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.