

Saranac Community Schools Strategic Plan Summary – 2015-2020

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Strategic Goal Statement: Curriculum: The delivered curriculum will be based on current research that leads to student achievement.

Priority Objectives:

- A process for curriculum review and revisions will be established
- Curriculum resources will be aligned to state standards and support best practices
- A variety of core and non-core courses will be available for students at all levels

Strategic Goal Statement: Instruction: Through research-based, quality classroom instruction, a minimum of 80% of all students will be proficient without additional interventions.

Priority Objectives:

- A system will be used to provide timely and research-based interventions for students
- A variety of assessment data will be used to drive instruction within the classrooms, grade levels/courses, buildings, and district

Strategic Goal Statement: Professional Development: A quality professional development system will support a culture of learning and growth of all district employees.

Priority Objectives:

- Professional development for instructional staff will align with the Five Dimensions of Teaching and Learning (Classroom Environment and Culture, Student Engagement, Purpose, Assessment for Student Learning and/or Curriculum, and Pedagogy, the Art of Teaching)
- Professional development for all district employees will be on-going and job-embedded

TECHNOLOGY

Strategic Goal Statement: All district technology will be functional and able to provide an environment conducive to a positive learning environment.

Priority Objectives (Computing Devices):

- Develop & implement a plan for an ongoing replacement cycle for all devices, working towards increasing quantity

Priority Objectives (Infrastructure):

- Develop & implement a plan for the ongoing replacement of content filter, allowing for additional bandwidth and flexibility in responding to requests for changes
- Develop & implement a plan to consolidate the firewall and intrusion detection systems, allowing local staff the capacity to make necessary changes
- Develop & implement a plan for the replacement of network switches to a managed switch capable of traffic management (telephones & devices)

Priority Objectives (Training/Professional Development):

- Develop & implement a plan to offer additional training opportunities to students and staff on current devices
- Develop & implement a plan to provide on-going Student Information System & Electronic Gradebook training for staff
- Develop & implement a plan to have a technology/instructional coach available



FACILITIES AND LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

Strategic Goal Statement: Facilities and Grounds: The district will promote a positive school environment through the maintenance of school facilities and grounds.

Priority Objectives:

- Develop a process for review of needs within district property and equipment
- Develop a systematic process for preventative measures within district property and equipment
- Develop a positive relationship between the district and community that fosters collaboration in regard to the needs of the district

Strategic Goal Statement: Learning Environment: The district will provide a learning environment that promotes pride and respect toward facilities, staff, and peers.

Priority Objectives:

- Develop a policy of clear, consistent expectations and consequences for staff and students
- Develop relationships within each building, the district, and the community that are based on trust

Strategic Goal Statement: Future Development: The district will continue to seek opportunity for future development and growth.

Priority Objectives:

- Develop a process for continued support of early childhood programs
- Develop a process to research the needs of the community that could be provided through the use of school facilities
- Develop partnerships with community members and other entities that foster additional academic and extra-curricular opportunities for students

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Strategic Goal Statement: Promotion Goal: The District will enhance the relationship with our community through positive promotions of the district.

Priority Objectives:

- Develop & implement programs/plans that acknowledge the accomplishments and contributions with and to the community
- Develop programs that emphasize positive self promotion
- Develop & implement programs that emphasize points of pride and opportunities that exist in our district

Strategic Goal Statement: Communication Goal: The district will effectively communicate with staff, students, parents and the community.

Priority Objectives:

- Develop & implement programs/plans that foster greater accessibility of information
- Develop a plan to increase opportunities for two way communication
- Develop a system to provide clear and concise information

Strategic Goal Statement: Involvement: The district will increase and encourage student, parent and community engagement to promote positive community relations.

Priority Objectives:

- Develop a plan/program to provide and make known opportunities for parents to be involved in the schools K-12 in and outside the school day
- Develop a plan/programs to promote and encourage attendance at school events

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Saranac Community Schools, through its strong community support, dedicated professional staff, and safe environment, is to provide an education for all students, empowering them to become contributing, productive members of society.

VISION STATEMENT

The vision of Saranac Community Schools, in collaboration with our community, empowers all students to prepare for the future with innovative, diverse and inspiring educational opportunities where standards of excellence will not be compromised.

BELIEF STATEMENTS

We Believe:

- All students can learn.
- Our staff is committed to excellence.
- An atmosphere of respect for people, ideas & property will prevail.
- Our schools will be safe, secure, welcoming & challenging.
- We will continually seek suggestions and feedback from our students, families and staff.
- Our schools will serve as an example of continual improvement & innovation.

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HISTORY

In January 2015, Saranac Community Schools made a commitment to create a three to five-year strategic plan. The School Board created a partnership with the Michigan Association of School Boards to serve as facilitator for this project.

Nine student, parent, community, and staff forums and an electronic survey resulted in 220 people providing valuable input for the planning process. A Strategic Planning Team of 42 community members, parents/guardians, staff and students participated in an all-day planning retreat on March 28, 2015. The plan you see here is the product of these meetings and will guide our decisions and keep us focused in the weeks, months and years ahead.

APPROVAL

Approved by the Board: June 18, 2015