Getting Started

As you begin working on school reform issues, your group members may want to fill out the following chart to gather their thoughts, hold a discussion, and decide how to proceed.

Issues	Ideas
1. Community groups. *Are other local groups working on education issues? What are their goals and strategies? Can you work with them?*	
2. Education leaders. *Who are the education leaders in your community? How can they help you?*	
3. Other sources of support. *Can other individuals or organizations give advice or technical assistance for your efforts?*	
4.a. School problems. *What are the biggest challenges in local schools?*	
4.b. School strengths. *What are the biggest accomplishments?*	
5. Reasons to work on achievement and opportunity gaps. *How can you make a difference?*	
6. School Reform Group. *How should you get organized?* *- Participants - Officers* *- Meetings - Funding* *- Committees*	
7. Other issues	