3D Strategic Plan

2018 - 2023

Strategic Plan Executive Summary

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Thank you for your participation and your support of the Fair Lawn Schools.

New Jersey School Boards Association

Matt Lee and Charlene Peterson Field Services Representatives



3D Strategic Planning Process

Executive Summary

A. Educating the Board to make an informed decision

New Jersey School Boards Association provided information to the district on the 3D Strategic Planning Services available through the Association.

The information included a review of the following considerations and requirements:

- commitment of time and resources
- school and community level involvement
- strategic planning to meet the needs of the district
- the Board's role in the process
- potential participants to be included in the process

As part of its contracted services with Fair Lawn Schools, the Board engaged NJSBA for these services. A planning meeting took place on September 11, 2017.

B. 3 D Strategic Plan Meetings

On October 11, November 13, and December 11, 2017, Matt Lee and Charlene Peterson, Field Service Representatives, facilitated three Strategic Planning meetings. Outcomes of these meetings include:

- 1. Strengths/Accomplishments and Challenges/Opportunities
- 2. The vision of the future for your district
- 3. Goals and Objectives

Outcomes in the Strategic Planning Notebook are from all three of the Strategic Planning Meetings.

C. <u>Developing the Action Plans</u>

The Superintendent and Administrative Team will develop action plans to implement the 3D Strategic Plan. The action plans will include:

- 1. The actions needed to accomplish the goals and objective
- 2. Select measures for accountability
- 3. Resources required
- 4. A timeline for implementation



MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Fair Lawn Public Schools is to promote continuous improvement and high levels of learning, to foster self confidence and support success for all students and to engender productive and humane citizens empowered by the critical, technological, and communication tools necessary to function democratically in a global society. Our expectation is that all students achieve the New Jersey Student Learning Standards at all grade levels.



GOALS

The four goal areas that emerged from the group work are:

- 1. Health, Wellness & Social Purpose
- 2. Culture, Community & Family
- 3. Personalized Learning & Academic Excellence For All
- 4. Technology



Health, Wellness & Social Purpose

Goal Statement:

To support the mental, emotional, and physical well-being of students to enable them to maintain a healthy balance between school and social life.

- 1. Provide opportunities for students to develop empathy and appreciation for diversity.
- 2. Provide programs that support the emotional and mental health of students.
- 3. Create a sense of belonging, community, and acceptance within each school building (with an emphasis on social media).



Culture, Community & Family

Goal Statement:

To create a culture and climate of inclusion, fostering respect for and tolerance of diversity.

- 1. To review, update and strengthen curriculum at all levels with an emphasis on culture, community and family.
- 2. To explore best practices that enables diverse families to participate in the school community.
- 3. To create cultural opportunities for all to learn about and share their heritage.
- 4. To provide the tools that our students will need to create a positive and empathetic culture.



Personalized Learning & Academic Excellence For All

Goal Statement:

To develop a comprehensive curriculum that engages and supports students of all ages and abilities.

- 1. Critical thinkers → more problem solving
- 2. Personalized learning/alterative learning; more course offerings
- 3. Effective communication; collaborative learning initiatives
- 4. College and/or career readiness



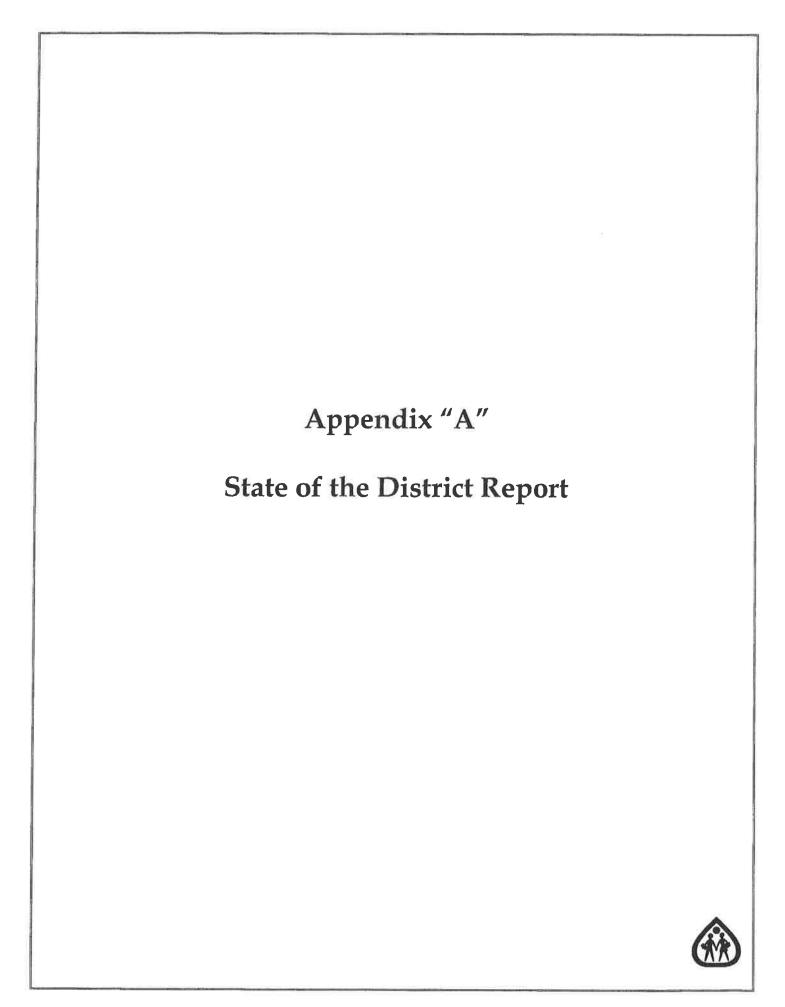
Technology

Goal Statement:

Develop digital learning environments to foster Student understanding for success in the 21st century.

- 1. Increase access to virtual learning experiences.
- 2. Ensure the technology infrastructure meets district needs.
- 3. Increase integration of technology with the curriculum.
- 4. Create a professional development plan for the teachers.
- 5. Prepare students to participate in a technical world.





State the District



Fair Lawn School District October 11, 2017

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Mission

2017-2018 District Goals

- Increasing Achievement in Mathematics Grades K-5
- -Achieving New Jersey Standards Grades K-12
- Introducing Digital Literacy Grades 6-12
- -Special Education Leadership K-12
- -Plan for New Grade Level Configuration/Construction
- -Mental Health
- -Kindergarten and Grade 1 Articulation
- · -Strategic Plan

nrollment

al Students: 5021

Males: 2584 lemales: 2437

of District Placements 81

nographics

3% White

4% Asian

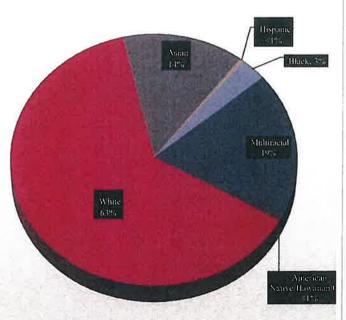
1% Hispanic

% Black

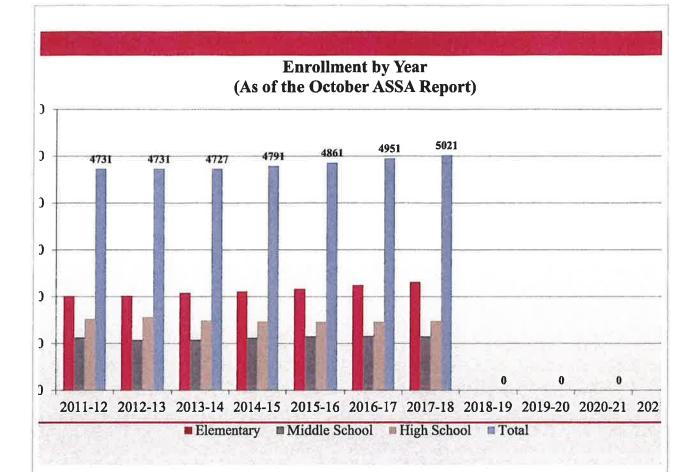
9% Multiracial

1% American Native/Hawaiian/OPI

Enrollment by Ethnicity



■ White ■ Asian ■ Hispanic ■ Black ■ Multiracial ■ American Native/Hawaiian/OPI

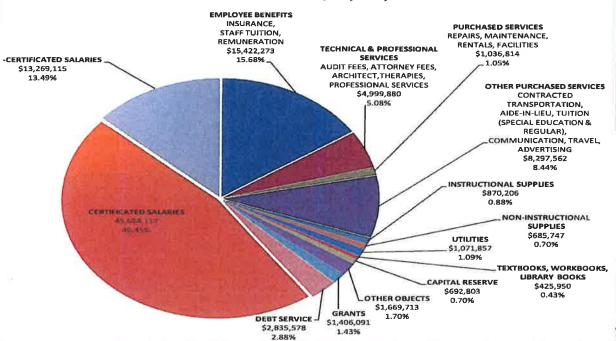


- 506 Certificated staff members
 - 79% hold advanced degrees (Masters or higher)
 - 1.6% hold a Doctoral degree
- Special Services Child Study Teams
 - (8) School Social Worker, (6) Learning Teacher Disability Consultant (LDTC), (9) School Psychologist, and (14) Speech and Language Pathologist at each building
 - (1) Physical Therapist and (6) Occupational Therapist and (1) Behaviorist District wide
- School Nurse at each building
- Media Specialist at Middle Schools and High School
- School Counselors Grades 6 to 12
- Gifted Opportunities in Grades K-12
- 166 Paraprofessional Educators

100 % are HQT by completing at least 2 years of study at an institution of higher education; have obtained an Associate's (or higher degree) or passed the academic assessment.

Professional Staff

PROJECTED EXPENSES 2017/2018 BUDGET TOTAL \$98,367,706



2016-17 Actual Spending Per Pupil Cost NJDOE

District	Pe	er Pupil
Elmwood Park	\$	11,498
Wood-Ridge	\$	12,639
Little Ferry	\$	13,043
North Arlington	3	13,184
Fairview	3	13,837
Hasbrouck Heights	\$	14,011
Oradell	\$	14,017
Lyndhurst	\$	14,232
Cresskill	\$	14,477
Rutherford	S	14,635
Emerson	\$	15,203
Dumont	\$	15,212
New Milford	\$	15,502
Saddle Brook	\$	15,656
Bergenfield	5	16,196
Closter	\$	16,244
Leonia	S	16,305
Fair Lawn	\$	16,348
Wailington	5	16,417
River Vale	\$	16,459
Northvale	5	16,573
Waldwick	5	16,758
River Dell	\$	16,798
River Edge	\$	16,832
Glen Rock	\$	16,843
Tenafly	\$	17,049
Palisades Park	3	17,121
Cliffside Park	\$	17,212
Allendale	S	17,243
Upper Saddle River	5	17,437
Englewood	5	17,715
Edgewater	S	17,774
Maywood	\$	17,804
Ridgefield Park	S	17,924
Montvale	5	17,952

District	P	Per Pupil	
Ho Ho Kua	5	18,288	
Moonachie	\$	18,288	
Paramus	\$	18,826	
Demerest	\$	18,842	
Fort Lee	\$	18,988	
Ridgewood	\$	19,129	
Ramapo	5	19,479	
South Hackensack	S	19,492	
Hackensack	\$	19,628	
Westwood	5	19,803	
Norwood	S	19,807	
Teaneok	\$	19,922	
Bogota	S	19,973	
Lodi	5	20,205	
Rochelle Park	\$	20,230	
Ridgefield	\$	20,505	
Old Tappan	\$	20,652	
Hilladale	\$	20,714	
Wyakaff	\$	21,033	
Harrington Park	\$	21,686	
Ramsey	5	21,800	
East Rutherford	\$	21,912	
Oakland	\$	22,141	
Garfield	\$	22,234	
Englewood Cliffs	\$	22,608	
Mahwah	S	22,657	
Caristedt	8	23,064	
Woodcliff Lake	5	23,083	
Midland Park	S	23,568	
Haworth	5	23,662	
Park Ridge	\$	24,792	
Franklin Lakes	\$	24,857	
Saddle River	5	29,692	
Alpine	5	30,765	

TECHNOLOGY

Infrastructure

1 GB/ps Internet connection

 $1~\mbox{GB/ps}$ connection to desktops with $10\mbox{GB/ps}$ backbone between wiring closets

1GB/ps connection among all schools

Cisco and PaloAlto firewalls

Smoothwall internet content filter

Wireless access system available district wide with 350 access points

Windows 2008 system servers

Windows 7 professional on all computers

Hardware

Approximately 1800 desktop computers

Approximately 1600 laptops computers

175 iPads and 36 Chromebooks

Approximately 330 SMART boards and projectors in classroom

700 VOIP telephone

186 Security Cameras in district

17 Door Access Control Systems

Software, Programs and Apps

Genesis Student Management System

School Messenger Notification System

School Messenger system web site hosting for district and middle and elementary schools

Destiny library management system

Google district domain and Google classroom

Office professional 2010 productivity software

RealTime system utilized for IEP and 504

Other Technology

Everyday Math, Connect Ed and Typing Pal for Elementary schools

Logger Pro, Sketch Pad and TI-Nspire and Tinkerplots in middle schools

AutoCaD for FLHS STEM lab

ExamView and Discovery Education district wide

iPads for Special Education

IXL

Learning Ally

Athletics

- -18 Teams qualified for the Bergen County
 Tournament
- -24 Teams qualified for the State Tournament
- School Year 2016-17 (4) scholarships were received for Division 1

MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT ACTIVITIES/CLUBS

Memorial Middle School

Arts and Craft Club

Boy's Intramurals Coordinators

Celebrate America Choral Music Computer League Destination Imagination Environmental Club

Future Business Leaders of America Girls' Intramurals Coordinators

Instrumental Music Literacy Magazine

Mathematics League Advisor

Peers for PEACE Production Club

School Newspaper Advisor

School Store Strings

Video Production Club

Webmaster World Culture Club Yearbook Advisor

National Junior Honor Society

Stem League Gardening

Thomas Jefferson Middle School

Anime Club Arts and Crafts Club Boys'/Girls' Intramurals

Character Counts/Celebrate America

Chess Club Computer Club Debate Team Drama Club

The Environmental Club and Animal Rescue Club

Guitar Club Literacy Magazine Math League Media Squad

Peers for Peace Club

Music-Band/Orchestra/Choral

Ping Pong Club
Production Club
Reading Club
School Newspaper
School Store
Student Council
Word Masters
World Cultures Club
Yearbook

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT ACTIVITIES/CLUBS

Academic Decathlon Animal Rights Club Big Brother/Big Sister Biology League Black Student Union Boptones Rock Bank Breaking the Chain Through Education Chemistry League

Chinese National Honor Society

Society

Crimson Crier School

Newspaper

Crimson Tide Yearbook Cutter Corner-School

Store

Debate Team E.R.A.S.E.

Engineering Design Club Environmental Club Fair Lawn Fitness

Fellowship of Christian

Athletes

F.B.L.A.
FLHS E.M.T. Club
Flight Simulation Club
French National Honor Society
Freshman Class Council

Freshman Math League Gay-Straight Alliance Habitat for Humanity

Helping Hands

Hispanic National Honor

Society Interact J.E.T.S.

Jazz Ensemble

Jr. Division Computer League Marathon

Masques ~ Drama Club

Math League Math National Honor Society

Mindfulness Model U.N. Musical National Art Honor

Society National English Honor

Society
National Honor Society

Operation Smile
Peer Leadership
Photography Club
Physics League
Ping Pong Club
Pit Orchestra

Political Action Club Production Club Red Cross Club

Scarlet Letters

Science National Honor Society

Senior Class Council Senior Division Computer League Short Stories Club Ski Club

Social Studies Honor Society

Sophomore Class Council

Student Government

Association Student Movement Against Cancer

Student Tech Squad
Tri-M Music Honor

Society Ultimate Frisbee Varsity Law Team Vegan/Vegetarian

Club

Women's Activism

4 Year Colleges Attended By Graduates of FLHS Class of 2017

nerican University	Elon University	Monmouth University	School of Visual Arts	West Virgini
Izona State University	Emerson College	Montclair University	Seton Hall University	William Pate
abson College	Emory University	Muhlenburg College	St. John's University	Worchester University
nghamton University	Fairleigh Dickinson University	New Jersey City University	Steven's Institute of Technology	Yale Universi
oomsburg University	Felician University	NUIT	Stockton University	
oston Architectural College	Florida Atlantic University	Northeastern University	SUNY University at Albany	
andels University	Florida International	Pace University	SUNY University at Buffalo	
yant College	Florida State University	Penn State University	Syracuse University	
icknell University	George Washington	Pratt Institute	Temple	
aldwell University	Hartford University	Princeton University	UCLA	
arkson University	Harvard University	Quinniplac University	University of MA, MI, MN, RI, TX, WA	
pastal Carolina	Hofstra University	Ramapo College	University of New Haven	
ollege of Charleston	Husson University	Rensselaer Polytechnic University	University of San Diego	
ollege of the Holy Cross	Johnson & Wales University	Rowan University	University of Southern California	
orneli University	Kean University	Rutgers University	University of Tampa	
JNY Hunter College	Lehigh University	Salve Regina	Virginia Tech	

Art and Music

Art History Studio Art: 2-D Design Studio Art: 3-D Design Studio Art: Drawing Music Theory

English

English Language and Composition English Literature and Composition

Math

Calculus AB
Calculus BC
Computer Science A
Statistics

Science

Biology
Chemistry
Environmental Science
Physics 1
Physics C: Electricity and

Magnetism
Physics C: Mechanics

Social Studies

European History
Macroeconomics
Microeconomics
Psychology
United States History

World Language

Chinese Language and Culture French Language and Culture Spanish Language and Culture

FLHS Advanced Placement Courses

- Full Day Kindergarten
- Rated A+ Number 21 Best School District in New Jersey according to Niche
- Police presence at both middle schools

Recent District Accomplishments

- Thomas Jefferson Middle School
 - -14 Classrooms, new kitchen, cafeteria upgrades, cafetorium, air conditioned auditorium
- · Memorial Middle School
 - -9 Classrooms, new kitchen, cafeteria upgrades, new media center, air conditioned auditorium
- · Elementary Schools
 - -Grade 5 students will move to expanded middle schools to free up classroom space in all elementary schools
- · High School
 - -Air conditioned auditorium

+++Estimated tax increase on an average home in Fair Lawn between \$106-\$125 per year+++

Referendum March 13, 2018

- Monday, November 13, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. in the High School Cafeteria "D"
- Monday, December 11, 2017 at 7:00 P.M. in the High School Cafeteria "D"

FUTURE Strategic Plan Meetings

Appendix "B"

Outcomes of Meetings 1 and 2

- Strengths/Accomplishments
 - Challenges/Opportunities and
 - Visions



Session 1 of 3 - What are the Strengths/Achievements and Challenges/Opportunities of the Fair Lawn Public Schools?

On Wednesday, October 11, 2017 Fair Lawn Public School District administrators, staff, Board members, parents, and community members came together to initiate strategic planning. The first evening's topic focused on the Strengths/Achievements, and challenges/opportunities of the Fair Lawn Public Schools. The meeting began with welcoming remarks by Eugene Banta, President of the Board of Education. Dr. Ernest Palestis, Interim Superintendent, provided an informative overview of the district. Facilitators Matt Lee and Charlene Peterson from the New Jersey School Boards Association introduced the strategic planning methodology and assisted throughout the process.

More than 40 community, parent and staff participants gathered in four randomly assigned groups to identify the Strengths/Achievements and Challenges/Opportunities of the Fair Lawn Public Schools through brainstorming and the sharing of ideas. After discussion, each group came to a consensus on its top 10 Strengths/Achievements and top 10 challenges/opportunities and presented those to the full group of meeting participants.

The information that follows is a summary of the work of the small groups. All consensus points are recorded and posted on the district's website (http://www.fairlawnschools.org) to share the group work during the course of the strategic planning process.



Group Consensus: Strengths/Achievements & Challenges/Opportunities

Red Dot Group:

Strengths/Achievements	Challenges/Opportunities
Performing arts – music, band, etc.	Class size
Diversity	Overcrowding
Sports programs	Borders (hard/soft)
High quality educators	Infrastructure
Amazing PTO's	Technology
Strong sense of community	Attendance/truancy
High rankings (academic)	STEM/STEAM
College acceptance	Parental involvement
Comprehensive offerings, curriculum, etc.	Communication
Special education	Workplace readiness
BOE - Master	Sustainability
Communication - live streaming, website etc.	Scheduling
	Transportation
	IEP/504 education for parents
	Consistency
	Inclusion
	Gifted/talented programs
	Houses
	New superintendent



Green Dot Group:

Challenges/Opportunities
Growth of district: how do we continue to
provide A+ education?
How do we support current program and additional?
Transition of grade 5 to middle school
2% cap
Improve efficiency of budget/spending
Adjusting grade 1 to support full day kindergarten
Supporting special education population at home school
Adult transition (autistic program)
Providing for gifted and talented: socially
How do we individualize learning with (growing) population?
Technology changes fast
How do we connect with businesses/industry more?
Socializing middle school/high school

Black Dot Group:

Strengths/Achievements	Challenges/Opportunities
Reputation; credibility	Vocational / trade programs
Quality and qualifications of all staff	Future ready (preparing students to be)
After school activities extracurricular, Athletics	Wider range of course offerings: early exposure, part of rotation
Music offerings early in schools	Offer choice of world languages in elementary school
Every school is a quality school	Large class sizes
Consistent curriculum	Respect for organizational theory
Positive student/school culture	Diversity and inclusivity of population
Special education programs	Social media and changing interpersonal communication
Diversity and inclusivity of population	Bullying



Blue Dot Group:

Strengths/Achievements	Challenges/Opportunities
Special education programs	Enrollment
Strong financial health	Technology
Extracurricular opportunities	Budget
Strong Pre-K/K Foundation	State mandates/standards
Communication, trust between home and school	Referendum
Diversity of cultures	Soft borders
Incredible teachers, healthy school climate	School lunch
Support of our students from central office, Board of Education	Vocational opportunities
Strong PTO/PTA/FLASE involvement and commitment	
Location	11

Session 2 of 3

Developing a Vision for the Fair Lawn School District in the Next 5 Years

On November 13, 2017 Fair Lawn School District administration, staff, parents, and community members came together to continue the strategic planning process. The second meeting's topic focused on creating a shared vision for the Fair Lawn School District in the next five years.

The meeting, facilitated by Matt Lee and Charlene Peterson from New Jersey School Boards Association, began with an overview of the Strategic Planning process and the steps taken at the October 11, 2017 meeting.

To begin the visioning process, participants were asked to picture themselves away from the district for 5 years, and returning to find the Fair Lawn School District on the cover of TIME magazine, with the caption "Schools that Succeed." The participants were asked to envision what was written in the magazine article that warranted such high recognition – what programs / services / curriculum / student outcomes / best practices / facilities would you expect to see in your school that are succeeding? 21st century skills were highlighted in a video clip.

The various stakeholders then gathered in four randomly assigned groups to brainstorm their visions of how the district achieved this remarkable success. Each group was asked to write a title for the article and come to a consensus on up to 10 key visions. Each



group's outcomes were shared with all meeting participants. The session concluded with the identification of common threads throughout the groups' work and four broad goal areas for the next meeting.

Group Work

The information that follows is a summary of the work of the small groups. As discussed with the meeting participants, all consensus points are recorded and posted on the district's website (http://www.fairlawnschools.org) to share the group work during the course of the strategic planning process. Individual responses for those who were unable to attend this session can be shared via a Strategic Planning link on the district's website.

Green Dot Group: "Learning Beyond the Walls"

Key Visions – Year 2023:

- Students become inquiry-based problem solvers
- Collaboration moving students to address community and social issues
- Students are supported in their developing social and emotional awareness (empathy)
- Harnessing the power of technology to promote physical and mental health
- Students leave their Fair Lawn experience understanding world religions and cultures
- Critical thinking
- Outdoor classrooms/experience
- Digital literacy/teaching digital awareness
- Face-to-face collaboration/thinking
- Community connections

Blue Dot Group: "Fair Lawn Schools Releasing the Future"

Key Visions – Year 2023:

- More course offerings/options
- Collaboration with community
- Critical thinker/problem-solving
- Fluency in a second language
- Each child is prepared for college/career
- No more textbooks/tech-based instruction
- Socially, emotionally and physically well



Orange Dot Group: "Preparing Children of Fair Lawn with a Strong Foundation for Success"

Key Visions - Year 2023:

- Technology of all kinds including coding, application; keep up with constantly changing world; tool for all content areas for teaching and learning;1:1
- Social-emotional learning/health and well-being
- Social consciousness
- Personalized learning
- Mindful decisions about home-school connection
- Research/evidence-based decisions about best practices
- Closing the achievement gap while simultaneously allowing all students to progress from where they are at
- Bilingual
- Opportunities for alternative learning
- Remaining shining beacon/gem that it is today for the community as a whole

Black Dot Group: "Fair Lawn Schools Set the Bar"

Key Visions – Year 2023:

- Students collaborating to solve problems
- Effective communicators
- State-of-the-art STEAM labs
- Students with their own vision and purpose
- Socially, emotionally conscious students
- Balance between school/social life

Broad Goal Areas:

Four goal areas emerged from the common themes identified by the group at large:

- Health, Wellness & Social Purpose
- Culture, Community & Family
- Personalized Learning & Academic Excellence For All
- Technology



Session #3 of 3

Developing a Broad Goal Statement and Supporting Objectives for Each Goal Area

On December 11, 2017 Fair Lawn Public Schools administration, staff, parents, board members and community members came together to continue the strategic planning process. The third and final meeting's topic focused on developing a broad goal statement and 4-5 supporting objectives for each of the four goal areas identified at the conclusion of the November 13, 2017 meeting. These goals will represent a shared vision for Fair Lawn Public Schools over the next five years.

Matt Lee and Charlene Peterson from the New Jersey School Boards Association facilitated the strategic planning process. The group was provided with an overview of the October 11 and November 13 meetings and then the goal writing process was introduced that included definitions, the connection to the work from the first two meetings, and the components of a goal statement. Participants were able to self-select a goal area of interest to them — Health, Wellness & Social Purpose; Culture, Community & Family; Personalized Learning & Academic Excellence For All; and Technology. Each goal area group was tasked with writing a broad goal statement and developing around four to five accompanying objectives that reflected the strengths, challenges, and visions relative to their goal area as determined in Meetings 1 and 2.

Group Work

The information that follows is a summary of the work of the small groups. As discussed with the meeting participants, all consensus points are recorded and posted on the district's website to share the group work during the course of the strategic planning process.

The outcomes of that work are the goal statements and objectives in this report.



Appendix "C"

Action Plans

