



# Opportunity Mapping: Thinking about what your school has to offer

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# Opportunity:

- ▶ A set of circumstances that makes it possible to do something.

# What needs to happen first?

- ▶ Before anyone can consider an opportunity, that person needs to KNOW about it.
- ▶ Question # 1.
  - ▶ HOW IS INFORMATION ABOUT AVAILABLE COURSE, CLUBS, SERVICE LEARNING, CAREER DEVELOPMENT, WORK, and SPORTS OPTIONS COMPILED & SHARED IN YOUR SCHOOL/DISTRICT?

# And, Closely Related to Q1.....

- ▶ Question #2.
- ▶ DO THOSE METHODS of COMPILING & SHARING ENSURE THAT ALL STUDENTS, INCLUDING THOSE WITH SIGNIFICANT DISABILITIES & THEIR TEAM MEMBERS HAVE ACCESS TO THE SAME INFORMATION & OPPORTUNITIES?

# AND.....

- ▶ Question #3.
- ▶ A) WHEN IS THE LAST TIME YOUR SCHOOL CONDUCTED AN ASSESSMENT OF POPULAR CLUBS & ACTIVITIES TO DETERMINE IF SOME MIGHT NEED TO CHANGE, EVOLVE, OR BE ELIMINATED?
- ▶ B) IF STUDENTS HAVE ADDITIONAL IDEAS THAT COULD BE CONSIDERED?

# AN EXAMPLE OF A METHOD OF COMPILING INFORMATION

- ▶ THIS TOOL WAS CREATED THROUGH THE NATURAL SUPPORTS PROJECT AT THE WAISMAN CENTER SEVERAL YEARS AGO
- ▶ THE PROJECT TEAM LOOKED AT WEBSITES OF SEVERAL LARGE HIGH SCHOOLS IN DIFFERENT PARTS OF WISCONSIN TO CREATE THE LISTS OF OPTIONS UNDER EACH CATEGORY
- ▶ THE IDEA OF THIS PARTICULAR TOOL WAS THAT A SET OF EDUCATORS COULD USE THE ON-LINE SURVEY TOOL TO DETERMINE WHAT WAS CURRENTLY BEING OFFERED, CONSIDER WHAT MIGHT BE MISSING, AND THINK ABOUT LEVEL OF INVOLVEMENT BY STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

# YOUR IDEAS

- ▶ Question 4.
- ▶ WHAT IDEAS DO YOU HAVE FOR SUPPORTING THE ASSESSMENT OF OPPORTUNITIES OFFERED AT YOUR SCHOOL, COMPILING A FULL SET OF INFORMATION, & SHARING THAT INFORMATION WITH ALL STAFF & STUDENTS, INCLUDING THOSE WHO HAVE SIGNIFICANT DISABILITIES?

# Why it matters.....





# Couldn't have said it better!

- ▶ The Kewaunee High School Basketball team and their coach went to the Special Olympics Basketball game in Two Rivers Saturday January 31, 2015 to support their manger Devon Deremo. When asked about attending one of the players stated, "Devon is always there to support us, so we will be there to support him," what a great example of locality, friendship and true ambassadors of Kewaunee High School.

- ▶ [www.youtube.com/watch?v=G8\\_RpyfyNs4](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G8_RpyfyNs4)