



Early Childhood Learning

Student State Advisory Council on
Education Subcommittee

Basic Tenets

- ◆ Experiences and education in early childhood play a primary role in overall education
- ◆ Flexibility is paramount
 - The educational system should fit the needs of its students; students shouldn't have to fit the system
- ◆ Can be provided through 3 main areas: opportunity, motivation and expectation of success

Opportunities

- ◆ Universal preschool
- ◆ Mentoring / after-school programs
- ◆ Restructure school
- ◆ More school choices (magnet, etc.)
- ◆ Reallocate resources to fund things that help students
- ◆ Greater teacher support from administration to deal with unique classroom challenges

Motivation

- ◆ Safe and supportive environment: smaller class sizes, more/more supportive teachers, individual support
- ◆ Make clear how this education connects with future
- ◆ Student engagement is key

Expectation of Success

- ◆ One of the most important factors
- ◆ Clear minimum standards for Literacy, math, etc. by a certain grade
- ◆ Encourage greater parental involvement
- ◆ Greater help and programs available for parents

Important Final Notes

- ◆ Possibility of allowing state board increased power over individual school districts
- ◆ Look at regional, possibly county-wide, school districts.
- ◆ Don't be afraid of radical change.
- ◆ Education is based on elementary school, and it must be strong there to work well overall.