

Theme and Summary Statement Worksheet

Sub-Topic: Facilities

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Themes

More high schools
More smaller schools
Upgrade (AC) existing schools
Utilize latest environmentally friendly technology
Working with private schools
Eliminate trailers
Career center for transition from school to work
Multiple use of facilities / public use

Summary Statement

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Collaboration between community and schools
 Equal resources for public schools (equitable)
 Education opportunities for ELL/ESL and low socioeconomic status students
 Adult education opportunities: funding / scholarships for college / higher education
 Teacher salaries / (down arrow—less or lower) administration
 Recruitment / Training and retention of teachers
 Early childhood education

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