

# 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> century learning skills

- ▣ 3D Printers
- ▣ OSMOS
- ▣ Document Cameras
- ▣ STEAM
- ▣ Increased number of computers
- ▣ Google Classroom
- ▣ Robot
- ▣ AV Rover
- ▣ 21<sup>st</sup> 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.”