

LITTLE FALLS TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

Strategic Plan

2014-2019

Presentation May 2018

Mission Statement

- School #1 and #2 had different Mission Statements, and School #3 did not have one.
- Our district Mission Statement is now:
 - The mission of the Little Falls School District is to work collaboratively with the community and caregivers to motivate each student to reach his/her individual potential through meaningful programs, outstanding teaching, and 21st century experiences in order to lead us responsibly into the future.

Six Goals were developed

- Student Achievement
- Curriculum
- Technology
- Facilities/Finance and Safety/Security
- Culture and Climate
- Communication/Public Relations

Goal #1

Student Achievement

- What have we accomplished
 - We have been identified through NJDOE QSAC monitoring as a High Performing District
 1. Competitive statewide on standardized assessments
 - LinkIT
 - Data Analysis
 - SciP
 - DEAC
 2. Continue to expand support and enhance programs and instruction for all levels of learners
 - Gifted and Talented grades 4-8
 - LLI instruction for struggling readers
 - Orton Gillingham training
 - County competitions
 - Addition of Literacy Coach

Goal #1

Student Achievement cont'd

3. Competitive 21st century learning skills

- ▣ 3D Printers
- ▣ OSMOS
- ▣ Document Cameras
- ▣ STEAM
- ▣ Increased number of computers
- ▣ Google Classroom
- ▣ Robot
- ▣ AV Rover
- ▣ 21st Century Classroom

4. Enhance opportunities for learning outside the classroom for all stakeholders

- ▣ Parent Academy
- ▣ Talk A' Latte
- ▣ Curriculum Family Nights

Goal #2

Curriculum

- What have we accomplished
 - We have raised our Curriculum and instruction NJDOE QSAC monitoring score from 54% to 84%
 - 1. Maintain curriculum to stay aligned with appropriate standards
 - Mapping
 - Atlas
 - PLCs
 - Vertical & Horizontal Articulation
 - Curriculum Coordinator
 - Next Generation Science Standards
 - 2. Infuse the principles of STEM, K-8
 - STEAM in all schools
 - Teacher and facility
 - Student run STEAM Fair
 - STEM I Explorations at PV High School
 - School #1 STEAM Lab

Goal #2

Curriculum cont'd

3. Explore the possibility of electives to meet the needs of the population

- ▣ STEAM at Schools #2 and #3
- ▣ 2 electives to students in grades 5 & 6
- ▣ 4 electives to students in grades 7 & 8

4. Expand and expose students to a greater amount of world language instruction

- ▣ Italian I at Passaic Valley High School
- ▣ Elementary Spanish

Goal #3

Technology

- What have we accomplished
 - 2016-2019 Technology Plan has been approved by the NJDOE
 - 1. 1:1 initiative for students and teachers.
 - All staff have laptops
 - School #2 has 1:1 iPads
 - 1:1 Chromebooks at School #1
 - 2. Staff Development
 - Apple
 - ScIP
 - Regional PD
 - Robot
 - AV Rover
 - Teacher selected
 - Regional Technology PD Day

Goal #3

Technology cont'd

3. STEM/Maker Ed., 3-D printing, coding

- ▣ STEAM at Schools #1, #2, and #3, which incorporates maker spaces, 3D printing, and coding
- ▣ Hour of Code
- ▣ Genius Hour
- ▣ 3D Printers in all 3 schools
- ▣ Nao Robot

4. Communicate with parents, community, and world effectively utilizing website and portal

- ▣ New website
- ▣ Teacher Websites
- ▣ Twitter
- ▣ Falls Flash
- ▣ Friday Folder
- ▣ Parent Portal
- ▣ Google Classroom

Goal #4

Facilities/Finance and Safety/Security

- What have we accomplished
 - September 29, 2015 Referendum Passed
 - Food Services has been brought in-house and no longer runs in a deficit.
- 1. All three schools will be evaluated and upgraded to become energy efficient.
 - New lighting at School #1
 - New Exterior Doors at all 3 schools
 - New Windows at School #1
 - Electrical upgrades at all 3 schools
 - Recycling initiative
 - Painting
 - New Signage
 - School #2 Property
 - Fans/Air Conditioning

Goal #4

Facilities/Finance and Safety/Security cont'd

2. Establish more intentional screening entrance/exit security points.

- Lockaide Door Locks
- New secure entrances
- License Swipes

3. Comprehensive security training for staff

- Door shades
- NJDOE Lockdown Drill
- Safety drills and collaboration with LFPD
- Staff whistles
- Passaic County Prosecutor's Office presentation to all staff

4. Ensure students have a safe / secure bus ride through detailed pre-planning and additional adult supervision on each bus.

- Bus routes
- Central office transportation coordinator
- Bus Committee
- Transportation Policy
- Bus Cameras

Goal #5

Culture and Climate

□ What have we accomplished

1. Form Alumni Association for outreach

- Alumni are asked to speak at NJHS induction

2. Form Education Foundation

■ Support and collaboration

■ Spring and Fall Grants

- Alternative Seating
- Field Trips
- STEAM Lab
- 3D Printers
- Professional Development
- Science Lab Equipment
- Online Resources
- Apps

Goal #5

Culture and Climate cont'd

3. Improve collaboration between building PTAs

- ▣ PTA report on Board of Education Agenda

4. Develop one vision / mission statement for the whole district

- ▣ One District...One Team...One Vision
- ▣ District Colors
- ▣ District Mascot
- ▣ Newspaper
- ▣ Successful Negotiations
- ▣ A Principal in each building
- ▣ Consistent meeting schedules and agendas across buildings (I&RS, ScIP, DEAC, Admin.)

Goal #6

Communication / Public Relations

- What have we accomplished
 1. Have a single streamlined source of communication for school / parents.
 - Website
 - Friday Folder
 - Falls Flash
 2. Teacher created webpages that originate from one source of district communication (suggested strategy Google calendar)
 - Google Calendar on website
 - Google Classroom
 - School #2 and 3 Teacher Webpages
 - Remind

Goal #6


Communication / Public Relations cont'd

3. Parent outreach programs for communication and curriculum

- Falls Flash
- Friday Folders
- Curriculum Corner
- Atlas
- Website
- Talk A Latte
- Parent Academy

4. Utilize effective social media tools to create good public relations:

- Twitter
- Instagram



“Coming together is the beginning.
Keeping together is progress.
Working together is success.”