



## Creating a Strategic Plan for the Wharton Borough Public Schools

### District Mission Statement

Learn to thrive in a dynamic world.

### Session 3 of 3

#### Developing a Broad Goal Statement and Supporting Objectives for Each Goal Area

On May 16, 2017 Wharton Borough Public Schools administration, staff, parents, board members and community members came together to continue the strategic planning process. The third and final meeting's topic focused on developing a broad goal statement and 4-5 supporting objectives for each of the three goal areas identified at the conclusion of the April 25th meeting. These goals will represent a shared vision for the Wharton Borough Public Schools over the next five years.

Charlene Peterson from New Jersey School Boards Association facilitated the strategic planning process. The group was provided with an overview of the March 21st and April 25th meetings and then the goal writing process was introduced that included definitions, the connection to the work from the first two meetings, and the components of a goal statement.

Participants were able to self-select a goal area of interest to them:

- Whole Child
- Culture & Climate
- Finance & Facilities

Each goal area group was tasked with writing a broad goal statement and developing around four to five accompanying objectives that reflected the strengths, challenges, and visions relative to their goal area as determined in Meetings 1 and 2.

### Group Work

The information that follows is a summary of the work of the small groups. As discussed with the meeting participants, all consensus points are recorded and posted on the district's website to share the group work during the course of the strategic planning process.

**Wharton Borough Public Schools Meeting #3 Outcomes**

<b>Goal Area</b>	<b>Whole Child</b>
<b>Goal Statement</b>	To increase student achievement by implementing rigorous programs and activities through advanced technology, creating innovators and self-directed learners to thrive in a dynamic world.
<b>Objectives</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To develop the framework for an academy school.</li> <li>2. To better educate student knowledge regarding health, nutrition, and exercise.</li> <li>3. To create innovative programs such as STEAM to enhance student achievement.</li> <li>4. To create programs that utilize hands-on activities that develops self-directed learners.</li> <li>5. Courses that better develop communication skills.</li> </ol>

<b>Goal Area</b>	<b>Culture &amp; Climate</b>
<b>Goal Statement</b>	To create a positive, open, and productive environment of respect and resilience that empowers the students and the community.
<b>Objectives</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To increase student/family participation in the greater school community.</li> <li>2. To create an environment promoting strong self-worth, self-reliance, and self-discipline for all stakeholders.</li> <li>3. To build an environment conducive to student leadership opportunities and the creation of self-directed learners.</li> <li>4. To increase professional collaboration.</li> </ol>

<b>Goal Area</b>	<b>Finance &amp; Facilities</b>
<b>Goal Statement</b>	Maintain a fiscally sound budget and improve facilities while having a positive impact on the students and community.
<b>Objectives</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Improve security.</li> <li>2. Search and research alternative funding.</li> <li>3. Improving energy efficiency and facilities.</li> <li>4. Collaborate with town or others to improve technology infrastructure that allows technology at home for students.</li> <li>5. Advance educational opportunities for parents and students.</li> </ol>

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### **Next Steps**

A final report summarizing the work and input from the three strategic planning meetings will be generated by New Jersey School Boards and presented at a Board of Education meeting for consideration by the Board.

The administration is tasked with writing action plans – one for each objective under each goal statement, that will identify the specific tasks needed to accomplish the objective, who is responsible, the resources needed, the timeline over a 5-year time span, and the indicators of success. These action plans should be shared with all of the strategic planning meeting participants.

### **Thank You**

Thank you to everyone who participated in the strategic planning process. The outcome of the plan has been shaped by the input of every participating member. You have provided the district with a 5-year roadmap that reflects the aspirations of the various stakeholders for your students.