

Dear Franklin Neighbors,

We are excited to share with you the results of the Strategic Planning Team's efforts to clarify the Mission, Values, Vision and Goals of Education in Franklin. The Planning Steering Committee and Team volunteered countless hours over the past six months researching, collecting data, surveying community members, studying test results, discussing concerns and synthesizing all this information into a cohesive plan. This plan was presented and approved by the Board of Education on February 22, 2017.

The Mission of Franklin Elementary School is to provide a safe, nurturing, inspiring, and engaging environment through diverse learning experiences. Students are empowered to become creative, self-confident thinkers, problem solvers, communicators and collaborators who embrace life-long learning and become compassionate contributors to global society.

The Core Values include Student Centered Learning, Relationships, Leadership, Growth Mindset, Collaboration, Responsibility, Integrity, Citizenship, Communication, Well-rounded, Diversity, Safety, and Creativity.

The Vision of a Franklin Graduate is one that is College, Career and Life Ready possessing 21st Century Skills; is self-directed and resourceful; and is a responsible citizen.

The Strategic Planning Team identified the following six Strategic Goals for Franklin Elementary School:

- *FES students will become college, career and life ready through curriculum, instruction and assessment that emphasizes 21st century skills, digital literacy and personalization, relevancy and hands on learning*
- *FES teachers and students will engage in and implement a cycle of continuous improvement to monitor and evaluate progress toward learning mastery.*
- *FES will build the capacity of teachers to lead and advance 21st century teaching and learning through high quality professional learning.*
- *Community engagement with FES will be increased through open communication with parents and the community.*
- *FES will become a center of excellence through innovative learning design and appropriate collaboration.*
- *FES will maximize the use of the building through the development of collaborative partnerships.*

We invite you to learn more about the strategic planning process and its outcomes or to discuss more details about how any of the above items will be a part of everyday life and learning for our younger citizens. Please contact the school if you would like to receive email communications in the future. Everyone is welcome at the Board of Education meetings on the second Wednesday of each month at 7 pm in the school library.

Sincerely,

The Board of Education and Strategic Planning Committee and Team

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