

**Lyons Township High School
Community Advisory Council
Consensus of Table Discussions to Board Questions
December 16, 2009**

The Lyons Township Community Advisory Committee has discussed the following questions and respectfully recommends that the Board of Education consider the following comments:

1) How do we best inform the community that we are indeed working to meet the needs of the middle level student?

Most responses dwelt on personal communication with students, with our feeder schools and with parents. Hearing news “first-hand” through e-mails, presentations and/or conferences was important. In addition, providing information in ROAR, The Doings and Suburban Life, the LT Adult Ed pamphlet and at summer school sites like the North campus pool was suggested.

2) How should we prioritize the needs of middle level students going forward?

LTCAC members were given three choices to categorize: Academic needs, post-high school planning, and social-emotional needs. There was no clear 1, 2 and 3 categorization as not all tables prioritized in a numerical fashion. Of those that responded by number, Social-Emotional was the most controversial. Two groups rated it #1; two groups rated it #3; and a couple groups suggested that it was an area best handled at home. With respect to academic needs and post-high school planning, they were rated inconsistently and with little commentary. Many members remarked that it was a tough decision and that the needs were dependent on an individual student.

3) How would each table define a “successful” student upon graduation from high school?

A successful student is characterized by the following:

Confidence, self- motivation, and happiness

Life and college readiness

Prepared for the next step academically, socially and emotionally

Having goals and information about how to achieve them