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**Waiting for Superman Q’s**

1. What is your vision of a great public school? What are the key characteristics of a great school?

#### **Who is responsible for creating and sustaining great public schools? What is your role – as a parent, teacher, student, administrator, community member, businessperson, city official or philanthropist? What needs to happen in your community to create more public ownership of your local public schools?**

#### In the film we see several examples of schools characterized by a culture of low expectations and low achievement. **Are there schools in your community that fit this description? What do you believe are the root causes of these chronically low-performing schools? What is being done to improve them? What should be done?**

#### Research shows that what happens outside of school – such as neighborhood violence or inadequate health care or housing – has a significant impact on classroom learning and student achievement. **In your experience, what is the relationship between neighborhood quality of life and student achievement?**

#### **What factors do you think should be taken into consideration when evaluating teacher performance and determining pay levels?**

#### **What do you think are the essential skills that a young person needs to prepare for a full and productive life after high school?**

#### **How are career technical education programs designed in your school or district? What changes should be made to ensure that students are engaged and prepared?**

#### **Do you think universal preschool should be a priority for districts and states? How is your state supporting the availability of high-quality preschool opportunities for all children?**

#### **What role do high expectations of parents and of school staff play in student success?**

#### **How does the physical environment affect school climate and student achievement? What responsibility do we have to provide students with clean, safe schools that are not overcrowded?**