

WSD Board and Superintendent Goals for 2016-2017

The Woodburn School Board had a productive retreat last month where it reaffirmed its commitment to the Strategic Plan. This document has been the cornerstone for the Woodburn School District since 2012. There are three clear goals in the plan that continue to drive our decision making and budget process for the 2016-2017 school year.

Strategic Plan Goal 1: All Students Will Graduate College-and-Career Ready

Our primary focus is on making sure all our students graduate college and career ready. We are doing excellent work in this area as reflected by our graduation rates and partnerships that we have with colleges, universities and businesses in the area. We are proud of the work we have done to close the achievement gap by high school, but would like to see if we can narrow it sooner in the K-12 trajectory. This means dedicating additional resources to individualized classroom instruction, monitoring results, and helping students become powerful agents for their own learning.

Strategic Plan Goal 2: Build a Culture of Engagement

A second goal is to work to build a culture of engagement with people in our students' lives who can impact their time in our schools. This includes students themselves, their families, our staff, and community members. Everyone has a role to play in a child's learning. We want to monitor efforts to bring parents in as partners in their children's learning. To the extent possible the board would like to see evidence of the district's efforts to develop proficiency-based teaching and learning practices, including availability of revised course syllabi and unit plans in parent-friendly formats.

Strategic Plan Goal 3: Be Good Stewards of Public Resources and Community Trust

The final goal is to be good stewards of the resources that have been entrusted to our care. Most recently, this means the bond that voters approved in May 2015. We have taken special measures to be transparent in how this money is spent, such as appointing a Bond Advisory and Accountability Committee and more communication with our taxpayers as projects reach certain milestones. We always have been strong financial managers that operate under a balanced, sustainable budget regardless of what the economy is doing.

The Board's focus is drafting policy to support the above goals. It is the responsibility of the Superintendent to develop initiatives with his administrative team that put these goals into action. There are four initiatives that the Superintendent will continue to work toward in the following year:

Initiative 1: Developing a collaborative culture within each school.

Initiative 2: Continuing to strengthen the school district's dual language program.

Initiative 3: Working with staff to support feedback for classroom practices.

Initiative 4: Integrating technology into teaching and learning at each school.

We will report back as significant milestones are reached and look forward to a positive response from the community, parents, students and staff.