

# **Timberlane Regional School District Strategic Plan**

## **Community Survey Results**

8/21/2017

The Strategic Planning Committee conducted a survey in order to get feedback about our District mission, beliefs, vision, and goals from the previous Strategic Plan of 2009-15. Seventy-six percent of the 780 respondents indicated they were parents of children in the School District. Here are the results at a high level analysis.

### **Rank order of five priorities:**

Using a scale of one through five, the results were 1) Academics at 4.5, Facilities at 3.1, Technology at 3, The Arts at 2.4 and Athletics/Sports at 2.

### **Mission:**

The results showed there was an overwhelming sense that our School District Mission was clear and understandable and a majority of respondents felt TRSD was achieving its mission.

### **Beliefs:**

There was overwhelming agreement that our nine belief statements were still important. There was an average ranking of 71% in the “very important” scale, and an average ranking of 28% in the “important” scale. The top three statements that received the highest rating in the “very important” scale were: 1) all students achieving high standards at 91%, 2) promoting respect for self and the community at 85%, and 3) effective communication at 84%.

### **Vision:**

There is agreement that our schools are meeting the District vision with an average of 72 % of the responses being “yes” or “for the most part”. The statement about staff challenging students was ranked the highest with 79% of the responses being “yes” or “for the most part”.

### **Goals:**

The seven priority goals from the last strategic plan received very high levels of agreement that the School District should continue to focus on these areas. The top three goals were 1) increasing achievement at 98%, 2) applying 21<sup>st</sup> Century skills at 96%, and 3) producing proficient technology users at 96% . All of these were ranked as “very important” or “important”.

### **Comments:**

There were three questions that allowed respondents to add comments. All the comments were read and categorized into various topics. These were the top three results in rank order for each question:

Question 5: other high priorities

- 1) Students supports/Student discipline/Safety and security
  - 2) Academics/Instruction/Vocational programs
  - 3) Quality of teaching and teachers
- Facility improvements, Budget and Resources were also mentioned

Question 18: other beliefs statements

- 1) Students supports/Student discipline/Safety and security/ Culture
  - 2) Academics/Instruction/Vocational programs/ College and career ready
  - 3) Quality of teaching and teachers
- Budget and Athletics were also mentioned

Question 23: other vision statements

- 1) Academics/Instruction/Vocational programs/ College and career ready
  - 2) Facilities
  - 3) Culture and climate
- Quality of staff and student supports were also mentioned

**Summary:**

Based on the analysis of all the survey data, the Strategic Planning Committee identified three overarching themes that emerged through the 780 responses to the survey. The broad categories are: Academic Rigor and 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills, Facilities, and School Culture and Climate.

**1. Sustaining a focus on academics and rigor and 21<sup>st</sup> Century skills.**

- Quality of teaching and teachers
- College and Career Readiness including dual enrollment
- Academic opportunities
- Enrichment, Advanced opportunities, Extended Learning Opportunities
- Personalized learning, online learning
- Technology

**2. Improving facilities**

- Capital and infrastructure improvements across the District
- Safety and security
- Class size
- Athletic/Sports needs
- Space and program needs for quality teaching

**3. Promoting a positive school culture and climate**

- Student supports
- Student discipline and expectations
- Respect, diversity, equity
- Sense of community