



High Levels of Learning for All Students

Van Buren Public Schools Strategic Plan Summary | 2017-2022

Mission

To provide a high-quality, dynamic education that empowers every student to reach their full potential.

Vision

To empower curious, collaborative, and creative leaders able to adapt to a rapidly changing global society.

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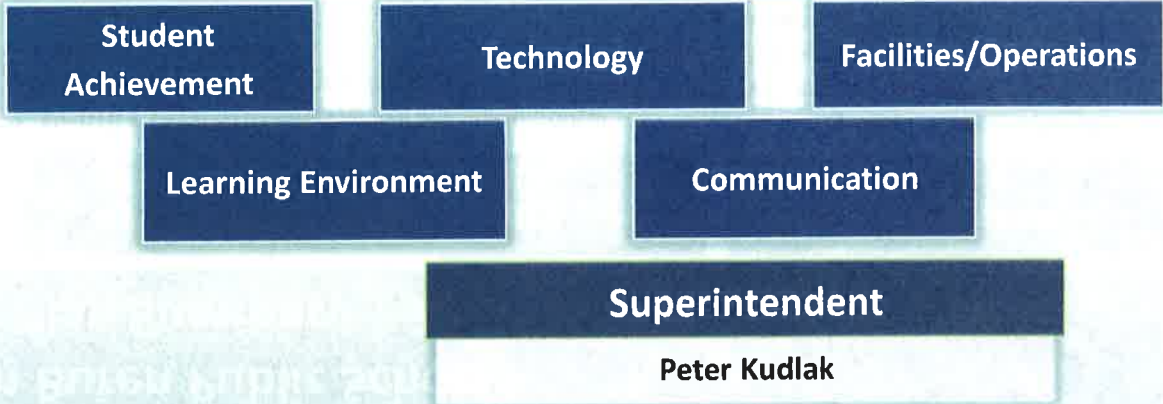
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Belief Statements

We believe...

- Every student is capable of learning in varied ways.
- Students and staff learn best in a positive, safe and respectful learning environment.
- A well-rounded education is essential to personal success and includes a blend of academics, arts, technology and student choice.
- Learning is a lifelong process for all.
- High expectations for students and staff lead to greater achievement.
- Continuous development of partnerships among families, students, staff and the community is vital for our success.
- When staff learn and grow, so do our students.
- Education and leadership are enriched by diversity.
- Students can be leaders in many different ways.

Strategic Focus Areas



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Student Achievement

Priority Goal Statement: We will increase student achievement across all grade levels and subject areas.

Objectives:

- Implement Ongoing Professional Development for Staff Including Instructional Coaching
- Continue to Develop, Align and Implement a District-Wide Multi-Tiered System of Supports That Includes Strategies to Reach All Learners
- Continue to Implement High Quality Instruction Strategies Within Curricular Areas
- Enhance Professional Learning Teams and the Use of Data Dialogue to Respond to Instructional Needs of Students
- Develop a Vertically and Horizontally Aligned K-12 Curriculum
- Develop Plan for Balanced Assessment of Students

Technology

Priority Goal Statement: We will enhance teaching and learning through the use of technology.

Objectives:

- Continue the Purchase and Replacement of Infrastructure, Hardware, and Software
- Create Professional Learning Process for Current and Future Staff Needs
- Upgrade and Increase Network and Infrastructure Security
- Review and Enhance Infrastructure Technology support within the District
- Investigate and Implement New Technologies and Applications as Needed

Facilities/Operations

Priority Goal Statement: We will continuously improve and maintain the facilities and operations to support learning.

Objectives:

- Continue Facility Assessment and Develop Plan for Improvement
- Enhance Maintenance Request Process
- Establish Consistent Custodial and Maintenance Standards
- Enhance Building Safety and Security
- Develop Purchasing and Replacement Plan for Vehicles and Equipment
- Develop Facility Utilization Plan
- Create 21st Century Learning Environments

Learning Environment

Priority Goal Statement: We will foster a student-centered environment that is positive, safe, respectful, and inclusive.

Objectives:

- Enhance Variety of Programs and Electives Available
- Build Relationships with Students
- Increase Student Participation and Ownership in Co-Curricular and Extra-Curricular Programs at All Schools
- Develop Strategies to Embrace Diversity with All Stakeholders
- Develop Clear and Consistent Expectations Across the District
- Respond to Student and Parent Needs with Trust and Empathy

Communication

Priority Goal Statement: We will increase proactive and transparent communication, both internally and externally.

Objectives:

- Coordinate and Build Connections through Social Media
- Develop District Newsletter for Regular Distribution to All Residents
- Develop a plan to Increase Community Partnerships
- Develop Process for Updating District and School Websites
- Develop and Implement the Use of Common Calendar Across District
- Enhance Internal Communication Protocols that Value Transparency and Staff Input
- Utilize State of the District Meetings
- Develop Marketing and Recruitment Plan Including Entrance and Exit Surveys

