

Community Conversations: Your Voice — Your Guide

Section 1

What do you and your community believe about the need for community conversations?

How do your conversations influence others?

Section 2

What to Present in Your Conversations

Key Concepts:

- Communicating the urgency to increase student achievement
- Crafting your message
- Building networks
- Sharing district success stories
- Conveying community benefits

Section 3

What Issues Impact Your Work

Key Concepts:

- Building school/community culture
- Trends in education
- The impact of state budget cuts
- High school graduation data

Section 4

What Facts + Stories Support Your Work

Key Concepts:

- Local + state level success stories
- Local/state/national reports
- International comparisons



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Quick Start the Conversation

LEADERS / AUDIENCE	TOPIC	TIME	PAGE (Community Conversations Guide)
Community Leaders: Parents/Business Leaders/ Concerned Citizens Target Audience: Businesses, Community Members + School Staff	Economic Impact: Dropouts	30-60 Minutes	Section 3, pages 16-19
	Computing Graduation Rates	1 Hour; Multiple Sessions	Section 3, pages 21-31
	Data: Numbers that Count	30-60 Minutes	Section 3, pages 35-36
	Tell the Good Story	30 Minutes	Section 4, pages 32-34
Central Administration Leaders: Superintendent/Directors/ District Leadership Target Audience: Businesses, Community Members + School Staff	School Economics	1 Hour; Multiple Sessions	Section 3, pages 7-7H
	District Austerity Cuts: Local Schools	1 Hour	Section 3, page 8
	Article: <i>What Have We Done to Our Schools?</i>	1 Hour	Section 4, pages 1-2
	State Superintendent Presentation: Georgia 2012-13 Achievement Data	1 Hour	Section 4, pages 7-18
School Leaders: Administrators/Teachers/Staff Target Audience: Peers, Business + Community Members	Informal Conversation	30 minutes	Section 2, pages 6-9
	Design of School	1 Hour; Multiple Sessions	Section 3, pages 1-2
	Number of Instructional Days	30 minutes	Section 3, pages 32-34
	Jamie Vollmer Resources	1 Hour; Multiple Sessions	Section 4, pages 35-38

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