

On Homework:

What our ThoughtExchange data
can tell us about stakeholders
and next steps

A presentation to School Committee
October 16, 2019



WHAT will we be doing as a district?

- Reviewing survey results
- Learning about current research on homework
- Revising our existing policy to include Grades 9-12

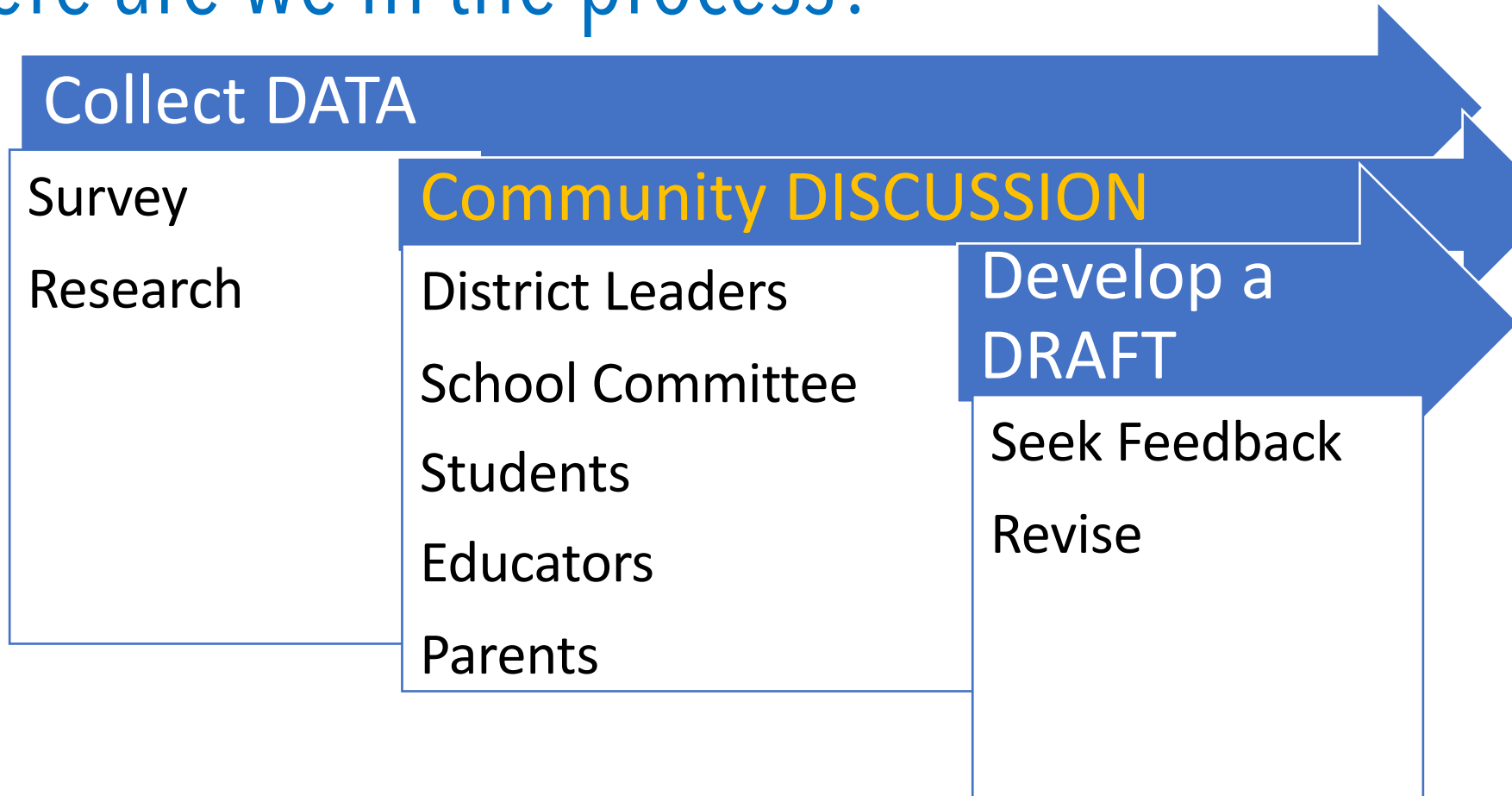


WHY now?

- Survey data from students and families suggests we need to
- Timely topic
- We want our policy to reflect “best practice”



Where are we in the process?

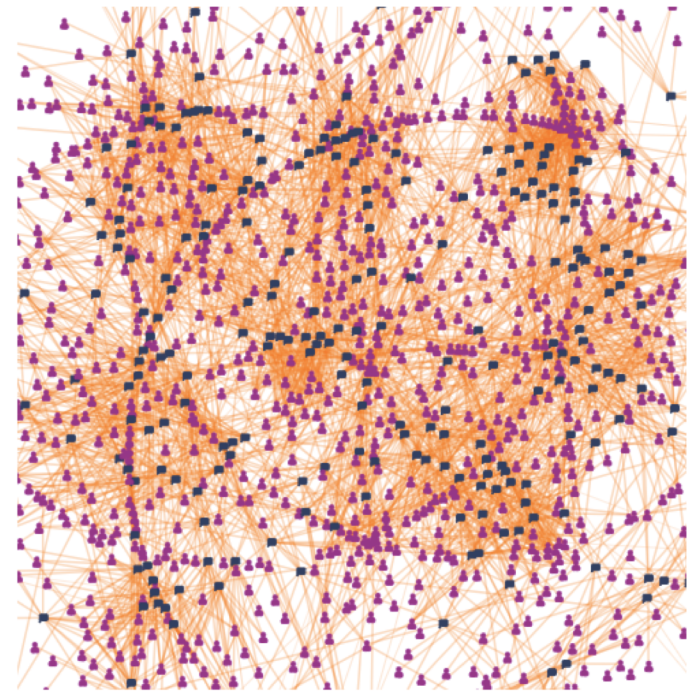
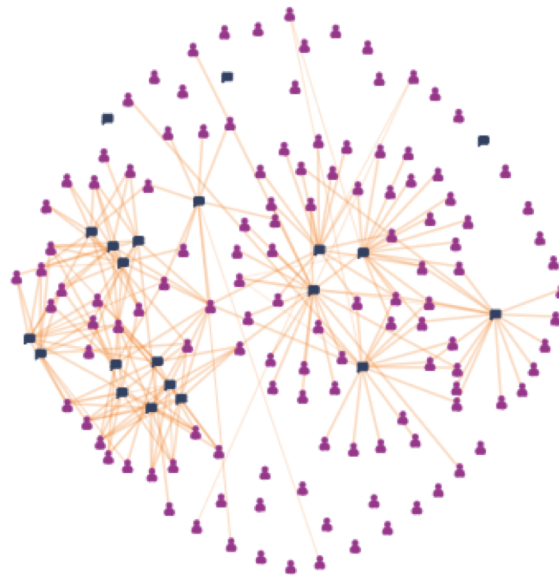
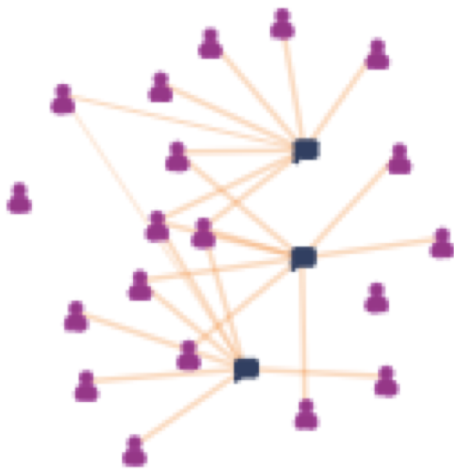


What do we hope to learn?

- What's working?
- What's not?
- What role should homework play in the lives of our students today?



The Evolution of an Exchange



Shared Understanding

Meet Thoughtexchange

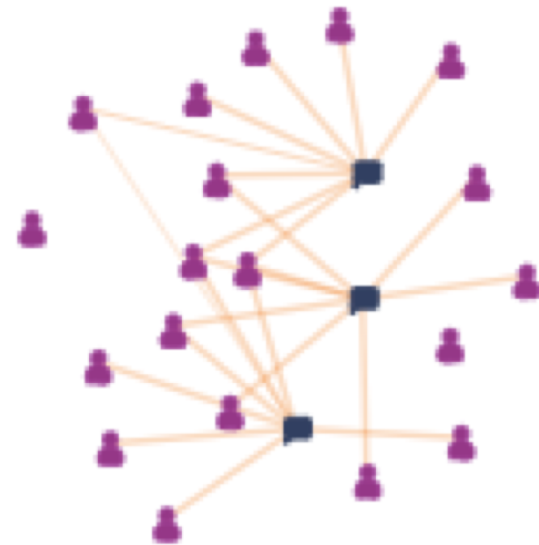
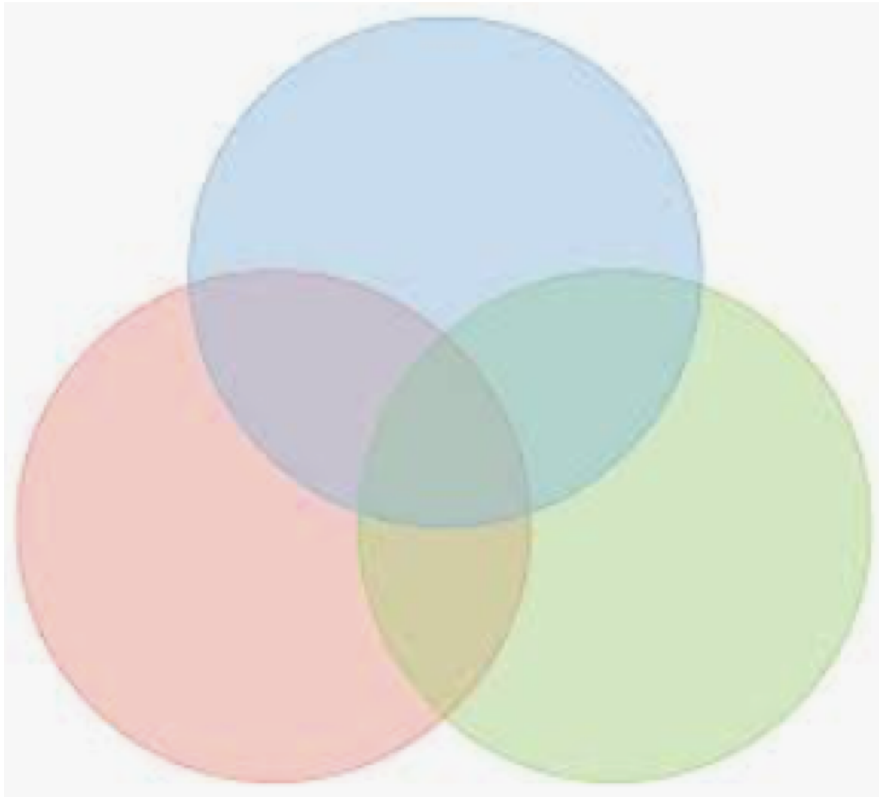
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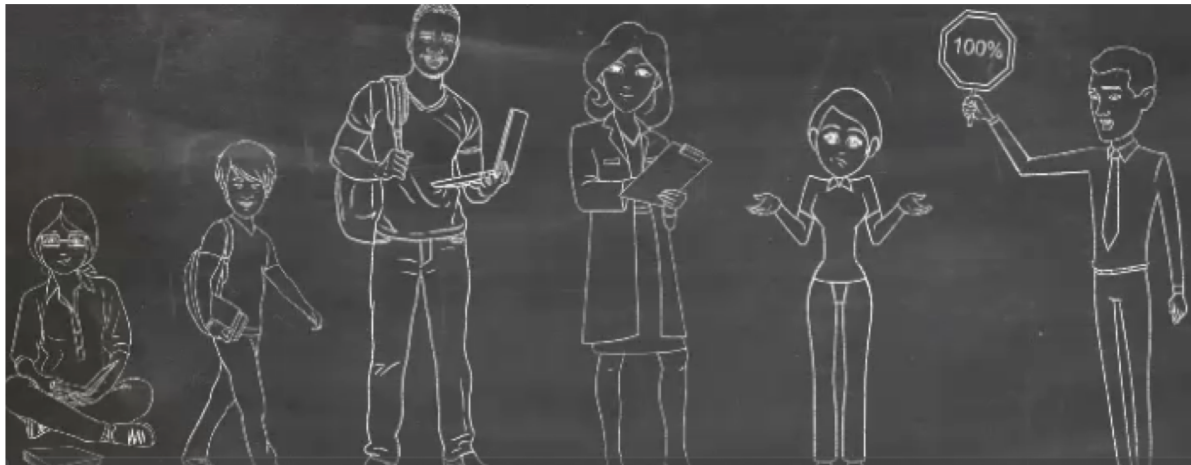
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Families, Students AND Staff



Top Thoughts



- Students
- Staff
- Parents & Guardians

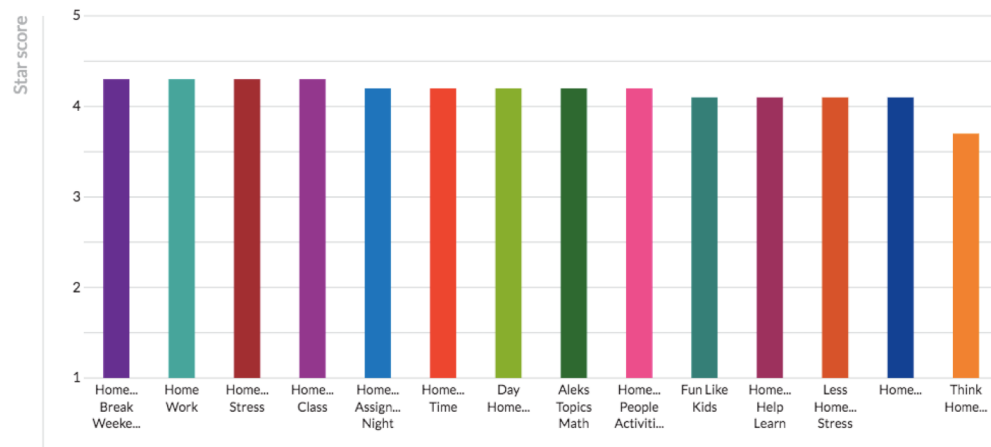
Themes

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Theme set:

Participant group:

RESULTS AI Generated Themes



Purpose
Time
Management
Balance
Workload /
Wellness
Consistency

Common Concerns

RESULTS



STAR SCORE

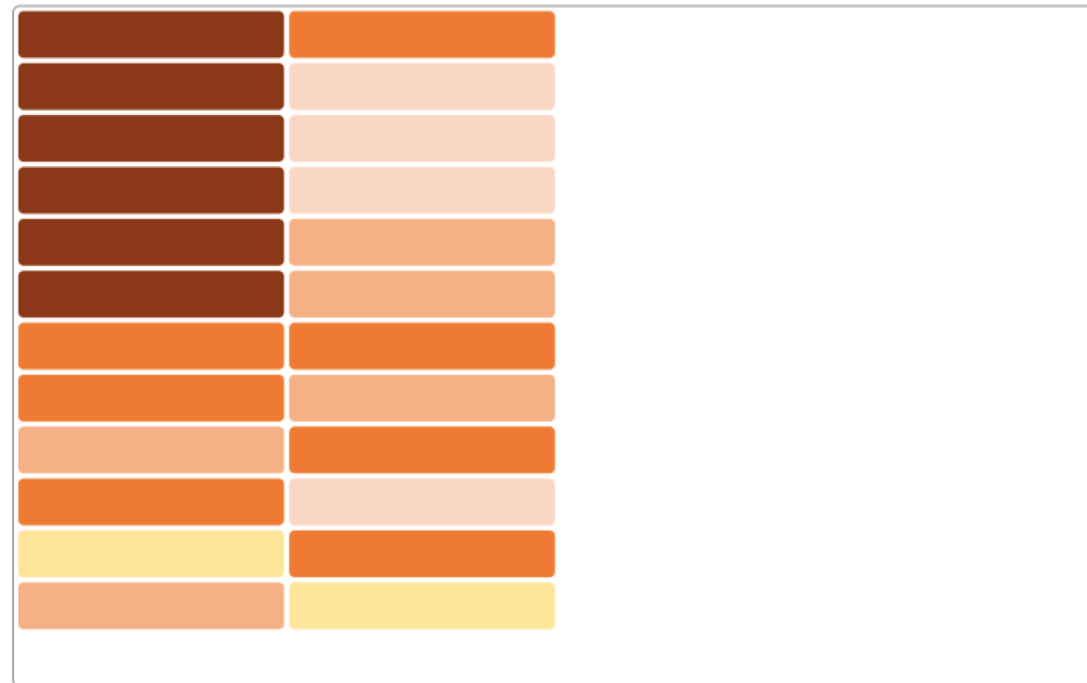
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4.5

X AXIS = DQ1

Y AXIS = THEME



Parent/Guar...

Staff

Community M...

Other

Impact on E...
Assignment ...
Breaks and ...
Purpose of ...
Relevance t...
Student Wor...
Time Manage...
Daily Reading
Individual ...
Mental Heal...
Consistency
Home Suppor...
Use of Tech...

What's Next?

- ▶ District Leaders
- ▶ Joint School Councils 10/23
- ▶ Cathy Vatterott
11/ 14



Coming 7 pm, November 14th

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**Dr. Cathy Vatterott
"the Homework Lady"**



Questions?

