

BOARD GOALS

- 1 Increase learning for all students, while closing the achievement gap between disadvantaged and non-disadvantaged students.
- 2 Increase on-time high school graduation rates for all students, while achieving consistency in the rates of disadvantaged and non-disadvantaged students.
- 3 Address immediate facility needs and establish a long-range plan to address future needs.



OUR MISSION. The mission of the Mount Vernon School District is to **inspire** and **engage** all students in learning, while **challenging** each to commit to his or her own present and future success.

In **partnership** with the community, we will provide a **safe** and **caring environment**, in which **diversity is valued** and there is a strong commitment to **high levels of achievement**.



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Our Vision For The Future



A Strategic Road Map

A guide to targeting resources and District efforts over the next three to five years.



Teaching & Learning/ Curriculum & Assessment

Ensure high quality instruction for all students in all classrooms

- Improve K-12 student achievement in mathematics, reading, and writing for all learners, while narrowing the gap between high and low achieving students by ensuring that the most appropriate student placement and interventions are in place throughout the district.
- Implement District advisory committees in reading, math, science, and social studies to ensure that courses are rigorous and relevant and to recommend alignment of K-12 curriculum to grade level expectations, materials and resources, assessments, and reports to parents.
- Use data to drive instruction through continued implementation of classroom-based assessments, Measures of Academic Progress (MAP), Washington Language Proficiency

Test (WLPT), and Assessment Information Monitoring System (AIMS).

- Ensure technology use in the Mount Vernon School District is focused on high quality assessment, learning, and teaching, differentiated to the needs of diverse learners.

Enhance achievement for diverse learners

- Implement options for accelerating instruction in mathematics for middle school students and extended learning elementary math in all schools.
- Implement interventions for accelerating instruction for English language learners.

Structure opportunities for focused collaboration to support ongoing professional learning

- Support professional learning communities throughout the District around issues of instruction, particularly examining data and student work to improve instruction, classroom visits, and use of research-based interventions.
- Enhance staff implementation of teaching and leadership standards through frequent coaching and monitoring of learning and teaching in every classroom, including the following content-specific strategies:

- Non-linguistic Representations
- Learning Targets
- Summarizing and Note Taking
- Reciprocal Teaching

Leadership & Governance

Strengthen a culture of shared decision-making across the Mount Vernon School District

- Support Mount Vernon High School and LaVenture and Mount Baker Middle Schools site leadership teams through their participation in the OSPI School Improvement Assistance initiative.
- Provide continued support and training for elementary site leadership teams in collaborating for school improvement.
- Meet with department, school staff, and PTA/PTO representatives throughout the year to listen to their concerns and obtain input on important issues.

Technology & Facilities

Enhance standard of care for District facilities

- Allocate appropriate resources of staff time and funding.
- Implement custodial standards and supervise to standards.
- Develop and implement a preventive maintenance plan.

Re-evaluate the district plan to address facility modernization and expansion

- Conduct a community survey to assess voter opinions.
- Survey key communicators to gain additional insight into public perceptions.
- Update the district's Six Year Capital Facility Plan and evaluate impact fees.
- Balance school enrollments.

Pursue Additional Funding for Technology

- Develop cost plans for upgrading and expanding classroom technology.
- Research the possibility of running a technology levy in February 2008.

Parents & Community

Enhance timely communication with the community around important issues

- Develop a master District schedule to ensure consistent coordination of radio and television and general and targeted written communications.
- Work with principals to achieve a consistent frequency and content standard for school newsletters.
- Help middle school principals develop and implement communication plans for their schools.

Enhance engagement of the Latino community to support student achievement

- Develop partnerships with business and industry to provide Latino classroom speakers for students (beginning with those involved in the AVID program) and evening presentations for parents.
- Expand family-based initiatives, targeting 10-14 year old Latino students and their parents.

Strengthen community support for Mount Vernon Schools

- Conduct informational presentations on the upcoming levy to a variety of community groups.
- Support initial start-up of the Mount Vernon Schools Foundation.
- Expand dissemination of positive information about the school district.
- Participate in developing a School-Business Partnership program through the Mount Vernon Chamber of Commerce.

