

MISSION STATEMENT AND VISION

The Board of Education recognizes that to govern effectively, it must clearly define why the district exists and what it aspires to be. The Board therefore adopts the following mission statement to convey the district's purpose, and vision to set forth what the district should strive to become in the future.

Mission Statement

Our mission is to inspire all students to be confident, passionate learners with the courage and skills to lead their lives with integrity, while contributing to our global community with creativity and compassion.

Core Values

This mission above was created based on the Core Values as defined by the Strategic Planning Initiative's Core Planning Team. The Core Values are as follows:

We believe that:

- Communities and individuals thrive when the talents and abilities of all are valued and fostered.
- Each individual is responsible for his or her choices and the impact they create.
- There is no limit to human potential.
- Honesty, integrity, and trust are essential to sustaining meaningful partnerships.
- All people want to learn and succeed.
- A safe and healthy environment optimizes learning.
- Human life is precious

Strategic Objectives

In order to achieve the mission of the district, strategic objectives have been established to define our broad objectives below.

By 2012:

- all students will demonstrate confidence and passion for learning by continually choosing to explore, pursue, discover, and share knowledge.
- all students will continually demonstrate self-respect and respect for others, as they choose to take the actions needed to achieve what matters to them.
- all students will continually recognize opportunities to serve and choose to actively respond, thus improving our global community.
- all students will meet or exceed the New York State and District standards as needed to achieve our mission.

Strategies

In order to achieve the established objectives, several strategies must be implemented. The strategies follow:

1. We will create the means necessary for the entire North Bellmore community to understand, support, and contribute to our mission and strategic objectives.
2. We will redefine, align and create curriculum, in accordance with New York State and District standards, and create a range of authentic assessments that drive instruction and measure the degree to which we are meeting our strategic objectives.
3. We will align and coordinate the delivery of programs, resources, and services throughout the school district so all students will achieve our mission and strategic objectives.

Delimiters

In order to focus on the established mission, strategic objectives and strategies to achieve the district mission, we are committed to the following delimiters.

We will not adopt any new program or service unless it:

- is consistent with and contributes to our mission.
- is accompanied by the ongoing staff development needed for effective implementation.
- is accompanied by a plan to assess its effectiveness.

The North Bellmore Union Free School District's vision continues to promote high academic standards through active learning, while encouraging the creativity and uniqueness of each child in a safe and nurturing environment. Accordingly, we are first and foremost committed to teaching children to learn to like themselves. As well, we will create an environment that enhances mutual respect for pupils, parents, teachers, and school. The attainment of this goal will help children to become lifelong learners capable of critical thinking and moral decision-making, as well as responsible citizens who are capable of succeeding in a rapidly changing world.

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