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A: Academics~Academics are important not only to benefit the schools but also to teach students. Schools should make sure that all students are getting taught the academics they need. Even if that means teaching different students at different paces.

B: Belief~ Everyone should be able to have their own beliefs or opinions on things. You shouldn't be told that you need to believe in something else, or that your opinion is wrong.

C: Culture~ Schools should allow students to celebrate and explore their differences. Having a school based on cultures from all over instead of just one place will make everyone more interested in learning.

D: Discrimination~ Discriminating against any student and/or teacher because of their race/ethnicity, religion, sexuality, etc. is not okay whatsoever.

E: Energy~ If *both* teachers and students have energy, excitement and enthusiasm about teaching and learning, it'll be contagious and more will want to engage in the learning process.

F: Facility~ Having big enough classrooms for students to fit in and have their own space will lead to students feeling a little more comfortable in a classroom with other students. Also, having a good and clean school so that kids don't feel unsafe or disgusted is important.

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G: Grading system~ Schools should focus more on mastery goal grading (focusing on increasing competence (increasing one's knowledge)) rather than performance goal grading (focusing on demonstrating the skill and ability of a student (trying to get high scores)) because not all students are able to work at the same pace and have different skills and strengths.

H: High school dropout rates~ According to Tony Miller, former U.S. Deputy Secretary of Education, "Every year over 1.2 million students dropout of highschool. That's about one every twenty-six seconds or 7,000 students a day." Schools need to focus on students that might seem on the verge of dropping out and also need to figure out why so many students are dropping out and help fix that.

I: Inspiring~ Through teachers' and other students' personal connections, genuine love, stories about themselves and kindness, students will be inspired and motivated to do their best and be the best they can be.

J: Justice~ Schools should teach their students how justice could be shown. For example, social justice could be shown by how individuals owe their society in which they live and how society owes individuals certain benefits.

K: Kindness~ Kindness is a necessity in all schools. Schools should spread kindness all around and make sure there's no negativity.

L: Learning~ Schools and teachers should start teaching relevant subjects that students could actually use in the future. Students should learn things such as filing taxes, how to buy/rent an apartment and how to use a bank account.

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M: Mental health~ Students' and teachers' mental health should be just as or more important than academics and work. Schools should focus on helping out with mental health issues instead of just tossing it aside.

N: New~ Having new opportunities, new friends and teachers, new everything... Schools should allow students to have a choice and opportunity to have a new environment when they choose to do so.

O: Open minded~ Knowing people that are open minded instead of closed minded could help you think more outside the box and see different opinions. Schools should have people that are more open minded, can see more than one side and can inspire one another.

P: Patience~ Having patience with teachers, and teachers having patience with students is needed because without patience things will start to become very chaotic and rushed.

Q: Quality~ The quality of a school matters for everyone. The quality of time, students, teachers, supplies, building, etc. The quality of one thing will always motivate and affect another act in a certain way, good or bad. Schools should make sure the quality of the community and environment is how they want the school portrayed.

R: Restorative justice~ All schools should start doing restorative justice (solving a conflict in a civil way; coming together as a community to solve problems out instead of leaving it alone and maybe causing a fight). Restorative justice could help schools with solving situations, instead of suspending or expelling students.

S: Sexual harassment~ "Approximately 80% of students in American secondary schools have experienced sexual harassment." Schools should start taking action against sexual harassment so that students can feel safe in the environment.

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T: Teacher relationships~ Having a good teacher student relationship is an essential that can help students to do better in school. It can help them learn easier because they aren't scared to ask questions, be themselves, engage more and be confident in their answers.

U: Universal~ Schools should be universal schools and should allow students from all over, doing classes such as ELL (English Language Learners) to help those who don't speak English understand the language and each other.

V: Visionary~ Without vision, people don't have the ability to dream big. Have a visionary school where everyone encourages each other to dream big.

W: Welcoming~ Having a welcoming environment may help kids open up and be more confident in themselves.

X: Xenophobia free~ (Xenophobia definition: dislike of or prejudice against people from other countries.) Schools should be xenophobia free and address the issue of being prejudice and how it can affect people.

Y: Your voice matters~ Schools should allow everyone who is apart of their community to have a voice in what goes on around the school.

Z: Zones~ Cruelty free, peanut/sunbutter free, bullying free, and gun free are a couple zones that are seen around schools. Schools should have certain zones that would help keep the environment and community safe.