



Edgewood Board of Education Office

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Dear Edgewood Families and Community Members:

I wanted to take a moment to express my sincere gratitude for your participation in the community focus groups that were held earlier this week. Your presence and valuable insights were brutal to hear, but necessary in order to move forward in providing a safe school environment.

The purpose of the focus groups was to gather feedback and ideas from families like yours, to better understand the needs and concerns of our community. Your input will play a crucial role in shaping future initiatives and programs to promote a safe, responsible, and kind learning environment.

Reflecting upon the feedback, I don't believe the policies or the programs are the issues. However, I believe we need to enhance and ensure the fidelity of how our programs and processes are being implemented. I also believe we need to take a harsh stance on unkind behaviors, I will be making the following recommendations to the Board of Education on Monday evening:

1. Provide additional staff development around school safety issues.
2. Implement additional student and staff focus group opportunities to gather more information.
3. Work with the Ohio School Safety Center to evaluate our tools and processes.
4. Provide community/parent workshops on mental health awareness and strategies.
5. Purchase and implement a mental health screener. Work with the board to secure funding for additional training and support.
6. Identify and implement research-based strategies, as needed. (Note: Those identified in the screener.)
7. Request that administrators take a harsh stance toward any, and all behavior that is not kind, responsible, and safe.

Through the active involvement of families, we can create a stronger and more inclusive community. Your commitment to making a difference is truly inspiring, and we are grateful for your support.

Once again, thank you for taking the time to attend the focus groups and for your valuable input. We look forward to sharing the outcomes and next steps with you. It is my intention to schedule another focus group opportunity this spring.

Warm regards,

Kelly Spivey
Superintendent

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