

Morris Plains School District

Strategic Planning Summary - May 2012

Dear Friends of the Morris Plains School District,

On behalf of the Board of Education and the Administration, I wanted to thank everyone who has participated so far in our Strategic Planning process. And I wanted to update you on our milestones and next steps. As many of you are aware, in January we began a process to map out a vision for our district, and identify the necessary steps to achieve that vision. With the assistance of the New Jersey School Boards Association, we began soliciting input from a variety of stakeholders, including taxpayers, parents, staff members, local law enforcement, town council and religious leaders, and even alumni of our school district.

Our Vision

Many volunteers spent the greater part of a weekend in April at the Community Center. Using the survey results as a guideline, we discussed our strengths as a community and as a school district. And we also brainstormed what challenges we might face in the future. All of this conversation coalesced into defining a vision for the Morris Plains School District:

Preparing all learners to excel in a changing world

We hope you share our enthusiasm for the guidance that this simple statement will provide us over the next several years. While much work has already gone into the Strategic Plan, the good news is that there is still time for YOU to be involved in this process!

Action Plans

We are forming four Action Planning Committees to help develop specific strategies to guide the implementation of our plan over the next five years.

The following committees, with the proposed goals and committee chair are listed below:

1. **STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT**, Chair Mary Ellen Sullivan

GOAL: To maximize Individual Student Achievement

2. **FINANCE**, Chair Scott Bober

GOAL: Increase revenue and decrease costs in order to reduce burden on local taxpayers and maximize educational funding.

3. **COMMUNICATIONS**, Chair Teri Mangravite

GOAL: Broaden stakeholders' knowledge of our vision and increase their personal investment in our vision.

4. **TECHNOLOGY**, Chair Denise Rawding

GOAL: Improve the use of technology in the district.

The committees will be meeting in September and October, and will report back to the Board of Education in November. If you are interested in rolling up your sleeves and helping to shape our district, please send an email to mpboe@morrisplainsschooldistrict.org, call the Board office at 973-538-1650, ext. 127 or speak with one of the committee chairs.

Detailed reports of our progress will be available on our website:

<http://www.morrisplainsschooldistrict.org>

Once again, we would like to thank the many people who volunteered their time and provided feedback in ***“Preparing all learners to excel in a changing world.”***

Sincerely,

Scott B. Bober

Board Liaison,

Long Range Strategic Planning Subcommittee