

Schoharie Central School District

Board of Education Goals 2011-2012

Goal 1: Continue to provide and improve instructional programs.

Strategies:

1. In exercising its statutory requirement to review and approve all curricula, the Board of Education will;

- Support the analysis and review of the state and NWEA assessment results for reading and math in grades 3 through 8 for the purpose of realigning and revising the curriculum as needed to improve the performance of all cohort groups.
- Provide support for initiatives which endeavor to increase the graduation rate. Research and investigate ways to keep students from dropping out of school and get them involved in authentic, engaging tasks that assess complex skills no later than sixth grade.
- Implement K-12 curriculum alignment with the new state Common Core Standards and maintain curricular continuity between grade levels in all core subject areas. Increase/improve the use of technology and its integration into instruction (both critical analysis and production of media).

2. Review a course of action to provide more college and career readiness help (both entering and exiting high school) for our students and their parents.

3. 4. Investigate strategies to implement the teaching of languages other than English (LOTE) as early as third grade.

5. Continue to support and research early childhood education opportunities such as our collaboration with Schoharie County Child Development and Head Start.

6. Continue to support the Student Assistance Teams and the District's RTI initiatives to address the needs of students who are not meeting the standards.

Goal 2: Foster a creative, positive and safe school culture and environment.

Strategies:

1. Continue to make available meaningful staff development opportunities focused on reading, literacy, and mathematics incorporating the timelines of the Common Core Standards (RTTT) initiatives and the anticipated implementation of the PARCC Assessments.

2. Promote and encourage student participation in the arts, athletics, and other extra-curricular activities and expand opportunities available to our students to the extent possible based upon the fiscal constraints of the District.

3. Ensure that students and staff understand constructive and positive behaviors in ways that motivate them to be physically fit, emotionally healthy, and socially aware.
4. Review and revise the District's Safety Plan and continue the review of the District Technology Plan relevant to the various phases of the technology infrastructure capital project.
5. Endeavor to negotiate an equitable collective bargaining agreement with all bargaining units in a timely fashion.

Goal 3: Continue to Implement Activities to Improve Community Relations

Strategies:

1. Continue to improve the District's Web Site.
 - Provide support for hyper-links to individual teacher and club websites.
 - Provide training for additional staff involvement in maintaining the District website
 - Support increased student participation on the District website.
2. Continue maintaining positive local and regional media coverage.
3. Increase community awareness and knowledge of the budget process through continued emphasis on transparency when preparing the budget for the following year.
4. Encourage and support continued dialog, outreach, and collaboration with the community and staff on issues of interest to the school and community, and are done in addition to school budget discussions.
5. Have the high school principal, with each department chair share updates on the activities and initiatives within their respective departments that support the aspirations identified by the Jr./Sr. High School Principal.
6. Continue to improve communications and opportunities for parents with the purpose of engaging them more in their child's education.

Goal 4: Develop and maintain a comprehensive maintenance plan for the district.

Strategies:

1. Continue to review the standards for operations and acceptable levels of equipment, tools, and physical property viability as appropriate, as we complete the various phases of our community approved capital projects.
2. Maintain and continue to improve the athletic fields.