

2019 Strategic Planning

Title	Idea	Exit Outcome Area
College AND Career Ready	I believe that schools should be preparing students' for their future. This means more than just college. I don't believe all students need to be pushed to attend a 4-year college. However, students in Becker are pushed to go in that direction. For students who have little desire or ability to attend a 4-year college, they are made to feel less than. This needs to be a paradigm shift from school leaders on down. There needs coursework in the schools to follow through with this paradigm shift.	Students will have the opportunity to pursue expertise in areas of personal academic or career interest.
School district expectations	Education, safety, stability, and preparedness. Educ. should follow MN requirements. Hold ineffective teachers accountable/don't retain them. If a student fails, don't pass them. Safety- Becker has done a great job keeping everyone safe. Stability is necessary for a successful future. Being prepared- more needs to be done with the real world skills, more trade classes, more financial classes, home economics, budgeting I feel Becker can push kids through no matter the long term consequences.	The district will properly maintain up-to-date school environments where students are physically and emotionally safe and secure.
Core Values	Becker Schools will instill values that will help students grow into responsible adults. Respect. Responsibility/accountability. (No excuses/Explanations. Work not entitlement/victim mentality. Learning how to disagree respectfully Becoming a good listener. Respect for authority. (In our schools this means respecting our teachers and other staff members.) Learning how to fail. (We ought not protect our kids from failure but seize these failures as opportunities to learn and grow.)	Students will demonstrate the ability to effectively apply life skills.
Ideas	I believe that Becker would benefit from more early mental health support. We need elementary counselors in our primary and intermediate schools. Early mental health intervention is key to reaching all students at an early age.	The district will properly maintain up-to-date school environments where students are physically and emotionally safe and secure.
onwards	Prepare students for their next phase of life, be it, college, trade school or something else. not just getting the grade, but, learning how to learn with confidence all aspects of education.	Students will have the opportunity to pursue expertise in areas of personal academic or career interest.
Partnering for Well-rounded Producers and Leaders	I expect the Becker School District to partner with families and the community to continually improve and produce well-rounded producers. "It takes a village to raise a child" and create more leaders. Many hands are needed to keep moving in a positive direction. We should be seeking to positively impact our world through each interaction by letting all know they are important and that they need to continually work to improve and earn more respect through producing and encouraging others.	The district will properly maintain up-to-date school environments where students are physically and emotionally safe and secure.

Expectations	My expectations of the district are: students will have a good environment to learn in, teachers will be well-equipped with all the necessary tools to teach material, teachers will have expertise in the subject they are teaching, students will have a safe environment to learn in, students will have a voice in their education, teachers will receive the support they need from parents, other teachers, and school board.	The district will properly maintain up-to-date school environments where students are physically and emotionally safe and secure
Kids first	My expectation of the Becker school district is to first and foremost, have the staff connection with students come first. Always. Our kids need to feel safe relies on healthy and strong relationships with all staff. If kids don't feel safe, they will not learn, grow, become independent and creative thinkers. Also, the intense use of technology, I would expect, is heavily based on research and supports will have been put in place to support the known downsides of such a strong integration.	The district will properly maintain up-to-date school environments where students are physically and emotionally safe and secure
Expectation	I expect that when my children graduate they possess the basic skills that will allow them to function in the real world, college or not. I expect that teachers/ staff will nurture and encourage them form their own opinions based on their personal values and experiences, unbiased by the instructors beliefs.	Students will become self-directed learners, self-disciplined, and autonomous workers, while being critical thinkers with a drive for innovation and problem
Advanced level classes and Student Sporting Event Encouragement	I would like to see Becker schools offer more college level (credit) classes on the Becker campus. I think they have a decent offering but would like to see more on campus and non-AP classes. I would also like to see Becker schools open up athletic events to all students free of charge. I think this would encourage more students to attend the events.	Students will have the opportunity to pursue expertise in areas of personal academic or career interest.
Expectations	I expect Becker schools to offer exceptional learning opportunities for all students, meeting individual needs and focusing on preparing students for their future. It's important to build fundamental skills, incorporating digital tools without forgetting to use and value "pencil and paper" methods too. Good parental communication is also crucial.	Students will have the opportunity to pursue expertise in areas of personal academic or career interest.
Expectations2	Provide a safe nurturing environment for our children to learn. I want teachers and staff to be able hold my children accountable as needed so they can provide a quality learning environment for all children. I also feel teachers should be doing this with smaller class sizes so children really get the attention necessary. I would love for Becker to continue to be one of the best schools in the state with the best teachers who feel appreciated	Students will have the opportunity to pursue expertise in areas of personal academic or career interest
My Expectations of Becker Schools	My expectations of Becker Schools: my children to and from school safely, reports on behavior, development, involvement. Work with the children not pass them off. I expect my children to have a well rounded education, this includes time to play! I expect the school to listen to the parents!	Students will have the opportunity to pursue expertise in areas of personal academic or career interest.

Doing well	We moved to the area in the 90's due to reputation of the school. We have never regretted that decision. The school system needs to keep the quality level high and NOT degrade the curriculum or teaching staff due to pressure from a subset of parents objecting to learning content. This is public school system and needs to prepare our children to be thinking, rational adults. Wide perspectives are important so children learn to think for themselves.	Students will become self-directed learners, self-disciplined, and autonomous workers, while being critical thinkers with a drive for innovation and problem
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Other Input

High Potential Program	More opportunities for gifted and talented learners to collaborate and be challenged.	
iPad Learning is not for Everyone	While I understand there is a time and place for technology, I no longer support the usage of iPads for all student learning. It seems they are more of a distraction and	
Foreign language before high school	I believe foreign language should be offered in Becker before high school like many other school districts	
Remove learning distractions (cell phones) from	To facilitate learning, students should leave their cell phones and other distractions at the door. They may use them before school, between classes, at lunch, and after	
Improvements	I really feel the class sizes are getting too big. Children are easily lost in class sizes like this. It is unfair to both staff and students.	
What could Becker Schools do better?	Wednesday February 27th "wing it Wednesday " was awesome, really good quality wings and sauce, regular NON-low fat sun chips and goldfish, and waffle fries.	
School events	I think that the schools should do a better job at announcing school events such as dances and dress up days. And if we do have a snow day that cancels an event we	
Fix these to make students happy	Feed us a better lunch, give us more food, lower the prices of food, give us less homework so we lower our stress levels, make all passing time 10 minutes later w can make it to class on time!!	