Student Success in the Itasca Area: Vision, Obstacles and Opportunities

**FAMILIES**
- Families are secure enough to help their kids
- Parent/school cooperation
- Families see education as a priority

**SCHOOLS**
- Maximize advantages of technology in education
- One school, central admin in Itasca
- Expanded early childhood programs available for children & parents

**EMPLOYERS**
- Employer-School partnerships
- Streamlining resources for success
- Student-business engagement to prepare for real world

**COMMUNITIES**
- Breaking the cycle (of brain drain & poverty)
- Schools at the center of community
- Embrace new technology for student involvement

What is different?
- Greater access to support systems
- Mentoring programs (more & better)
- Change of school calendar (European model)

What is blocking us from moving toward our vision?
- Stress development
- Unaware of support systems between schools & communities
- Tax structures & state law do not support early childhood education

What is promising opportunities could help move us to where we want to go?
- Giving parents skills to have successful students
- Family-friendly K-12 schools
- Expand Invest Early

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