

LEIPSIC BOARD OF EDUCATION GOALS

Leipsic Board of Education recently met to discuss goals for the 2009-2010 school year. After an open discussion regarding the needs of the District, Board members decided to remain focused on the goals adopted in 2008-09 since they continue to reflect Board priorities.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Leipsic Local School, in partnership with parents, students, staff, and the total community, is to create a positive learning environment. Our partnership, centered upon high expectations and mutual respect, will provide a diversity of proven curriculum and innovative instructional practices to stimulate, challenge, and assist all students in the fullest development of their unique abilities and talents as citizens.

Adopted by the Leipsic Board of Education
April 2, 2001

VISION STATEMENT

Building tomorrow by achieving today.

Long-Term Goal: Develop a deeper sense of Viking Pride in our students, staff, and community.

- **Immediate Goal: Increase participation in the music program throughout the District.**

Administration Review: With the development of a required instrumental music program in the 5th grade in 2008-09 and both 5th and 6th grades in 2009-10, we are trying to increase the number of students who participate in the band program long-term. The District, with additional help from the United Methodist Church and Leipsic Music Boosters, is providing students in these grade levels with instruments to use during this two-year pilot program. We will not be able to assess its effectiveness until next year when the initial group reaches 7th grade.

- **Immediate Goal: Establish measures of accountability for all extra-curricular activities.**

Administration Review: Leipsic High School has designated one night each month as "Club Night." No athletic events or practices are scheduled after 7:00 p.m. so all students are able to participate. In addition, Mr. Bute is requiring all activity advisors to hold at least one meeting each month and then complete the club meeting form and turn it into him. He will be able to determine levels of participation and effectiveness of activities.

Long Term Goal: Make Leipsic Local School District an educational model that meets the specific needs of our students based on high academic standards, ethical behavior, accountability, and clear expectations.

- Immediate Goal: Intensify learning opportunities in the math and science curriculums.

Administrative Review: This school year the District is offering dual enrollment classes in Calculus and Physics through the University of Findlay. Also students are able to take Advanced Placement Statistics. Testing for that course will take place in the spring. With the new graduation requirements, students in this year's 8th Grade will be required to have four credits in high school math which shall include one unit of Algebra II or its equivalent plus three units in science with inquiry-based laboratory experience. This is the planning year for instituting the new requirements and making sure that our students are prepared for the rigor of those requirements.

- Immediate Goal: Expand student success at all levels of the Achievement Tests and the Ohio Graduation Tests.

Administrative Review: Our District earned an Excellent Rating on the 2008-09 Local Report Card; however, there remains a great deal of work to be done with the testing requirements. We are relatively sure that the District will not make the 2009-10 graduation indicator which is based on the 2009 graduating class. We will have to make up for that lost indicator in other test areas. This is the fourth year with a separate junior high teaching staff, and while those OAT results are still lagging, there has been a definite improvement. We believe that academic preparation for high school level work and the general student behavior have improved.

Long Term Goal: Design buildings and grounds that will not only meet the needs of today's school district, but also encompasses a vision for additional growth in student population and programs.

- Immediate Goal: Utilize Ohio School Facilities moneys in the most efficient and effective ways possible.

Administrative Review: Our District is moving forward with the CFAP building; however, it is too soon to be able get an accurate financial picture of the project. We are on schedule, and it is our intention to break ground in the spring of 2010.

Long-Term Goal: Preserve the fiscal integrity of Leipsic Local Schools.

- Immediate Goal: Maintain a minimum of three-month operating cash on-hand at all times.

Administrative Review: With careful and conservative management by the Treasurer, the District continues to maintain its stability through these difficult economic times. Another constant threat to the system is declining enrollment. This is a problem that is facing several districts throughout Putnam County as the employment opportunities in this area remain limited.

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