

Input from Bilingual parents at Beacon Hill School

1. What can SPS do differently to improve the education of your child?

- More consistent instructional programs school to school
- Native language support for PTA meetings, conferences, etc.
- After school programs for homework, tutoring, and enrichment
- Summer school for all grades, including Kdgn., in school child attends
- Language support for students in classrooms
- Parenting skill programs with translators
- Bilingual IAs as liaison between parents and school
- Transportation for after school activities

2. Do forums like this work for you?

- Forums at neighborhood schools are preferred because of familiarity and because many walk and have no other transportation
- Fear of unfamiliar neighborhoods, being lost, stranded.

3. What is the best way to provide feedback to your group?

- Through meetings with school's IAs or communication from IAs as liaisons.

Note: Bilingual parents have a need for personal connections and relationships which schools have built through their Bilingual IAs. Many parents cannot read in their own language so need the oral approach with IAs they trust.

IAs should be paid to ride with their parents if they are asked to go outside of their neighborhoods.