



# Oak Park Elementary School District 97

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TO: Board of Education  
FROM: Dr. Carol Kelley  
SUBJECT: SY18 District Action Plan  
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Welcome to the 2017-18 school year! This year's theme is "**Unlocking Student Potential.**"

The driving force behind our work will be the continued advancement of our vision, which is to create a **positive learning environment** for all students that is **equitable, inclusive and focused on the whole child**. The success of our efforts will be largely dependent upon the creation and implementation of a coherent framework for teaching, learning and leading. It is with that critical need in mind that I present you with our Vision97 4ALL plan.

The framework featured in this plan outlines the actions our leaders will take to **help every student we serve experience or achieve the following goals:**

- **Known, nurtured, and celebrated LEARNER** (every student feels a sense of belonging and are meaningfully engaged in rigorous learning -- with their unique needs being met and their strengths leveraged)
- **Empowered and passionate SCHOLAR** (every student is inspired to develop their full potential – academic, physical, artistic, and emotional – in order to cultivate high-intellectual performance)
- **Confident and persistent ACHIEVER** (every student has access and opportunity to learn at high levels, eliminating the predictability of learning outcomes associated with race, gender, and socioeconomic status)
- **Creative CRITICAL THINKER & GLOBAL CITIZEN** (every student is meaningfully engaged in our learning environments and challenged to become a critical thinker, creative solution-seeker and contributor to the global community)

I truly believe that if we execute this plan with purpose and fidelity, every member of our district family will have the opportunity and ability to achieve our vision.

Attached is a copy of the district's action plans for this year, along with my goals. This information will be posted on the district's website within the next month. In the meantime, I have invited principals Todd Fitzgerald and April Capuder to this board meeting to share how the middle schools used our vision to determine their goals and develop their plans for this year.

Per the calendar below, other members of our District 97 team will have the chance each month starting in October to lead information sessions. During these sessions, we will highlight strategies that are featured in our vision plan, and provide examples of how those strategies are being utilized both in and out of our classrooms to help our students learn, grow and achieve.

The purpose of these information sessions will be:

- *To educate the board and community about our learning goals*
- *To keep the board and community updated on the status of our school improvement plans and district-level initiatives*
- *To promote greater understanding of the work being done by district staff*
- *To enable the board to make the connection between our professional development activities and the goals we have for student learning*

By providing people with opportunities to see what we are doing to support our vision, we will strengthen our partnership with the community and give all of our students the education they deserve.

I encourage everyone to check our website, Twitter account and Facebook page on a regular basis for updates about our information sessions. I will also be using these and other communication vehicles to share details about the coffee/office hours I will be offering on a monthly basis to provide people with a chance to speak with me about my goals, the district's action plans and our vision.

Respectfully submitted,

*Dr. Carol L. Kelley*