

**WELCOME  
COMMUNITY FORUM**

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Canaan Schools**

# **Community Forum**

**Introductions:**

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# **Why Collaborate?**

**20-25% of population is older than 65**

**21.8% decline in the 5-19 year old population**

**Since 2005, childhood poverty has increased 34%**

**Economy of the area has only grown in 2 areas**

**Facing losses in State and Federal funding**

# **Why Collaborate?**

**Given these data points and additional data from various reports, it is thought by many school boards and citizens that sharing resources will create a sustainable, quality education for students.**

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<b>Projected Student Enrollment Grades 9 - 12</b>		
<b>2014</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2022</b>
229	217	211

# **School Board's Work to Date**

**Board chairs have met 3 or 4 times**

**Established guiding questions for all boards**

**Boards responded individually**

**Chairs established common threads from the  
feedback**

# **Collaborative Efforts To Date**

**Opened morning courses at each of the high schools to any area high school student**

**This currently represents approximately  
25 students**

# **Purpose of Tonight**

**To provide a forum for community members to share their ideas on improving student educational opportunities.**



# Ground Rules

- ❑ All Ideas are Valid
- ❑ Allow Every Voice to be Heard
- ❑ Success Depends on Participation – Share Ideas
- ❑ Be Positive, Non-Judgmental and Open to New Ideas
- ❑ Listen for Understanding

# **Table Discussions**

**Table Introductions**

**Identify a Scribe and Reporter**

# **Tonight's Essential Question**

**If the main goal of our collaborative efforts is to provide the best education for all students, what ideas should school boards and administrators consider?**

# Board - Common Threads

- ❑ Increase/Improve Course Offerings
- ❑ Increase CTE/Running Start/Dual Enrollment
- ❑ Reduce Taxes - Increased Value
- ❑ Eliminate Duplication
- ❑ Class Size
- ❑ Co-Curricular Offerings
- ❑ Competitive Clubs
- ❑ Increase Defined Pathways
- ❑ Use Existing Infrastructure
- ❑ More Rounded Education
- ❑ Hiring/Retaining Staff

# **Next Steps**

- 1. Check and adjust our current collaborative work.**
- 2. Review tonight's feedback with Board Chairs and Administrators.**
- 3. Work together to establish short and long term goals that best meet the needs established by each community.**