

FEN Conference

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2024 Continuation of Half-Cent Sales Tax

72% Approval



68 new schools 134

replaced or renovated schools



Scenario 1

- The district and support union have had multiple meetings about transportation staffing
- Open routes and driver absenteeism need to be addressed
- The union has made this a point of contention during main table bargaining

Scenario 1, Question 1

 What strategies can the district implement to overcome this concern by the union?

Scenario 1, Question 2

 What role does the school board play in this process? How would you ensure they are aligned?

Scenario 1, Question 3

 If negotiations reach impasse, what alternatives/next steps would you consider?

Scenario 1 Key Steps

Work with your district leadership
Assess the financial landscape
Strengthen relationships with the union

Scenario 2

- Your district is planning to start the school day later, shortening lunch periods
- This may affect cafeteria working conditions
- The union demands to bargain the impact

Scenario 2, Question 1

 What is the first step you would take to engage the union about the new initiative?

Scenario 2, Question 2

 How do you build trust with the union to ensure the district can implement the initiative AND bargain impacts?

Scenario 2 Key Steps

- Inform union with a LON
- Be prepared to address the union's potential concerns
- Be responsive. Identify compromises
- Continue to build trust
- Set a reasonable timeline to keep negotiations moving forward

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