

GRANT PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT #6

STRATEGIC PLAN : 2019-2026

CORE VALUES AND VISION OF DISTRICT #6

- *We aspire to be a Lighthouse School District, promoting high academic expectations for students, staff, administrators, and stakeholders alike while cultivating the social/emotional needs of the students we serve*
- *We strive to create an innovative learning environment for students by offering the latest technology which will have a positive impact on student achievement and development of necessary critical thinking skills and for “future readiness”*
- *We believe that quality instruction has the largest impact on student achievement and will use strategies to retain and recruit the best talent available*
- *Our core belief is that all students have unique talents and strengths, as all individuals can excel in a rigorous and supportive learning environment*
- *We are committed to maintaining small class sizes for optimizing learning conditions with teacher student contact and learning*

FOCUS AREA #1: ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

- All students will become critical thinkers and life-long learners
- Academic targets will be set for each grade level and/or subject in individual School Improvement Plan(s), emphasizing proficiency objectives at each level
- Assessments to gauge learning are critical to student achievement and growth, as a renewed focus must be progress and true understanding of content
- A strong emphasis is placed on career pathways and post-secondary preparedness to ensure that each and every student has ample opportunities and continued guidance throughout their educational experience.

FOCUS AREA #2: INNOVATIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

- Students will be exposed to an innovative learning environment with the objective of cultivating critical thinking and 21st century skills
- Students will demonstrate the qualities of digital citizenship with curriculum designed at proactively addressing the complexities associated with technological opportunities
- Students will be exposed to researched based STEM models in the elementary, middle, and high school levels
- Staff will be offered professional development in an effort to increase knowledge of innovative instructional practices in the classroom

FOCUS AREA #3: COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND THE GP WAY

- Identify clear and concise strategies to notify our parents, staff, students, and community of the positive events and accomplishments
- Utilize social media as a positive mechanism to ensure that student and staff accomplishments are recognized
- Provide additional community outreach efforts (pamphlets, video, public relation efforts, and other means of media) to generate knowledge of our school system
- Explore strategies to foster partnerships and community outreach opportunities with stakeholders

FOCUS AREA #4: SCHOOL SAFETY AND CULTURE

- A priority of the school administration and staff is to make every attempt to ensure that our staff and students are engaged in a safe and secure learning environment
- Staff and administration will continue to work collaboratively with emergency personnel to ensure that safety protocol and procedures are utilized during an unexpected situation
- The Board of Education, in conjunction with the Superintendent, will create a five-year facilities plan focused and aimed at improving the overall infrastructure of the building(s)
- The administration, along with the staff, will develop a clear and concise discipline plan to ensure the culture of student expectations are achieved for years to come

FOCUS AREA #5: FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY AND TRANSPARENCY

- We will strive to maintain balanced budgets, supported by annual audits, that are aligned with initiatives and priorities
- We will be fiscally transparent with the public, providing various financial reports on the district website as well as the annual audit
- We will strive to be designated, on an annual basis, as a “Financial Recognition” District by the Illinois State Board of Education

“The GP Way.... Excellence in Everything We Do”