



Blue Ribbon Commission Meeting # 5 Thought Exchange Responses

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Exchange Summary

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Foundational skills, like initiative, time management, and collaboration, are shown to prepare students for school, college, career, civic engagement and life, and are priorities of the business world. How can these skills be fostered and encouraged in K-12 education?



PARTICIPATION

Breakdown of Participation



1,378
Participants



757
Thoughts



17,815
Ratings



WORDCLOUD
Top Rated







THOUGHTS



Key Thoughts





Internships, apprenticeships, work-based learning opportunities Applying learning empowers students to be leaders and better understand that their learning matters and is relevant

4.2  (33 )
Ranked #1 of 757

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4.2  (33 )
Ranked #2 of 757

These skills are often not taught, as regents are the main focus. I would like to see alternative, hands-on real world graduation pathways. The current Regents pathway is not preparing our students for life after high school, especially if they are not attending college.

4.2  (31 )
Ranked #3 of 757



THOUGHTS Real World



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- WBL - like shadowing, school based enterprise** Seeing these skills in action is important as well as being able to practice them in real world situations 4.2 ★★★★★ (31 👤)
- through hands on real world experiences** internships, job shadowing, project based assignments that contribute to their communities 4.1 ★★★★★ (32 👤)