## River Forest District 90 Findings of the "Setting Direction" Retreat

The D90 Strategic Planning Team met on February 13 to hold the "Setting Direction" Retreat. The purpose of the retreat was to address the question, "How do we get from where we are to where we want to be?"

The first activity was to revisit the Draft of the Preferred Future Statement from the Vision Retreat. As part of that statement the team addressed District mission, vision, and core values. Below are the six table team suggestions for both mission and vision:

Table Teams' Mission Ideas	Table Teams' Vision Ideas
Empower each learner to value learning, achieve their personal best, and build their emotional, social and physical well-being	Foster a learning culture that empowers students to achieve their personal best while maintaining a growth mindset and continuing to love learning when we:  • Ensure personalized, rigorous learning to give voice, choice and ownership to each learner
Empower, Achieve, Inspire	<ul> <li>Recognize and respond to individual differences, inclusiveness, belonging, and cultural understanding</li> <li>Encourage students to be innovative, problem solvers and effective communicators</li> <li>Collaborate and encourage dialogue and agency among all stakeholders</li> </ul>
Empowering each learner to embrace their personal best.	An engaging and inclusive learning community will enable:  • Learners equipped with knowledge and skills for future success
Inspire, Engage, Empower	<ul> <li>Personalized learning to give voice, choice, ownership         and self-sufficiency to each learner</li> <li>Healthy social and emotional development and         awareness of resources</li> <li>Open communication and collaboration throughout the         school community</li> <li>Recognition and response to individual differences,</li> </ul>
Empayor oach lagraar ta	belonging and cultural understanding
Empower each learner to embrace learning, achieve their personal best and build their	<ul> <li>The D90 community will make a difference for every learner by:</li> <li>Fostering a positive, innovative and flexible learning environment</li> </ul>
emotional, social and physical wellbeing.	<ul> <li>Giving voice, choice, ownership and self-sufficiency to each learner</li> <li>Nurturing empathetic learners who are equipped with social and emotional skills.</li> <li>Preparing each student for high school, college, career,</li> </ul>
Toward Excellence For All	<ul> <li>and life success</li> <li>Cultivating trust, respect, stewardship, and pride within our learning community</li> </ul>
Provide opportunities and empower	D90 will provide a learner-centered education to promote
learners to achieve personal and	individual growth by:
intellectual growth.	Develop a positive, flexible learning environment that extends beyond school boundaries
Pursuing excellence each day	<ul> <li>Equip each learner with relevant knowledge including academic and social emotional skills for life</li> </ul>

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Next, the table teams reviewed their work on Core Values from the Vision Retreat and made the following suggestions for moving toward consensus.

Table Teams' Core Values	
Academic Growth	Academic Success
Global Citizenship	Global Citizenship
Learner Agency	Individual Engagement
Personal Well-Being	Personal Well-Being
Empathy	Shared Responsibility
Equity for All	Commitment to Equity

Academic Growth	Academic Success
Engagement	Global Citizenship
Personal Well-Being	Engagement and Innovation
Shared Responsibility	Wellness
Equity	Collective Responsibility
	Equity
Academic Growth	Growth Mindset
Global Citizenship	Global Citizenship
Personal Well-Being	Focus on the Whole Child
Collective Responsibility	Collective Responsibility
Equity	Equity and Inclusivity
	Student-Centered Learning

Key words to draft definitions of the Core Values were identified:

### **Academic Success**

- Continuously grow
- Academic knowledge and skills
- Personal best and
- Future ready

### **Personal Well-Being**

- Continuously grow
- Non- academic knowledge and skills
- Personal best
- Whole child
- Future ready

### **Engagement and Innovation**

- Empower
- Engage
- Risk taking
- Research
- Ownership of their learning opportunities
- Voice
- Choice
- Agency

### **Equitable Opportunity and Resources**

- ESSA Definition
- Historically underserved
- Demands of the 21<sup>st</sup> century
- Access to learning opportunities focused on higher-order thinking skills
- Multiple measures of equity
- Resource equity
- Evidence-based interventions

### **Shared Responsibility**

- Build strong partnership
- Input, voice, engagement
- Responsiveness
- All stakeholders in the learning community

- Greater responsiveness to student and societal needs
- Improve the quality of educational opportunity
- Accountability

### **Global Citizenship**

- Participate in changing and developing their future world
- Active participation
- Projects or problem based
- Digita
- Global issues of a social, political, economic or environmental nature.

The CEC Facilitator drafted the following Preferred Future Statement based on table team work:

## **River Forest District 90 Preferred Future Statement Draft**

Mission Statement - Our Core Purpose	Vision Statement - Our Future
Why do we exist?	Where we are headed?
Mission: Inspire and empower all learners to achieve their personal best.	Vision: The D90 learning community will make a difference for each learner as they strive to achieve their personal best as we:
Motto: Inspire, Empower, and Achieve	<ul> <li>Equip all learners with the critical academic skills and competencies to ensure their future success.</li> <li>Create caring, empathetic learners who are equipped with the social and emotional skills to value and respect individual and cultural</li> </ul>
Core Values - How we act and behave	differences.
What we stand for?	<ul> <li>Personalize learning to give voice, choice, rigor,</li> </ul>
Academic Success Continuously grow student's academic knowledge and skills that represents their personal best and prepares them for their future.  Personal Well-Being Continuously grow student's non- academic knowledge and skills that represents their personal best, fosters development of the whole child, and prepares them for their future.  Engagement and Innovation Empower students to engage in the ownership of their learning opportunities, and enhance their opportunities for voice and choice.	<ul> <li>ownership, and self-sufficiency to each learner</li> <li>Facilitate joyful, growth-evoking learning experiences that ignite curiosity, creativity, and critical thinking.</li> <li>Foster trust, respect, stewardship and pride within our learning community leading to global citizenship.</li> </ul>
Equitable Opportunity and Resources  Ensure that students who have been historically underserved receive an education that prepares them for the demands of the 21 <sup>st</sup> century. (1) access to learning opportunities focused on higher-order thinking skills; (2) multiple measures of equity; (3) resource equity; and (4) evidence-based interventions.	

### **Shared Responsibility**

Build strong partnership among of all stakeholders in the learning community to foster a greater responsiveness to student and societal needs and therefore improve the quality of educational opportunity.

### **Global Citizenship**

Enable learners to participate in changing and developing their future world through active participation in projects that address global issues of a social, political, economic or environmental nature.

Next, the strategic plan team reviewed the current long-range goals of the District. Long-range goals are few in number and describe what the District must achieve in order to fulfill its mission, vision, and core values. The following table team suggestions were developed to update those goals. Possible new goals areas could be identified.

Current Goal Category	Table Teams' Long-Range Goal Revised Statements
Student Growth and Achievement	Ensure continuous development, growth and achievement for all learners.
Ensure continuous development, growth, and achievement for all students	Promote continuous development and growth for all students.
	Ensure continuous development, growth and achievement for all students.
	Promote continuous development and growth for all learners.
	We will ensure continuous personal development, growth and achievement for all learners.
	Ensure continuous development, growth and ongoing achievement for all learners.
Learning Environment Cultivate a positive learning environment	Provide a system of supports that enables each learner to achieve their personal best and readies them for their future.
that meets the physical, academic, and social-	Cultivate a positive learning environment that meets the physical, academic and social-emotional needs of every learner.
emotional needs of every student	Cultivate a positive learning environment that meets the physical, academic and social-emotional needs of every student.
	Cultivate a positive learning environment that meets the physical, academic and social-emotional needs of every learner.
	We will cultivate a positive learning environment that meets the academic, social, emotional, and physical needs of each learner.

	Cultivate a positive learning environment that meets the unique physical, cognitive, and social-emotional needs of all learners.
High Quality Staff Recruit, develop, support	Recruit, develop, support and retain a high-performing and diverse staff that practices collaboration and embraces continuous improvement.
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	Recruit, develop, support and retain a high-performing, integrated and diverse staff that collaborates and pursues continuous improvement.
	We will recruit, develop, support and retain a high-performing and diverse staff who practice collaboration and pursue continuous improvement.
	Recruit, develop, support and retain a high-quality and diverse staff committed to collaboration and pursuing continuous improvement.
Family and Community Partnerships Foster partnerships and shared responsibility between schools, families, and the community to enrich the lives of all stakeholders	Foster partnerships and shared responsibility between schools, families and the community to enrich the lives of all stakeholders.
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	Foster partnerships and shared responsibility between schools, families and the community to enrich the lives of all stakeholders.
	Collectively foster partnerships and shared responsibility between schools, families and the community to enrich the lives of all stakeholders.
	We will foster partnerships and shared responsibility between schools, families, and the community.
	Foster partnerships and shared responsibility between schools, families and the community.
Resources Continue to demonstrate effective and efficient business operations and ensure excellent stewardship of public resources	Demonstrate effective and efficient business operations and ensure excellent stewardship of public resources.
	Demonstrate effective and efficient business operations and ensure excellent stewardship of public resources.
	Demonstrate effective and efficient business operations and ensure excellent stewardship of public resources.
	Continue to demonstrate effective and efficient business operations and ensure excellent stewardship of public resources.

We will continue to demonstrate effective and efficient business operations and ensure excellent stewardship of public resources.
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The CEC facilitator reviewed all Strategic Planning Team long-range goal suggestions and drafted the proposed long-range goals for the new plan. Those goals will be shared with stakeholders for feedback and then be refined at the March 5 Strategic Planning Team meeting.

Below is a list of Goal Revisions to include in the Draft of the Strategic Plan:

Goal Category	Goal Statement
Academic Success	Ensure continuous development, growth and achievement for all learners.
Personal Best	Provide a system of supports that enables each learner to achieve their personal best and readies them for their future.
High-Quality Staff	Recruit, develop, support and retain a high-quality and diverse staff that practices collaboration and continuous improvement.
Shared Responsibility	Foster partnerships and shared responsibility between schools, families and the community.
Equitable Resources	Demonstrate effective and efficient business operations and ensure excellent stewardship of public resources.

The Strategic Planning Team reviewed current indicators and measures for goal areas and also considered new indicators and measures. The following were identified by all teams as suggested indicators and measures to pass on to the Board of Education who will be responsible for final decisions. Indicators and measures were divided into internal and external categories which would appear on a District 90 Scorecard and only internal measures which would be considered by District staff to improve processes and operational procedures.

<b>Drafted Goals</b>	Suggested Indicators/Measures to Progress Monitor
	and Report
Student Success	Internal and external indicators/measures:  Students demonstrate readiness for Kindergarten  Students demonstrate readiness for First Grade  Students read on grade level by the end of Second Grade  Students achieve annual growth targets in reading and math at each grade level  Students achieve state learning expectations in reading and math at each grade level  Students achieve learning standards/outcomes/expectations as defined by the district  g <sup>th</sup> grade students are on track  Student achievement compares favorably with benchmark districts

Personal Best	Internal and external indicators/measures:
	Student attendance improves over time
	Class size ranges align with District guidelines
	Achievement disparities and gaps close
	Student disciplinary infraction rates decrease over time
	Student participation in extra-curricular/athletic activities increases over time
	Student engagement increases over time
	Student satisfaction improves over time
	SEL climate indicators improve over time
High-Quality Staff	Internal and external Indicators/measures:
<u></u>	Staff retention improves over time
	Staff attendance improves over time
	Staff satisfaction improves over time
	Staff engagement improves over time
	Staff diversity increases over time
	Staff licensure meets high qualified designation
	Teacher leadership opportunities increase over time
Shared Responsibility	Internal and external Indicators/measures:
-	Family satisfaction improves over time
	<ul> <li>Family satisfaction improves over time</li> <li>Family engagement improves over time</li> </ul>
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Finally, the strategic plan team reviewed the SWOT Analysis from the Data Retreat and the Preferred Future Statement finalized at this meeting to draft strategy statements. Strategies are the critical needs the team identified in this process to identify the work that requires attention for the duration of this new strategic plan. The team determined the needs that would most likely move the District to a higher level of performance. The strategies outlined below were those identified by a majority of table teams. They will also be shared with stakeholders for feedback between now and March 5 to solicit feedback.

Strategy	Strategy Statement
Achievement Disparities	Close achievement disparities and gaps among student subgroup
	populations students through a system of personalized learning.
Academic and non-Academic	Increase the number of learners and their families who
Readiness Expectations	demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the K-9 grade
	level academic and non-academic readiness expectations.
Early Learning Readiness	Increase the number of PK-4 learners and their families who can
	articulate student performance of the grade level academic and
	non-academic readiness expectations.
High School Readiness	Increase the number of 5-8 learners and their families who can
	articulate student performance of the grade level academic and
	non-academic readiness expectations.
Social Emotional Support	Decrease the number of learners needing extra time and support
	to ensure their social and emotional needs are being met.
Student Engagement, Ownership	Improve student agency through opportunities for engagement,
	empowerment, voice, choice, and shared accountability for
	learning.
Continuous Improvement	Improve opportunities for staff collaboration, articulation,
	engagement, and communication to ensure all classrooms have
	a continuous improvement mindset.
Instructional Practices	Increase the use of high impact instructional practices and
	technology to make learning engaging, relevant, inspiring and
	inclusive of resources beyond.
Aging Facilities/Space/Time	Upgrade existing facilities to ensure space and time
	requirements for 21 <sup>st</sup> century learning are adequate and
	contribute to a positive learning and working environment.
Community Engagement	Increase the number of community partnerships with local
	agencies, businesses, and organizations to provide students and
	staff with experiences to further career awareness, service-
	learning projects, and understandings of workplace
	competencies.

The following aligns goals with priority strategies. The identified strategies were elements of the goal area that need attention. Working on the strategy should increase goal attainment. Some strategies impact more than one goal.

Goal	Aligned Strategies
Academic Success Ensure continuous development, growth and achievement for all learners.	• Increase the number of learners and their families who demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the K-9 grade level academic and non-academic readiness expectations.
	• Increase the number of 5-8 learners and their families who can articulate student performance of the grade level academic and non-academic readiness expectations.

Personal Best Provide a system of supports that enables each learner to achieve their personal best and readies them for their future.	<ul> <li>Close achievement disparities and gaps among student subgroup populations students through a system of personalized learning.</li> <li>Improve student agency through opportunities for engagement, empowerment, voice, choice, and shared accountability for learning.</li> <li>Decrease the number of learners needing extra time and support to ensure their social and emotional needs are being met.</li> </ul>
High-Quality Staff Recruit, develop, support and retain a high-quality and diverse staff that practices collaboration and continuous improvement.	<ul> <li>Increase the use of high impact instructional practices and technology to make learning engaging, relevant, inspiring and inclusive of resources beyond.</li> <li>Improve opportunities for staff collaboration, articulation, engagement, and communication to ensure all classrooms have a continuous improvement mindset.</li> </ul>
Shared Responsibility Foster partnerships and shared responsibility between schools, families and the community.	Increase the number of community partnerships with local agencies, businesses, and organizations to provide students and staff with experiences to further career awareness, service-learning projects, and understandings of workplace competencies
Equitable Resources Demonstrate effective and efficient business operations and ensure excellent stewardship of public resources.	<ul> <li>Upgrade existing facilities to ensure space and time requirements for 21<sup>st</sup> century learning are adequate and contribute to a positive learning and working environment.</li> </ul>

The draft plan on the next two pages will be shared with stakeholders. It contains mission, vision, core values, goals and strategies.

# River Forest District 90 DRAFT Strategic Plan 2020-2025

Mission: Our Core Purpose Why do we exist?

Vision: Our Future Where are we headed?

### Mission:

<u>Inspire</u> and <u>empowe</u>r all learners to <u>achieve</u> their personal best.

**Motto:** Inspire, Empower, and Achieve

### Vision:

The D90 learning community will make a difference for all learners as they strive to achieve their personal best as we:

- Equip all learners with the critical academic skills and competencies to ensure their future success.
- Create caring, empathetic learners who are equipped with the social and emotional skills to value and respect individual and cultural differences.
- Personalize learning to give voice, choice, rigor, ownership, and self-sufficiency to each learner
- Facilitate joyful, growth-evoking learning experiences that ignite curiosity, creativity, and critical thinking.
- Foster trust, respect, stewardship and pride within our learning community leading to global citizenship

Core Values: Our critical beliefs that guide actions and behaviors What we stand for and will not compromise?

### **Academic Success**

Continuously grow student's academic knowledge and skills that represents their personal best and prepares them for their future.

### **Personal Well-Being**

Continuously grow student's non- academic knowledge and skills that represents their personal best, fosters development of the whole child, and prepares them for their future.

### **Engagement and Innovation**

Empower students to engage in the ownership of their learning opportunities, and enhance their opportunities for voice and choice

### **Equitable Opportunity and Resources**

Ensure that students who have been historically underserved receive an education that prepares them for the demands of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. (1) access to learning opportunities focused on higher-order thinking skills; (2) multiple measures of equity; (3) resource equity; and (4) evidence-based interventions.

### **Shared Responsibility**

Build strong partnership among of all stakeholders in the learning community to foster a greater responsiveness to student and societal needs and therefore improve the quality of educational opportunity.

### **Global Citizenship**

Enable learners to participate in changing and developing their future world through active participation in projects that address global issues of a social, political, economic or environmental nature.

### **Aligned Strategies: Our Urgent Work** Long-Range Goals: Our **Performance** What will be our priority work? What will we achieve over time? Increase the number of learners and their families **Academic Success** Ensure continuous development, growth who demonstrate knowledge and understanding of and achievement for all learners. the K-9 grade level academic and non-academic readiness expectations. Increase the number of 5-8 learners and their families who can articulate student performance of the grade level academic and non-academic readiness expectations. Close achievement disparities and gaps among **Personal Best** Provide a system of supports that student subgroup populations students through a enables each learner to achieve their system of personalized learning. personal best and readies them for their Improve student agency through opportunities for future. engagement, empowerment, voice, choice, and shared accountability for learning. Decrease the number of learners needing extra time and support to ensure their social and emotional needs are being met. **High-Quality Staff** Increase the use of high impact instructional Recruit, develop, support and retain a practices and technology to make learning engaging, high-quality and diverse staff that relevant, inspiring and inclusive of resources beyond. practices collaboration and continuous Improve opportunities for staff collaboration, improvement. articulation, engagement, and communication to ensure all classrooms have a continuous improvement mindset. **Shared Responsibility** Increase the number of community partnerships Foster partnerships and shared with local agencies, businesses, and organizations to responsibility between schools, families provide students and staff with experiences to and the community. further career awareness, service-learning projects, and understandings of workplace competencies **Equitable Resources** Upgrade existing facilities to ensure space and time Demonstrate effective and efficient requirements for 21st century learning are adequate business operations and ensure and contribute to a positive learning and working excellent stewardship of public environment. resources.

We will share this draft with stakeholders electronically to seek feedback. The survey will ask these questions for each component: Mission, Motto, Vision, Each Goal and Aligned Strategies.

- 1. Can you support the following statement? Yes. Or No
- 2. If you cannot support the statement what would you offer as an alternative you could support.