



August 30, 2022

Dear Stratford Families,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Board of Education; I am happy to announce that on August 22, 2022, at its regular Board of Education meeting, the Stratford Board of Education adopted a new *strategic plan* that will be the guiding instrument for our work over the next couple of years. We are excited and enthusiastic about this strategic plan because it honors our past, with an eye to the future. The strategic plan is intended to be implemented over the course of three years. Annually, we will review our progress in each priority area, against internal and external measures.

The strategic plan, which is [accessible on our website](#), unveils a new, and simplified, *Mission Statement*. Further, it formally adopts, through stakeholder consensus, the Stratford Public Schools Portrait of a Graduate (POG) as the aspirational *Vision* for all Stratford Public Schools students.

It is our Vision at SPS that:

Each and every Stratford Public School student thrives in further education, career and workplace opportunities, and life as a: communicator, collaborator, lifelong learner, compassionate and engaged community member, and a solution driven problem solver.

Our mission statement illustrates the essence of our *daily* work:

It is our mission at SPS:

To support the growth of the whole student through a challenging and inspiring education, within a safe and inclusive environment.

To propel the work, the BOE has 5 **District Priorities** which reinforce each other. These priorities are centered on:

- **Well-Being.** Supporting the well-being and social emotional health of students
- **Meaningful Learning.** Ensuring high-quality instruction and meaningful learning for each and every child
- **Plan for Future Success.** Ensuring a student driven plan that prepares students for postsecondary success
- **Exceptional Talent.** Recruiting, diversifying, developing, supporting, and retaining exceptional faculty and staff
- **Family and Community Partnership.** Engaging families and strengthening connections with the community.

The Board of Education's strategic plan is directly aligned to each schools' improvement plan. Additionally, the construction of the strategic plan positions the district to be agile and well suited to respond to the ever-changing dynamics of communities and society.



It does indeed take a village, and *your partnership is valued*. We look forward to working with all stakeholders with an interest in the success of the Stratford Public Schools in order to **Include** all, **Engage** all and **Inspire** all.

On behalf of The Stratford Board of Education, we wish each of you a great year of educational growth.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent of Schools