



# Shrewsbury Public Schools

## Strategic Priorities: 2012 – 2016

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### **Increase Value to the Community**

- Continue our school district's reputation for excellence.
- Provide the personnel, resources, and infrastructure needed to ensure the quality of education necessary for our students to meet the challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.
- Serve community needs through volunteerism.

### **Five Year Goals**

- A) Continue to achieve results that consistently place Shrewsbury among top performing school districts.
- B) Prepare students to be successful with the next generation of assessments that will measure 21<sup>st</sup> century skills.
- C) Raise \$2.5 million in new, supplemental funding through a capital campaign, competitive grants, and/or sponsorships.
- D) Provide 50,000 hours of student community service.

### **Engage & Challenge All Students**

- Ensure that all students participate in rigorous learning experiences that require the application of knowledge and skills, with an emphasis on writing across all content areas.
- Empower students to meet future college, military, and workplace demands in a globally connected environment by building proficiency at the 21<sup>st</sup> century skills of communication, critical thinking, collaboration, and creativity.

### **Five Year Goals**

- A) All students will participate in learning projects that require real world problem solving with clear benchmarks for proficiency.
- B) Full implementation of the *Shrewsbury Writing Project* to ensure students achieve high levels of proficiency in written communication across all content areas.
- C) All educators will participate in collaborative professional development in teaching 21<sup>st</sup> century skills and successfully apply this in the classroom.
- D) 90% of students, parents, and educators will agree that student learning experiences are engaging and that students participate in appropriately challenging coursework that meets their needs.

### **Enhance Learning through Technology**

- Provide staff and students access to the technology needed to strengthen teaching and learning in ways that are not possible with traditional tools in order to help students master 21<sup>st</sup> century skills.
- Utilize technology to provide better access to information and interactive media, a wide range of assessment and feedback tools, and the ability to make learning connections locally, nationally, and globally.
- Promote innovative uses of technology that advance the district's educational and operational goals and monitor new approaches for equity, efficiency, and effectiveness.
- Educate students to use technology productively and responsibly.

### **Five Year Goals**

- A) All Preschool – Grade 4 core classrooms will employ interactive technology daily to improve learning.
- B) All students in Grades 5-12 will utilize individual digital devices daily to improve learning.
- C) All educators will participate in collaborative professional development in the use of educational technology and successfully apply this in the classroom.
- D) Deploy technology tools and utilize digital content to enhance learning, communication, and customer service for students, staff, parents, and community members.

### **Promote Health & Wellbeing**

- Reinforce respectful, positive school cultures in order to empower members to act with kindness, empathy, and compassion.
- Communicate and model the importance of proper nutrition, exercise, and healthy living habits.
- Ensure a systematic response to students who are struggling with social, emotional, and/or mental health issues.

### **Five Year Goals**

- A) 90% of students, parents, and educators will agree that their schools' social and emotional cultures are healthy.
- B) 75% of students will participate in at least sixty minutes of physical activity each day (both during and outside of school).
- C) Develop a comprehensive approach to support students experiencing significant social, emotional, and/or mental health issues.