Portrait of an Oak Park 8th Grade Graduate

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT UPDATE

Sept. 12, 2023
D97 Board of Education Meeting
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Implementing the District 97 Equity Policy

Our journey toward universal student success
Collective Interests of the Oak Park Community
Student, family and community voice

District 97 Board of Education
Seven democratically-elected representatives who set policy

Board Policy 7:12: Ensuring Racial and Educational Equity

Superintendent
Hired to develop and implement action plans and procedures

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Core Instruction
All Instructional Leaders
Elementary School
Middle Schools

Operational Excellence
Communications and Engagement
Data Analytics and Research
Finance and Operations
Human Resources
Technology
Safety

Community Learning and Entrepreneurialism
Out-of-School Time Access
Partnership Agreements
Early Childhood

Effective July 1, 2023
Preparing for the Portrait
Starting Our Portrait Design

Brainstorming sessions began this summer with District 97 leadership.
Current Work
Planning Objectives

Priorities for the Portrait Planning Team

**Inclusive Engagement**
Design multiple pathways for feedback.
Prioritize affinity-based groups (Black families, multilingual, students with disabilities, elders).

**Proximity**
Utilize the strong connections between staff/families and schools by creating site-based engagement opportunities.

**Marketing/Engagement Tools**
Develop a digital engagement toolkit for our schools.
We'll be asking families, staff and community members **what matters.**

What **competencies/skills** or **characteristics** should all District 97 graduates possess?

Based on draft competencies for our Portrait, what can be **affirmed**? What's **missing**?

Based on **your experience** with District 97, what does the **community need to prioritize** to ensure that your students can **master the skills and competencies** named in this draft?
Next Steps
What to Expect this Fall

Multiple pathways for community participation
What’s Next

Multiple pathways for community participation

- Engagement toolkit
- Planning school/community-based listening sessions
- Let's Talk feedback opportunities
- Ongoing updates
  - School and district newsletters
  - Board meetings
DISCUSSION

Board Participation in Portrait of an 8th Grade Graduate

- Recap of engagement planning
- Future opportunities