

After the Launch...

The March newsletter provided information about the top six priorities from the “Launching A New Legacy” event that was held in October, 2016. The Administration took those top six priorities, created action statements, and developed a **three year strategic plan** to meet the goals for those priorities. The six priorities and the initial action steps are presented here.

Create a community campus by building needed facilities and amenities.

The following are the initial steps we need to take:

- Determine instructional, program, extra-curricular, community-based needs of District and District facilities.
- Hire Facilities Manager (done; will start 7/1/17)
- Review current use of all buildings by community.
- Define current facility limitations based on the needs.
- Explore opportunities for community campus options with current facilities.

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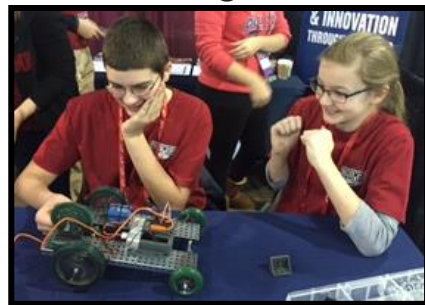


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Expand hands-on STEAM opportunities for all students.

What is STEAM? STEAM is an acronym for Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics.

The following are the initial steps we need to take:



- Define current STEAM opportunities for students in K-8.
- Determine gaps in opportunity within grade bands.
- Explore options for expansion of opportunities for all students.

Address students' social needs (i.e. poverty, mental health) with community collaboration.

The free and reduced lunch rate is 27.6% for Columbus. However, it is probably higher but parents/guardians may not want to submit form.

The following are the initial steps we need to take:

- Determine social needs of our students in District.
- Define current resources to address social needs in District.
- Determine gaps in resources.
- Explore resource opportunities with community.
- Implement resources addressing gap areas.

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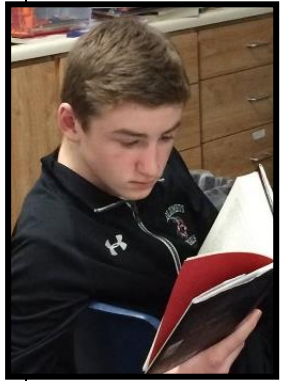


Offer a wide variety of course offerings and co-curricular activities to address students' needs.

The following are the initial steps we need to take:

- Follow curriculum review cycle to determine if course offerings appropriately address student needs.
- Review data to determine if course offerings are sufficient to meet student needs.
- Establish a data-driven process for review of co-curriculars.
- Establish a regular community-wide needs assessment for curriculum.
- Follow appropriate district procedures to approve any curricular or co-curricular updates.

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#5

Develop and expand community partnerships.

The following are the initial steps we need to take:

- Define current community partnerships within our District.
- Determine gaps or absences in opportunities.
- Explore partnership opportunities with community.
- Expand on current partnerships.



Implement and sustain up-to-date technology within the schools.

The following are the initial steps we need to take:

- Define current technology use (how and what) within our District.
- Determine gaps or absences and opportunities.
- Develop a curricular integration plan.
- Implement technology to fill gaps and enhance opportunities.
- Follow hardware replacement cycle.

#6



Each of these six priorities have very specific action steps to make the above initial steps happen. The Administrative Team has developed a timeline for each of these steps. The long range strategic plan extends to the year the current kindergarteners graduate. These initial steps will be completed within the next three years as part of the long range plan. The District will communicate progress through various methods with the community throughout the short term, including a one-year “birthday” Launch celebration in October.

If you have questions regarding the strategic plan, please go to www.columbus.k12.wi.us (Launch) or contact Superintendent Annette Deuman at adeuman@columbus.k12.wi.us.

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DISTRICT COMMITMENTS

The mission of the Columbus School District is to have EVERY student “College, Career, and Community Ready”. The Columbus School District commits to providing a progressive and deliberate approach to equitable teaching and learning through:

	Auxiliary Services Auxiliary Services support the education function of the school system. example: operations, facilities, transportation.
	Community & Family Connections Implementation of school and community partnerships to increase attendance, achievement, and a sense of security within the greater Columbus community.
	Comprehensive Curriculum & Instruction Instructional strategies and curriculum that engage students and provide well-rounded, meaningful, authentic, and rigorous opportunity to demonstrate learning.
	Equitable Educational Experiences Opportunity for all students to participate in learning activities outside the classroom such as clubs, co-curriculars, and fine arts.
	High Quality Staff Ensuring all staff is prepared, educated and certified to perform their duties.
	Whole Child Education Considering students’ mental health, physical safety, and social/emotional needs along with academic experience.

Message from Superintendent

Spring is finally here! With spring comes testing and assessment season. Our students participate in the Wisconsin Student Assessment System program and will take the following state assessments this year:

- PALS for students in Pre-K-grade 2
- Wisconsin Forward Exam at grades 3-8 in English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics, at grades 4 and 8 in Science, and 4, 8, and 10 in Social Studies
- NAEP Exam for Reading and Mathematics in grade 4.
- Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) at grades 3-11 in ELA and Mathematics, at grades 4 and 8 - 11 in Science, and at grades 4, 8, and 10 in Social Studies
- ACT Aspire at grades 9 & 10
- ACT Plus Writing at grade 11 for Reading, English, Mathematics, Science, and Writing
- ACT WorkKeys at grade 11

For additional information, contact Becky Schmidt, Director of Curriculum & Instruction or visit our website. Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow.

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Upcoming Events

April, 2017

- 10 School Board Meeting – City Hall at 7 PM
- 12 Early Release; Classes dismiss at 12:30 PM
- 13 – 18 No School! Spring Break.
- 19 Late Start – Classes begin at 10 AM
- 21 Family Fun Science Night from 5:30 – 7 PM at CES gym
- 24 School Board Meeting – City Hall at 7 PM
(Organizational Meeting)
- 25 Cardinal Composers from 5:30 – 6 PM at CMS
- 26 CMS at UW Whitewater Wheel Chair Basketball

May, 2017

- 3 Parent Conferences at Columbus High School, 5-8 PM
- 8 School Board Meeting – City Hall at 7 PM
- 10 Late Start – Classes begin at 10 AM
- 22 School Board Meeting – City Hall at 7 PM
- 29 Memorial Day – Holiday, No School

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Annual Student Religious Accommodation Notice

The Board of Education desires to cooperate with those parents who wish to provide for religious instruction for the children but also recognizes its responsibility to enforce the attendance requirements of the State. The Board shall permit students, with written parental permission, to be absent from school during required school periods at least sixty (60) minutes but not more than 180 minutes per week to obtain religious instruction outside of school.

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