

Nippersink School District 2
Board of Education Goals and Objectives for 2013-2014

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Goal: Quality Education For All Students

Every student deserves a quality education. The Board seeks to facilitate a trend of continuous improvement by its students.

The Board's Role is to provide for this through its teachers, administrators, policies and review processes.

Objective: Support the implementation of school improvement activities through District policy and resources.

Strategies:

- Receive periodic presentations of ongoing school improvement activities.
- Review and analyze student assessment trend data.
- Utilize data and act upon recommendations provided by administrators for strategic decision-making.

Objective: Administer a decision-making /selection process for the consideration of instructional/curricular programs and staffing determinations through the review of data indicators, best practices, and stakeholder interests.

Strategies:

- Create and utilize appropriate and relative criteria.
- Apply identified criteria when considering instructional and staffing decisions.
- Support the creation of research-based and innovative non-traditional learning environments.
- Review the World Language program after its one year implementation.

Goal: Quality Education For All Students (cont'd)

Objective: The Board will support the examination of the consistency between the schools, as well as the further alignment of the schools, from the perspectives of setting, practices and culture.

Strategies:

- Review quarterly reports on the research, findings and implications provided by the Grade Level Center Study Committee.

Goal: Finance

It is essential to maintain the District's recognition status with the Illinois State Board of Education.

The Board's Role is to ensure that the Board and its employees will be fiscally responsible in the use of district money.

Objective: Maintain fiduciary responsibility to the community through monthly financial reporting and an annual independent audit of school district finances, all with a commitment to ongoing compliance with all federal and state regulations, as well as applicable district policies and procedures.

Strategies:

- Approve a budget by September 30, 2013.
- Evaluate a 5 year financial projection that identifies anticipated major initiatives and estimated fund balances.
- Develop a policy statement identifying the point in which growing fund balances direct the Board to engage in a discussion on fund balance levels.

Goal: Technology

The Board recognizes the relationship between enhancing technology and providing increased and improved teaching and learning opportunities and tools for staff, students, and parents.

The Board's Role is to provide the resources to support this statement.

Objective: Continue to evaluate the technology infrastructure throughout the district and consider recommendations.

Strategies:

- Review the 2013 technology initiative after its one year implementation.

Objective: Increase staff and student use on applications of technology.

Strategies:

- Provide for and encourage staff development opportunities and resources in order to promote technology integration and best practices.

Objective: Foster and expand a relationship between the school and community by enhancing communication through technology.

Strategies:

- Provide technology trainings and learning opportunities for parents.

Goal: Communications

The Board believes a healthy school district depends on systematic, two-way communications with all stakeholders.

The Board's Role is to provide communication through various media.

Objective: Accomplish the District's utilization of various means of communication.

Strategies:

- Publish the District 2 Newsletter electronically in the fall and spring.
- Review and revise public input practices, policies and Board responses at school board meetings.

- Evaluate other viable methods of effective two-way public communication such as responding to community letters received by the Board.
- Review Board goal setting process/format

Goal: Student Health and Safety

The Board believes a healthy, safe, secure and supportive school environment provides the best opportunity for learning.

The Board's Role is to provide for this belief through its policies, practices, crisis and emergency plans.

Objective: Monitor the District's safety and security measures.

Strategies:

- Review and evaluate the programs, trainings and activities related to student safety and security measures and improve upon them as needed.

Goal: Facility Maintenance

The Board believes a healthy, safe, and secure school facility provides the best environment for learning.

The Board's Role is to provide for this belief through its policies, practices, actions, and plans.

Objective: Identify and prioritize long-term and short-term maintenance and repair items in the school buildings.

Strategies:

- Report on the data received from the facility condition assessments.