



Morris Elementary School District #54

Empowering students and staff everyday

VISION STATEMENT: *Creating a foundation to develop individuals who are prepared for the future.*

Morris Elementary School District #54 Belief Statements Strategic Planning Committee Meeting

We Believe:

1. *Students are our first priority, and provided with an exceptional education that promotes life-long learning.*
2. *In meeting the needs of the whole child; academically, physically and emotionally.*
3. *In celebrating diversity, every individual is valued and included.*
4. *In providing opportunities to grow and connect in a safe and caring environment.*
5. *That family and community involvement will create meaningful partnerships that lead to student success.*
6. *In maintaining high standards through ongoing evaluation, reflection, and collaboration.*
7. *That the district should be fiscally responsible.*
8. *In open and honest communication with all stakeholders.*

Curriculum, Instruction & Assessments

Develop a consistent culture of learning focused on growth

- Kindergarten - 8th Grade Homework initiative/policy
- Develop a program review cycle which includes piloting curriculum
- Increase opportunities for Professional Development that are individualized to staff needs
- Transition to standards-based curriculum
- Evaluate and modify report cards
- Create local assessments , review data and implement programs based off results

Technology

Preparing students and staff for tomorrow

- Develop STEM opportunities for students
(Electives, Foreign Language, E-SPORTS, STEM, Robotics, UAV/Drones, Coding)
- Encourage community and school involvement with technology support resources
- Provide adequate technology professional development to all staff
- Create student technology ambassadors to reinforce digital citizenship within our student body

Fiscal Stewardship

Maintain fiscal health of the district for long term sustainability

- Gain recognition on the ISBE financial profile.
- Maintain the \$3.60 tax rate
- Monitor student enrollment and needs assessments for the purposes of staffing and facilities
- Continue to collaborate with MEEA to maintain affordable health insurance premiums
- Continually update the district facility and security plan and implementation

Communication

Maintain family engagement while increasing community collaboration and connections

- Develop opportunities for increased K-8 interactions among students and staff
- Maintain and capitalize on family and community partnerships
- Increase community engagement
- Develop a program to welcome new families and staff to the district
- Create a parent resource center/hub

Social-Emotional Learning

Supporting students to develop skills to strengthen self-worth, enhance coping skills and form positive connections with others

- Continue to develop and expand social-emotional learning and strategies

- Implement practices and policies that support students' abilities to be responsible and contributing citizens
- Integrate programs that encourage social connections

Student Support Services

Provide students with supports to meet their academic, social-emotional, cultural and physical needs

- Increase instructional programs and related services that will meet the needs of our diverse student population
- Evaluate and update intervention programs to enhance student achievement
- Develop continuum of services for English Learners and Special Education programs
- Promote healthy student school life through promoting healthy eating habits, physical activity and student wellness initiatives