

Teacher Roundtable Questions

1. What do you want me to know?
2. What is something that you think policy makers (local, state, or federal) need to know about your work that they aren't yet aware of?
3. Have you seen unintended consequences of any education-related policies? Examples?
4. If you see a possible unintended consequence, do you feel you have an open line of communication with someone who might be able to do something about it?
5. How much of your time do you spend on administering tests (formative and/or summative)? Do you think the testing is useful? Why or why not?
6. How long have you been in the classroom, and how has teaching changed since you started?
7. Do you think the general public understands what you do as a teacher? What would you like the world to know about your job?
8. Do you feel we have a good way of dealing with student discipline in CMS?
9. What are your thoughts on PEPs and the paperwork involved?
10. Did your teacher training prepare you to be a teacher? What do you wish you had known before you entered the classroom?
11. Do you have to work an extra job to pay the bills?
12. How much time do you spend on class preparation, grading papers, and doing paperwork above and beyond school hours?
13. Do you have enough opportunities for professional development?
14. Do you understand the Common Core standards for the classes that you teach? Do you agree with these standards? Are you able to find curriculum resources to align with the standards? Do your co-workers understand the standards?
15. Do you feel like you and your co-workers can help each other and share best practices and resources?
16. Do you ever have a chance to collaborate with teacher cohorts at other schools in CMS?
17. Do you ever have a chance to collaborate with teachers in other school districts and states? Would you want to if you could?
18. Do you feel "plugged in" politically?
19. Do you feel safe advocating politically for an issue that effects education?
20. Do you understand the rules for when state employees can and cannot take a stand on an issue?
21. Do you vote?
22. Do you encourage your fellow educators to vote?
23. Do you have any ideas for increasing voter turnout amongst educators?
24. What are your opinions on NC changing the grading scale to a 10-point scale?
25. NC started grading schools this year. Did you feel your school received a grade that was accurate? How did affect your morale?
26. What would make you feel more supported as an educator?
27. Why do you teach?
28. Would you encourage your students to become teachers? Why or why not? If not, what do we need to do to change that situation?