

**DAC Break-out Groups Discussion**  
**Suggestions for Changes in Instructional Practices**

*Suggestions if you were Superintendent:*

Group 1

- Training of teachers
- Less paperwork
- More project-based, multi-sensory learning
- Mandatory orientation of parents at the beginning of school year
- New parent orientation twice a year
- Communication between teachers (needs go up???)
- Use existing resources for teacher training/mentoring
- Reduce homework to reduce stress on students/families
- Flip classrooms by doing homework in class
- Use “pull-out” program instead of gifted program
- Eliminate grades

Group 2

- Team Teaching – teachers specialize in a specific topic/area
- Opportunity – make high school classes available to all students (with some parameters to test in)
- Grading Understanding – Disciplinary: tie punishment to additional work at school; don’t reduce grading overly on participation but weigh appropriately
- Adaptable Curriculum – give teachers opportunity to make sure students are understanding topic
- Reviews thru 12<sup>th</sup> grade – involve teacher/parents/student to gauge development, success, areas of need. This would give better insights to student.