



River Valley School District Strategic Plan PURPOSE, MEETINGS, & MAJOR MILESTONES

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Why a strategic plan?

The decision to reconfigure elementary schools will bring all of the District's students together earlier in their education and provide some fiscal relief. Still, this decision alone will not resolve all of the District's long term challenges, while still providing an exceptional learning environment for its students in accordance with the District's beliefs. Financial projections, aging facilities, declining enrollment, and modern educational demands suggest both continued challenges and opportunities.

We believe that...

- ...students are our number one priority
- ...every student has the right to learn
- ...instruction is rigorous and relevant
- ...assessment is purposeful and drives instruction
- ...learning is a collaborative process

At this key juncture for the River Valley School District, the School Board has decided to prepare a strategic plan. The planning process will engage the District community and be completed by the end of the 2017-18 school year. Once complete, the strategic plan will describe where the District wants to be over the next two to five years and how it intends to get there. Topical areas may include student achievement, student engagement, curriculum and instruction, facilities, community communications and engagement, and finance and operations.

How will the plan be completed?

The following covers each projected key meeting and major milestone during the planning process. This list will be updated as the process moves forward.

Administrative Team Meeting #1: October 20, 2017

- Review purpose, scope, and schedule for project
- Discuss and revisit school district's mandates, beliefs, and goals
- Discuss preliminary topics and organization of plan and process
- Determine any additional data needs
- Identify community stakeholders to engage, and appropriate venues for engagement

School Board Meeting #1: November 9, 2017

- Discuss purpose, scope, schedule, and outline for project
- Revisit district's beliefs, goals, learner outcomes, assets, and challenges
- Discuss proposed approach to community outreach
- Include public comment opportunity

Project Web Page and Media Launch: *late November 2017*

Stakeholder Interactions: *late November 2017-January 2018*

- Review purpose, scope, and schedule for project
- Facilitate exercises or discussions to understand stakeholder assessments of District's assets, opportunities, challenges, strategic issues, and potential strategies
- Four open community meetings in Arena, Lone Rock, Plain, and Spring Green, with invitations to PTOs, municipal officials, and the general public
- Other meetings with the Spring Green Area Chamber of Commerce, teachers, and students, supplemented by other phone interviews

Administrative Team Meeting #2: *January 3, 2018*

- Review results of stakeholder interactions
- Prepare for School Board discussion

School Board Meeting #2: *Jan. 11, 2018 (or Feb. if a # of stakeholder meetings yet to be completed)*

- Review results of stakeholder interactions to date
- Facilitate exercise to identify/confirm strategic issues, and potential strategies and remaining questions to address them
- Include public comment opportunity

Project Web Page and Media Update: *mid January 2018*

Administrative Team Meeting #3: *February*

- Review preliminary outline of strategic issues, alternative strategies for addressing, barriers, major proposals, and preliminary 2-5 year implementation approach for each proposal
- Prepare for next Board meeting

School Board Meeting #3: *March 8, 2018*

- Review preliminary outline of strategic issues, alternative strategies for addressing, barriers, major proposals, and preliminary 2-5 year implementation approach for each proposal
- Include public comment opportunity

Administrative Team Meeting #4: *late March 2018*

- Review preliminary draft of strategic plan
- Prepare for next Board meeting

Project Web Page and Media Update: *late March 2018*

School Board Meeting #4: *April 12, 2018*

- Review preliminary draft of strategic plan, and advise changes
- Include public comment opportunity

Final Steps: *April 2018*

- Prepare final version of strategic plan for Board approval
- Following approval, disseminate plan to participants, via Web page, etc.