

**Connecticut River Collaborative
Community Forum Common Threads
November 30, 2017**

On November 30, 2017, community members from the school districts of Canaan, Clarksville, Colebrook, Columbia, NEK Choice, Pittsburg, and Stewartstown met to provide a productive public engagement opportunity to help communities generate ideas for student success. The participants were broken into 12 groups and generated the following ideas. The number of groups identifying the same ideas are in parentheses.

Common Threads:

(12) Expand Course Offerings - 21st Century Skills, STEAM, College Readiness and Careers

(8) Communication & Information to students and parents to make enrollment decisions

(10) Increase Running Start Courses for College Credits and CTE

(9) Financial Responsibility and Budgets - Manage Taxes

(10) Alignment & Collaboration with Curriculums across all schools

(5) Collaborate with Students, Parents, and Communities to work together

(5) Scheduling Concerns & offer possible classes via video conference

(2) Replicate educational models similar to ours

(5) Include 7th & 8th Grade Levels in the collaboration

(3) Keeping our elementary schools open

(3) Identifying the three campuses as one student body

(1) Busing and alternative transportation

(12) Regionalization of the High Schools

(2) Time Building Activities - Need more time for the students to get to know each other

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- (7) Identify each school's strength and maximize that strength
- (7) Use resources that we have to improve the arts, music, chorus, band & Improve co-curricular activities
- (5) School to work include local businesses
- (2) Handicap accessibility in all buildings to have access to programs
- (2) Students have access to live instruction as much as possible to meet graduation requirements
- (11) Focus on class sizes
- (10) Collaborate and look at Alternative Programing to meet Learning Needs
- (2) Interstate Licensure Agreement to quality staff
- (4) Foreign Language
- (2) CTE Trades happening earlier
- (1) Reading Comprehension and Math Instruction Focus

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