

LAKE BLUFF SCHOOL DISTRICT 65

STRATEGIC PLAN 2009-2012

MISSION

The Mission of Lake Bluff School District 65, working in partnership with the community, is to educate our students to be lifelong learners and well-rounded citizens by addressing the unique needs of students and challenging their potential through excellence in teaching in a safe, nurturing learning environment.

BELIEFS

(fundamental values)

We believe

- children are our primary focus.
- education is a partnership involving parents, students, school staff and the community.
- a fundamental goal of education is to inspire students to become lifelong learners.
- the best learning and working environment is physically safe, healthy and emotionally secure.
- each school community member has unique social, emotional, physical and intellectual needs.
- each individual has unique potential and is worthy of our best efforts.
- excellence in teaching promotes excellence in learning.
- students learn in different ways.
- all students learn best when they are actively engaged and challenged.
- schools promote and support the development of well-rounded citizens.

STRATEGIC PARAMETERS

(self-imposed limitations)

- We will operate in a fiscally responsible manner by adopting balanced budgets.
- We will maintain healthy, safe, secure environments conducive to teaching and learning.
- We will interactively communicate in a timely and clear manner.
- We will maintain an ongoing review, evaluation and improvement of curricular and instructional practices consistent with our mission.
- We will make decisions based on student needs.
- We will treat each other with respect.
- We will not tolerate behavior that causes harm to self and others.
- We will not tolerate behavior that demeans the self worth or dignity of any individual or group.

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

(desired results)

- All learners will demonstrate lifelong learning skills and attitudes.
- All learners will demonstrate academic and social/emotional growth.
- All learners will demonstrate community involvement and citizenship.
- All students will demonstrate success in high school and beyond through academics, activities and community service.

STRATEGIES

(bold resolutions)

We will, in partnership with our community continue to develop and implement a facilities plan that addresses the ongoing needs of our school district and community.

We will develop and implement a plan to meet the changing needs of our community of learners.

We will, in partnership with our community, develop and implement a fiscal austerity plan that emphasizes and preserves our educational mission.

We will develop and implement mutually beneficial partnerships that share resources and expand learning opportunities.