

Progress Report WSSD for 2015-2016 Goals

(As of July 1, 2016)

1. To work with the community, administration, faculty, staff, and students as part of the selection process to appoint a new Superintendent of Schools to provide leadership and vision for the District in the years ahead.

Progress:

On February 22, 2016, the Board of School Directors unanimously approved Dr. Lisa Palmer as the new Superintendent of Schools, thus consummating the selection process that began last summer to find a new superintendent to provide leadership and vision for the Wallingford-Swarthmore School District in the years ahead ...

2. To work with our support staff and our faculty to develop collective bargaining agreements that are fair to our employees and consistent with the District's budgetary constraints.

Progress:

This past fall, a four year Collective Bargaining Agreement was resolved with our support staff, and there is cautious optimism as respectful discussions continue with our teaching staff in the hope of approving a Collective Bargaining Agreement that is fair to our employees and consistent with the District's budgeting constraints.

3. Continue the curriculum review cycle to increase rigor and alignment with new State standards across subject areas under review, and maintain a high quality professional development program to further enhance teacher capacity to meet student needs and support student achievement.

Progress:

Continued progress with the use of vertical curriculum teams, along with an ongoing commitment to professional development, both of which help contribute to strong student achievement as evidenced by Strath

Haven High School's attainment this past year of the 2nd highest student Performance Profile in Pennsylvania and nomination as one of only 13 elementary, middle, and high schools – public and private – for consideration of the National Blue Ribbon Schools Award.

4. Effectively support the continued implementation of the District's revised model of teacher supervision/evaluation. (Ongoing from last year)

Progress:

The new model of teacher supervision/ evaluation as required by the state was regularly monitored, adjusted, and reinforced to promote successful and consistent implementation throughout the District.

5. Effectively manage the District's financial resources, balancing the commitment to providing a quality education with fiscal restraint. (Ongoing from last year)

Progress:

While significant financial challenges persist as evidenced by a continued structural deficit within the 2016-2017 budget, the three to five year forecast showed some major improvement in the last six months, largely as the result of an ongoing focus on cost containment, the successful refinance of bonds, and the continued financial support provided by the Wallingford-Swarthmore community in support of our schools.

6. Position the Summit School Property for marketing and potential sale or lease. (Ongoing from last year)

Progress:

The Board of School Directors, after formally announcing its intent to market the sale of the Summit School property back in May of 2015, approved an Agreement of Sale with Nether Providence Township, thus translating the property into a financial asset and allowing for the potential of continued community use of the property.