



OUR VISION FOR THE FUTURE



MINNETONKA
PUBLIC SCHOOLS



A LETTER TO

Our Community

It is a great honor to represent you in our service as members of the Minnetonka School Board. Since its inception in 1952, the Minnetonka School District has been preparing students to be thoughtful, contributing members of society. During that time, the District has earned a reputation for excellent teaching, exceptional student achievement and outstanding fiscal management.

Ensuring that this legacy continues is the heart of our job as your elected representatives. It is our duty to define the direction in which we want to lead the District. The following is our vision for the Minnetonka School District. We believe it enables the District to be a world-class, child-centered public school system of which we can all be proud.

As we envision the District's future, we want to acknowledge the significant contributions of students, teachers, administrators, support staff, past school board members, parents and families, and other community members who built Minnetonka's history of success. We are grateful and proud to chart the coming years from such a solid position of inherited strength.

— Minnetonka School Board

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Defining our Vision for a **World-Class School District**

America's public education system is built upon the belief that a nation dedicated to self-governance and the preservation of liberty will not endure without the intelligence and vigilance of its citizens. Unique in the history of the world, America's public schools make and deliver on the bold promise to freely educate all children regardless of race, ethnicity, religion, gender identity, sexual orientation, country of origin or socioeconomic status. The Minnetonka School Board is committed to protecting and promoting this legacy.

We believe that a strong public education is the most direct means of creating an informed citizenry necessary to sustain democracy. Public education gives people the skills they need to live the lives they imagine, to realize their dreams and to fully develop as human beings. It is the cornerstone of healthy, engaged communities. It is essential to maintaining a thriving American economy capable of operating in a competitive global marketplace. It is the foundation upon which a free and open society rests. Strong public education gives wings to society's collective hopes for a promising future.

As members of the Minnetonka School Board, we believe in the power of a collective vision to mobilize people and effect positive change in their lives. We are committed to building upon the excellence of our past and creating a world-class school district. We will insist upon aligning every element of our organization toward the goal of supporting all students' pursuits of their highest levels of academic and personal achievement.



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We strongly believe in the connection between early childhood education and later school performance.

Therefore, the Minnetonka School District champions a comprehensive approach to educating children.

We will connect with families as early as possible, creating a wide variety of opportunities for them to cultivate the skills and knowledge needed to nurture their children's successful growth and development. When communities, families and schools are united in support of each and every child, all students will flourish.

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The children and members of our community deserve no less than our best efforts. We must dedicate ourselves to redefining excellence in education in our own terms.

If our future is to be better than our past, we must have the courage to let go of what no longer serves us, embrace what is required for the future and advocate for what is best for our children, our community and our nation. Such a journey will require change, taking informed risks and rigorously progressing toward clearly articulated goals. It will require the conviction to set our own standards in the face of state and federal mandates and unstable financial resources. The result will be national recognition for academic excellence and student achievement. In all areas, it will demand putting children first.

As a world-class organization dedicated to child-centered excellence, the Minnetonka School District will:

- Challenge and support all students in the pursuit of their highest levels of academic and personal achievement.
- Practice prudent and innovative management of public resources.
- Advocate for strong academic and strong co-curricular programs.
- Attract, develop and support the highest quality teachers and other educational professionals.
- Demand the highest standards of professional excellence in every level of the organization.
- Create, pursue and champion outstanding early childhood education opportunities so that all children enter Kindergarten ready to learn and succeed.
- Tailor learning experiences to the needs of individual learners.
- Create positive, enjoyable learning environments where all students feel safe, welcome, supported and accepted.
- Foster the development of good character and social responsibility.
- Inspire students to understand and serve the greater good.
- Celebrate students and staff of all backgrounds, cultures, experiences and identities.
- Instill an abiding appreciation for the rights, privileges and values of America's system of government.
- Produce outstanding graduates who are ready to contribute and thrive in a wide array of future pursuits and engage in life-long learning.
- Earn and maintain broad-based community support.
- Design student experiences for meaning, engagement and deeper learning.
- Commit to preparing and educating all students with programs, instruction and tools that meet the needs of the future.



Mission

A statement of our highest aspirations.

The mission of the Minnetonka School District, a community that transcends traditional definitions of excellence and where dreams set sail, is to ensure all students envision and pursue their highest aspirations while serving the greater good, through learning and teaching which:

- Value and nurture each person.
- Inspire in everyone a passion to excel with confidence and hope.
- Instill expectations that stimulate extraordinary achievement in the classroom and in life.

Beliefs

A statement of our organization's fundamental convictions, its value and its character.

We believe that:

- An educated populace is integral to a democratic society.
- Families have the primary responsibility to ensure the education of their children.
- All adults are responsible for the care and welfare of all children.
- All people deserve the opportunity to pursue their individual potential.
- A person's attitude is the most significant determinant of success.
- Personal fulfillment comes from pursuing one's passion.
- Each person has fundamental, intrinsic worth.
- The dignity of each person is sacred.
- All people need to love and be loved.
- All people have a right to live and work in a safe environment.
- The uniqueness of each individual enriches the community.
- All people have the right to express matters of conscience.
- Effective communication is essential to building relationships and strengthening mutual commitment to purpose.
- Integrity is essential to a meaningful relationship.

Objectives

An expression of the desired measurable, observable or demonstrable results for the organization. Our objectives focus on student success, performance and achievement.

- All students will meet or exceed District academic standards.
- All students will thrive according to their individual potential.
- All students will achieve their stated aspirations.
- All students will possess an empowered view of themselves, others and the world.

Commitments

Strict parameters that establish the boundaries and limits within which the organization will accomplish its mission.

- We will not engage in any activity that detracts from our elementary and secondary instructional program.
- We will not compromise excellence.
- We will make all decisions based solely on the best interest of the student.
- We will expect the best of everyone.
- We will defend and preserve the principle of local autonomy.
- We will honor the dignity of each person.





Students

Serving students well and inspiring them to reach their highest levels of personal and academic achievement is the essence of a world-class public school district. To that end, all learning experiences, curriculum offerings, supplemental programs, enrichment opportunities, co-curricular activities, staffing models, and facility designs and usage will support student success and life-long learning.

Each student's abilities, needs, desires and interests are unique and must be approached as such. Our commitment is to effectively utilize the resources of the District and align them for the maximum benefit of each child. At all times, we will act to ensure that our students remain engaged in school and learning. Students will be encouraged and supported to explore a variety of opportunities and to access challenging coursework throughout their years in the District.

Minnetonka students will be encouraged and supported to progress beyond the confines of traditional classroom work. Once students demonstrate mastery of a subject area, they will be able to explore learning experiences that require greater depth and skill. Differentiated instruction and personalized pathways toward their pursuit of knowledge and skills will be essential components of a Minnetonka education. We will also acknowledge that students' abilities may differ from subject to subject, and we will provide opportunities accordingly.

Minnetonka students will be encouraged and supported to progress beyond the confines of traditional classroom work.

We will identify and respond to students' unique learning needs as early as possible. We will provide personalized curriculum and staff to help all students reach their life goals, regardless of their need or ability. Our staff will constantly strive to find new ways that are respectful and cost-effective to meet our students' needs. We will also strive to help students avoid self-limiting labels and focus on their unique talents and gifts. Our staff will work with parents and students to develop reasonable, yet challenging, plans for academic and personal achievement that truly serve the individual.



Teachers



The interactions between teachers and their students are central to the educational experience. We must pursue excellence in teaching if we are to deliver a school district that is truly world-class. Therefore, all Minnetonka teachers will have a thorough and complete command of the subjects they teach.

They will employ a wide range of educational and scientific research in developing effective ways of teaching their students. Minnetonka teachers will be recognized for their commitment, enthusiasm, student focus, effectiveness and professionalism. They will maintain personal and professional integrity and advocate for the best interests of students. Every Minnetonka teacher will work to ensure that each student has mastered, to their fullest potential, the skills and knowledge taught. Our teachers' efforts will be supported by a well-planned and adequately funded professional development program.

In addition to mastery of subject area, Minnetonka teachers will know that simply covering curriculum does not equal excellence in teaching. Minnetonka teachers will recognize that they must address emotional and developmental issues during the learning experience in order for effective learning to take place. Because the learning environment is critical to student success, Minnetonka teachers

will use their empathy, enthusiasm, patience, communication skills and effective classroom management to create a positive, supportive, respectful and disciplined atmosphere in which academic and personal achievement can flourish. Minnetonka teachers will present curriculum and facilitate learning in compelling and innovative ways that result in high levels of student engagement and academic achievement.

All Minnetonka teachers will exhibit a genuine love of children and a professional commitment to children's learning. They will recognize that they have enormous influence over the minds and character of the children in their charge, and they will act accordingly. Minnetonka teachers will connect with students and their parents and families, and they will compel the best from each student. They will engender respect from their students because they are respectful of their students. Minnetonka students will give their best because their teachers inspire and believe in them.



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Curriculum and Instruction

The Minnetonka School District will insist on a curriculum designed to stretch students' minds and prepare them to thrive in both American society and the world at large. The District's curriculum will reflect critical dimensions of student success, including academics, character development, physical and mental health, leadership and service. It will not be limited by government-prescribed standards for competency. Learning will be connected from grade level-to-grade level and from subject-to-subject, and it will be aligned with measures of progress. Curricular programs will be open and available to all who are interested and prepared for the work.

Instruction is a critical element in our success because it is the process that transforms curriculum into learning. All Minnetonka teachers will be provided with clear guidance for delivering instruction and assessing learning. Minnetonka's Instructional Framework will provide the necessary guidance for designing the student experience, emphasizing dimensions of 21st century learning that are vital to success in a rapidly changing world. The consistent application of the

Instructional Framework and the commitment to common assessments and engaging units of study will ensure a high level of quality and opportunity for all learners, and it will provide an additional way to evaluate the effectiveness of our curriculum and instruction in delivering results for our students. The instruction process will transcend skill development

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or mere knowledge transfer. Classroom instruction will emphasize excellence, love of learning, critical thinking, creativity, innovation, collaboration, cooperation, exploration, and respect for others. Teachers must understand how attitudes, prior knowledge, habits of mind, backgrounds and relevance all impact the learning process. We will insist on methods of instruction grounded in research, and we will support meaningful professional development focused on improving instructional methods so that all students become active, life-long learners.

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- A profound command of the English language
- A mastery of mathematics
- A mastery of scientific principles
- A thorough understanding of American history, our system of government and the importance of participating in the democratic process
- Global awareness through the study of world language, culture, history, geography and current events
- Appreciation of music, literature, visual arts and performing arts
- Participation in robust physical activity and health education
- Technological proficiency
- Life skills



Co-Curricular Activities

Since its inception, the Minnetonka School District has been proud to provide a truly comprehensive education. While recognizing academic instruction and achievement as the heart of our mission, the Minnetonka School District also values and supports those activities that nurture the well-rounded and holistic development of the students we serve. Co-curricular activities are essential for delivering a world-class education. Opportunities not found in the traditional classroom enhance the students' experience today and prepare them for life's challenges and opportunities ahead. A variety of co-curricular activities, both competitive and non-competitive, play an important role in the academic, social, physical and emotional development of students by nurturing:

- Perseverance
- Self-discipline
- Ethical behavior
- The ability to work with others
- Resilience
- An understanding of the importance of physical health and fitness
- Goal setting and follow-through skills
- Positive self-image
- Competitive experiences
- Good sportsmanship
- Leadership qualities

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Vibrant co-curricular participation also sustains two essential cultural elements of child-centered excellence: Increased community support and a feeling of belonging for each student. Widespread participation and outstanding performance in a variety of co-curricular activities brings the community closer to the schools and students, thereby increasing awareness of and support for our students. Offering a wide variety of co-curricular options that are open to a broad number of students and are responsive to student interests helps to create smaller communities within our broader school populations. These smaller communities help to create a feeling of belonging and relevance, both of which are essential for student performance and well-being.



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Supporting Our Vision

Families

The Minnetonka School District recognizes and values the important role of families in the educational success of their children. Research shows that there are many things caring adults can do to enhance children's learning. Clearly stating and setting realistic expectations, providing structure and support, talking about schoolwork, asking questions, being involved in their student's school and modeling life-long learning skills have all been proven to enhance student success. Accordingly, the Minnetonka School District will encourage all parents and families to be directly involved in their children's education from birth through graduation. In order to support families' abilities and interest in influencing and encouraging student success, appropriate education opportunities will be offered in a spirit of community collaboration.

Our obligation to parents and families will be to regularly communicate with them and seek their input regarding their children's education. We will provide timely and meaningful parent-teacher conferences, frequent reports to families on their children's progress and reasonable access to all staff. Parents and families will be welcomed in our buildings and will be encouraged to volunteer and be active participants in their children's schools. We will provide communication, tools and support to form the cornerstone for a solid relationship between home, school and community. Through the support of the greater community and the active involvement of families, the Minnetonka School District will be a successful partner in providing the best possible educational opportunities for all of the students we serve.

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District Leadership

The Minnetonka School District has set a course to transcend traditional definitions of excellence and envisions a school system in which all elements are united to help students reach their highest levels of personal and academic achievement. Strong districtwide leadership and innovative and systemic thinking will be essential to realizing our mission and vision.

The School Board is the first level of districtwide leadership. The seven members of this elected body will dedicate themselves to ethical decision-making and service-oriented behavior. They will be tireless advocates for the District's students and champion the success of the Minnetonka School District. They will bring a crucial blend of pragmatism, idealism and lay wisdom to the profession of education and will remember that their role is to govern, rather than manage. In its governance capacity, the School Board will develop the District's mission and vision, write policy, approve budgets, adopt curriculum, authorize plans and projects and direct the Administration to create and achieve goals aimed exclusively at furthering the District's mission and vision. Using a lean expenditure budget, the Board focuses resources on students.



To achieve these ambitious goals, the School Board must have a strong and collaborative leadership relationship with the Superintendent of Schools. The Superintendent will ensure that all the diverse functions and talents of the organization are aligned into a productive, highly functioning whole and will rely on, inspire and direct a team of talented and motivated leaders to assess conditions, understand interrelationships, find solutions and implement changes with the appropriate urgency necessary to serve our students well.

This collaborative leadership model, open and responsive to the public, will pave the way for partnerships with individuals and organizations that are essential to realizing our vision for the future. The Superintendent and other senior districtwide administrators will be available to all stakeholder groups to explain and build support for the District's mission and vision. The information and support gained through this collaborative leadership will allow the School Board and Superintendent to allocate and leverage resources more effectively. Likewise, the synergy created by aligning all elements of the organization toward the same goals of student achievement, well-being and belonging will fuel greater student success and community support.

Strong leadership by all Minnetonka principals will be a critical link in actualizing District initiatives. These educational leaders are the key to implementing curriculum offerings, evaluating teachers and support staff, providing consistent student support and discipline, and building strong connections between their schools and the community. Minnetonka principals will have the responsibility and authority necessary for bringing the District's mission and vision to life. These talented leaders will set expectations for the conduct of all employees and volunteers in their buildings. Most importantly, Minnetonka principals will be the champions for aligning all resources and talents toward the attainment of outstanding personal and academic achievement for each and every Minnetonka student.



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Support Staff

Creating a culture of child-centered excellence will rely upon the efforts of all adults in the organization. While excellence in education is often focused exclusively on the interaction between teachers and students, a truly world-class school district will pursue excellence in all work areas.

In order for all students to reach their highest levels of academic and personal achievement, support staff members will recognize and appreciate that they are partners in the educational success of each student and are an integral part of our District. These highly qualified employees will be positive role models who are committed to creating a supportive learning environment for all students, as well as providing essential support for teachers. Their optimistic attitudes, encouraging words, and consistent and caring discipline will form an essential part of Minnetonka's focus on child-centered excellence.

Likewise, everyone who works for the District will be a positive ambassador for our schools. Support staff members provide unique contributions to our organization and are key communicators in our community. Their helpful attitudes and responsive behavior will convey what is best about who we are and what we do. Such excellence across all support areas will enable everyone to do their best work, thereby allowing us to fulfill our mission and vision.



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Learning Environment of Our Schools

A positive and stimulating learning environment is critical to student success. The culture of the Minnetonka School District will demonstrate support and caring for all members of our community. All stakeholders will be personally responsible for creating and maintaining an atmosphere of learning in which students feel welcomed, supported, valued, accepted, and encouraged to explore. In this environment, learning is a joy, and the world is full of possibility. Students will be active learners in the classroom rather than passive observers. The learning environment of our schools will aim to develop in each student such desirable qualities as self-discipline, motivation, curiosity, confidence, cooperation and respectful behavior.

Minnetonka's schools will welcome the whole community and will be known for outstanding service. Minnetonka's schools will serve as cornerstones of neighborhood life and an important part of family life. Our schools will be the center point of our District's ten communities' commitment to public education.

Unprecedented volunteerism will be a hallmark of the learning environment of the Minnetonka School District. Our students will experience school as a place where many people—not just their teachers and parents—are involved in and interested in their success. Dedicated, knowledgeable and skilled volunteers will enable us to leverage our resources more efficiently by furthering the efforts of teachers and staff. In turn, this extensive involvement in our schools by volunteers will bring the community closer to our students, thereby supporting student success. Growing up in an atmosphere where volunteerism is welcomed and celebrated will help to develop generations of graduates who will seek their own volunteer opportunities, strengthening and serving society in the years to come.





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Buildings and Grounds

The success of a school is not just predicated upon having a great program and outstanding staff; it is essential to have an inviting and supportive atmosphere in each school in order to have others perceive the excellence that lies within. Excellence in buildings and grounds is essential to delivering the quality of education we seek. While what happens in the classroom and at co-curricular venues is appropriately considered to be the heart of the educational mission, we recognize that the condition of the classroom, auditorium or playing field is crucial to student development. The condition of our buildings and grounds signals to all who enter them that the Minnetonka School District is a place where important learning and community activities occur.

Outstanding maintenance and energy efficiency demonstrate that the District is committed to environmental stewardship and indicate to the community that its investment is being maximized for both present and future generations. The resources of the District will be used so that all buildings and grounds are safe, clean, healthy and attractive places that stimulate learning, encourage physical activity and provide essential gathering places for our citizens.

High quality facilities positively impact the learning environment and the level of achievement of students. Beyond maintenance, the District will support and develop learning and work

environments that balance functionality with aesthetics. We will focus on providing surroundings that are attractive, inspiring places that stimulate learning and productivity. School buildings will be flexible enough to accommodate fluctuations in enrollment and innovations in program delivery. Buildings and grounds must also support and respond to the best uses of technology and innovative products.

The condition and use of the buildings and grounds of the Minnetonka School District will be the outward manifestation of our commitment to excellence. Our buildings, fields and facilities will be welcoming and inspiring gathering places for the whole community.



Communication



Effective communication will be essential for the continued success of the Minnetonka School District. Those efforts will be effective if everyone in the organization accepts responsibility for communicating accurate information and building positive relationships with students, parents and the citizens we serve. We recognize that every decision and every action in our organization has the potential to impact the trusting relationship we have with our stakeholders, thereby improving or damaging our ability to fulfill our mission to our students. An essential component of our continued success depends on everyone in the organization recognizing that they are ambassadors of the District as they meet and greet people throughout their days.

Schools are a cornerstone of our community and serve four or five generations of stakeholders, each defined in part by their communication technology preferences. We will use multiple communication methods to go beyond fulfilling our basic responsibility for public information, and we will use integrated marketing communications to effectively engage with individuals, families and communities.

Communication in the District will be two-way in nature. We will insist that communication be a planned and systemic operational function, grounded in ethical practices. Timely dissemination and collection of factual information will help improve the programs, services and reputation of the District. Communication efforts will engage our community regarding important changes, challenges, events and accomplishments. In addition, communication efforts will interpret public opinions and beliefs so that the School Board and Administration can shape programs, policies and procedures that will gain widespread support and deliver value.

Technology

Technology is essential in a world-class education because it brings immediacy to knowledge acquisition and allows students to move quickly from information gathering to developing solutions. It fosters creativity, refines critical thinking skills, allows for personalized learning and interactivity, and provides learning beyond the confines of the traditional classroom. Technological fluency is critical to the success of every student, teacher and staff member in the Minnetonka School District. The District will ensure that all students have access to technology.

We insist that our students are prepared to be responsible citizens in their use of technology. Utilizing technology will enhance student achievement and prepare students to compete and thrive in a diverse and changing world. To this end, the District will use technology to:

- Enhance student instruction
- Improve communication and collaboration among students, teachers, staff and families
- Support timely and informed decision-making
- Accelerate learning
- Facilitate family engagement

The Minnetonka School District will constantly seek cost-effective and innovative ways to use existing and emerging technologies. We will provide staff with adequate resources and training. We acknowledge that technology does not replace the need for personal interaction as we prepare students for life-long learning in the 21st century.



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Realizing Our Vision

Meaning of a Minnetonka Diploma

Earning a Minnetonka diploma will mean more than completing a required course of study or fulfilling a certain number of hours and course credits. Our graduates will be the beneficiaries of years of excellence in teaching, experiential learning, abundant opportunities to excel in a variety of co-curricular activities, thousands of dollars of community investment, and high levels of community pride and support.

Because of our vision and commitment to transcending traditional definitions of excellence, a Minnetonka diploma will be a symbol of academic excellence and personal achievement of the highest order. It will convey a graduate's readiness to compete in the world, to be a life-long learner and to become a contributing, responsible member of society. Those who earn a Minnetonka diploma will be distinguished by their positive attitudes, superior skills and extensive knowledge. They will be confident, inspired leaders of tomorrow who possess a clear sense of purpose in their future educational, personal and vocational pursuits. A diploma from the Minnetonka School District will be highly valued by our students and their families because it will open doors and expand opportunities for graduates as they pursue their dreams.

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Minnetonka Alumni

Minnetonka alumni who are strong contributors to their workplaces and their communities are a visible measure of our District's success and are vital to our District's reputation as a world-class school district. Alumni represent tangible examples of what can be learned and accomplished with superior preparation in public education. Their success and accomplishments, coupled with their good character and sense of civic responsibility, are all critical indicators of the impact of our vision and the return on our shared investment in America's future.

We will build and maintain connections with our alumni so that we can use their feedback to improve the services and programs of the Minnetonka School District. We will use those connections between the District and our alumni to encourage their continued contribution and involvement in the lives of our students, staff and community. We will also recognize the significant contributions of retired employees in our alumni efforts and will work to include these valuable people. We are proud of our alumni, both students and employees, and we want to be able to celebrate their successes in life, as well as to share with them the successes of their alma mater. Together, the stories of our alumni create our common history and increase the sense of community, feelings of pride and shared ownership of the Minnetonka School District.



Greater Community

Together, the Minnetonka School District and the communities the District serves have been preparing our students to be thoughtful, contributing members of society for more than half a century. We are proud of this legacy and grateful for the significant contributions of students, teachers, administrators, support staff, community members, parents and families, past School Board members and other citizens who have built such a solid foundation. From this position of inherited strength, we recognize that the most crucial resources we steward are the ongoing financial, emotional and human support that the greater community gives to the District's efforts to inspire all students to their highest levels of personal and academic achievement. Our interdependence and shared responsibility for sending well-educated, caring and healthy students into the world is critical to the future success of our society.

We are committed to continuing this strong tradition of mutual support and collaboration among our schools and our communities. We will seek community input, and we will communicate both the successes and challenges the District faces as we work to provide the best for all students. We will challenge the community to commit to all of our children as we educate them to be contributing, self-reliant members of society. Together, as citizens, we must move beyond the temptation to place the duty for supporting public education primarily on those who use it. Public education is a fundamental component of our way of life and can only be as strong as the support it is given by the people who own it. The success of Minnetonka students and their future contributions to our communities, state, nation and world will be a point of pride for every taxpayer in the Minnetonka School District. We will commit to being an integral part of the community, and our success and prudent management of resources will reflect a shared sense of values, pride, belonging and ownership with those we serve.



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Creating a Culture of Child-Centered Excellence

As an institution that serves the educational and developmental needs of children, the Minnetonka School District believes that serving all children well is the highest measure of our success. Everyone involved in the organization must be united in helping students reach their highest levels of personal and academic achievement. We have but one chance to do the right thing as each individual child moves through our schools. We must work with the appropriate sense of urgency to ensure that all children are able to pursue their brightest dreams for their future.

Therefore, we will support risk-taking, respectful discourse and challenges to the status quo as we provide world-class, child-centered excellence. We will support and expect everyone to advocate for what is best for our children, our schools and our communities. We will support and create a culture that is positive, open and accepting on all levels. We will foster genuine, caring relationships among the administration, staff, students and their families. We will insist upon integrity in all of our relationships and communications. Exceptional character, integrity, competence and the resulting trust those traits secure will be the hallmarks of the Minnetonka School District.

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With time, enthusiasm, commitment and discipline, the Minnetonka School District will leverage its Formula for Success to provide world-class, child-centered excellence as evidenced by:

- The performance of our students, across multiple areas, ranking among the highest performing schools in the world.
- The District doing measurably more with available resources than other districts of comparable size and quality.
- Significantly more parents and families choosing to send their children to our schools over other private or public schools in the metro region.
- High-performing teachers and staff throughout the country indicating the Minnetonka School District as their first choice as a place to work.
- The District excelling in customer service and community responsiveness, with all points of interaction being positive.
- The District being recognized as a leader of excellence in American public education by becoming the recipient of a wide variety of awards and recognitions.
- Our alumni reporting a high degree of satisfaction with the preparation for life that they received through their years in the Minnetonka School District.
- The District receiving unprecedented support from the communities we serve.

Our culture of child-centered excellence will be sustained by setting high expectations for students, teachers and staff. Collaborative leadership and alignment of all elements in the organization will enable us to effect meaningful, sustainable change in the lives of our students. A systemic approach to management requires meaningful assessment tools and accountability systems in order to gauge student achievement and engagement, identify areas of opportunity or improvement and make sound decisions. The School Board must be able to demonstrate that it is delivering on its promise of a world-class education. Students deserve this disciplined approach to assessment. The community demands it. The future success of our District relies upon it.

Proudly serving the
communities of:

- Minnetonka
- Chanhassen
- Deephaven
- Eden Prairie
- Excelsior
- Greenwood
- Shorewood
- Tonka Bay
- Victoria
- Woodland
- And, welcoming open enrollment students



Stay Connected with Our Vision

School Board Members and Meetings

Website: www.minnetonkaschools.org/SchoolBoard

Minnetonka Public Schools District Service Center

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Website: www.minnetonkaschools.org

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Instagram: www.instagram.com/mntkaschools

Twitter: @TonkaSchools

YouTube: www.youtube.com/MinnetonkaSchools

Clear Springs Elementary

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952-401-6950

Deephaven Elementary

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952-401-6900

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Excelsior Elementary

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Groveland Elementary

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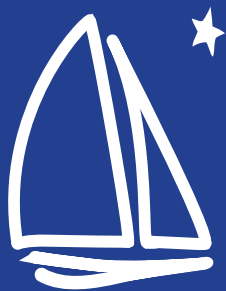
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