



Strategic Planning Committee

Belief, Mission, and Vision Statement Worksheet

Homework Assignment for Session #2

Belief Statements

Definition:

Belief statements are a collection of statements listing the values that the group holds for the school.

Importance in Planning:

The belief statements provide the School Board with the values that move the school to commit itself to a specific mission and objectives. They establish the priorities that serve to guide the School Board's decision-making concerning all the school's activities. The belief statements should not be mere observations or statements of fact, but sincere, uncompromising convictions.

In order to help in preparing potential belief statements, what are some values you believe the group holds for the school. These values should be followed by the School Board as it makes decisions and prepares the school for the future. Please write these values below.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Write some possible belief statements for the committee to consider adopting.

- 1.
- 2.

Mission Statement

Definition: A broad statement of the unique purpose to which the school is committed and the basic means of accomplishing that purpose. The mission statement should answer the questions – what result and for whom? **The Mission is about DOING!**

Importance in Planning: The mission defines the present state or purpose of the school. The mission statement must emphasize the uniqueness and the distinctiveness of the school. Essentially, it represents the commitment of the school’s resources to one purpose.

Write a possible “Mission Statement” for your school in the space provided below.

Vision Statement

Definition:

A Vision Statement is more about becoming. It states the ambitions the school has for the future.
The Vision is about BECOMING!

Importance in Planning:

The Vision Statement represents your intended destination. The Vision Statement gives direction and provides inspiration. The statement serves to provide aspirations, not projections. The statement should not leave any child out of the expectation.

Write a possible “Vision Statement” for your school in the space provided below.