



From Our Think-tank Sessions:

How can the Micro-school better serve the children of Gallatin Valley?

What un-met needs need to be addressed?

Parent Think-tank Feedback:

- Field trips around the Valley
- Kids are participants in selecting their education
- Get the spark back! I want my child to love learning again, like they used to when they went to Great Beginnings
- Student-driven
- It's really important to make sure there are times when all of the grade levels can work together on various projects, like a big family.
- Hands' on learning
- Can the older kids volunteer with the toddler program?
- I like the balance of structure and choice
- How will kids transition from 8th grade into high school?
- I like that the Micro-school will be like a big family
- Can we incorporate a way to include sports? Extra-curricular activities? Maybe aftercare?
- Smaller student/ teacher ratio is a huge benefit
- Are there collaboration opportunities for activities and clubs in the public schools? Like speech and debate?
- I want this school to have a high stoke level. I love the creativity and the passion. I want my child to feel excited about learning again.

Educator Think-tank Feedback:

- This small environment could foster really strong teacher/ student relationships
- The multi-age will bring a really strong community among the kids
- Flexible schooling options are great for some families
- The small student/ teacher ratio is a huge benefit
- It would be great for teachers to be able to have personalized communication with parents
- Transparency in process is wonderful
- Teachers were thankful to be invited
- Bridge relationships with public schools to create "private school plans" for students
- Public schools can provide support for an IEP, regardless of whether the student is in private or public schooling
- Partnerships with the community are important
- Instead of standardized tests, create authentic assessment for children's progress
- Hands' on learning/ different styles of learning
- Service projects – connect with the community
- MSU is a land grant institution and the founding principles are connected with community
- Mentorship between older and younger students