Survey Says...

Virginia Beach City Public Schools is currently working to identify priorities for the next strategic plan. We have hosted a Virtual Town Hall and held focus groups with students, teachers, administrators, parents, and business and community representatives to gather input. We used the input to develop a survey to help identify priority areas. Close to 8,500 people responded to the communitywide survey, and here's what they said.

Skills and characteristics (in addition to reading, writing, and mathematics) most critical for student success:

75%

Personal Responsibility **67%**



Positive Work Ethic **65%**



Problem Solving

60%



Listening Skills

60%



Critical **Thinking** **54%**



Effective Face-to-Face **Communication** **52%**



Independence

(Percentage of respondents rating the skill or characteristic as critical.)

Top Rated Strategies



Recruiting and Retaining Qualified, **Diversified Staff**

63%

Providing Smaller Class Sizes

55%



Enhancing Supports for Reading in Early **Grades**

55%

Providing Learning Opportunities That Are...

55% Interactive and Relevant



Connected to 53% the Real World

51% Project-Based Wand Hands-On



(Percentage of respondents rating the strategy as likely to have a very large impact on desired outcomes.)

What's Next

Stakeholder Input

Draft the Strategic Plan

Presentation, Public Comment, & Approval of Plan

Jan

Feb Mar Apr

May Jun

Jul

Aug Sep

Nov

Dec

2014





Focus Groups and Stakeholder Meetings



Community Ad Hoc Committee and **Design Teams**







Showcase & Public **Comment Event**