ★ Exploratory class
- ★ Training opportunities
- ★ Grant funding

Getting what they need based on where learners are : Personalization, Leveling

- ★ Assess often - test for placement

- ★ Small group during lessons - ELA, Math
- ★ Peer helpers
- ★ Teacher training on how to set up and run differentiated groups.
- ★ After school help

College Experiences

- ★ Guest speakers from colleges
- ★ Add local junior colleges to visit list
- ★ Guest speaker on trades
- ★ Guidance counselors
- ★ Teachers discuss their alma mater & have college board in classroom
- ★ Find out about college/summer programs

Positive Language and Confidence Building

- ★ Teachers, peers, parents, staff use language to build up instead of tear down
- ★ More opportunities to achieve
- ★ Build relationships with students and staff : class meetings
- ★ Opportunities for staff to talk about ways to do more to connect & build relationships
- ★ Team building activities
- ★ Confidence course
- ★ No stress