

SCHOOL DISTRICT 197

# STRATEGIC IMPLEMENTATION PLAN



CREATING THE  
WORLD'S BEST WORKFORCE  
**2022-2023**

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# INTRODUCTION

In fall 2019, School District 197 hosted community-wide input sessions to gather input into the creation of a revised strategic plan. Hundreds of community members, students, and staff responded to the following prompts:

- What do our students need to learn so they are ready for their future?
- What do you value most about our schools?
- What are some new opportunities we should explore?
- How can you and our community connect with and support our schools?

A representative group was convened in December 2019 to digest all of the input and create a new strategic framework to guide our new and long-term work. The framework they drafted included a mission statement, belief statements, and focus areas for improvement. After an initial review by the

school board, additional input was sought through a variety of focus groups. This input was used to revise the initial draft of the strategic framework. The final draft was approved by the school board in June 2020.

The strategic framework provides the district with a direction for our work. For example, one focus area for improvement is to, “Establish a district-wide system of social-emotional learning and support.” Each year we determine the specific strategies the district needs to implement to move us towards our desired improvement. These strategies, which we will call implementation targets, will be described in more detail later on in this report.

We are excited about the work our Strategic Framework will continue to direct this year.

*Nurture, Inspire, Prepare  
Together, we thrive!*

# STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK (adopted June 2020)

## SCHOOL DISTRICT 197

*Nurture. Inspire. Prepare. Together, We Thrive.*

School District 197 is committed to caring relationships, equitable practices, and high achievement for all.

### GOALS

All students are academically and socially ready for school.

All 3rd graders can read at grade level.

All racial and economic achievement gaps are closed.

All students graduate from high school.

All students are ready for career and college.

### WE BELIEVE...

#### RELATIONSHIPS

- People thrive when they feel connected, trusted, and affirmed.
- Communication and collaboration strengthen school, family, and community relationships.

#### EQUITY

- Our diversity makes us stronger.
- Seeking to understand each other strengthens the individual and community.
- We are all accountable for removing barriers and creating equitable systems.

#### ACHIEVEMENT

- High expectations and personalized support are critical for student success.
- Innovative environments promote curiosity, creativity, and courageous action.
- Everyone has the ability to continually grow.

### FOCUS AREAS

1

Establish a district-wide system of social-emotional learning and support

2

Build equitable systems and support throughout the district

3

Increase E-12 opportunities for career exploration and preparation

4

# FOCUS AREAS & IMPLEMENTATION TARGETS

As you saw on the previous page, we have three focus areas. They are:

- Establish a district-wide system of social-emotional learning and support.
- Build equitable systems and support through the district
- Increase E-12 opportunities for career exploration and preparation.

The intent of focus areas are not to capture all we do as a school system. Rather, they are to identify the specific areas in which we want to target our improvement efforts in order to live out our mission (School District 197 is committed to caring relationships, equitable practices, and high achievement for all)

...and to achieve our goals.

School District 197's goals are:

- All students are academically and socially ready for school
- All 3rd graders can read at grade level
- All racially and economic achievement gaps are closed
- All students graduate from high school
- All students are college and career ready.

In the pages that follow, you will find the specific strategies (aka Implementation Targets) we have selected for the 2022-23 school year. They are grounded in research and based on the ongoing feedback we receive from students, staff, families and our community.



# FOCUS AREAS OVERVIEW: SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL LEARNING

## “Establish a district-wide system of social-emotional learning and support”

Social and emotional learning or SEL is the process through which all young people and adults acquire and apply the knowledge, skills, and attitudes to develop healthy identities, manage emotions and achieve personal and collective goals, feel and show empathy for others, establish and maintain supportive relationships, and make responsible and caring decisions.

According to the Collaborative for Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning, there are a number of benefits that students derive from SEL.

- An improvement in social and emotional skills, attitudes, relationships, academic performance, and perceptions of classroom and school climate
- A decline in anxiety, behavior problems, and substance abuse
- Long-term improvements in skills, attitudes, prosocial behavior, and academic performance

Social and emotional learning is also aligned in our equity work by creating caring, just, inclusive, and healthy communities that support all individuals in reaching their

fullest potential. Implementing SEL across our district both fosters and depends upon an equitable learning environment, where all students and adults feel respected, valued and affirmed in their individual interests, talents, social identities, cultural values, and backgrounds.

Our SEL vision states “Through an equitable system of social and emotional learning support, all students and staff will grow in the following capacities:

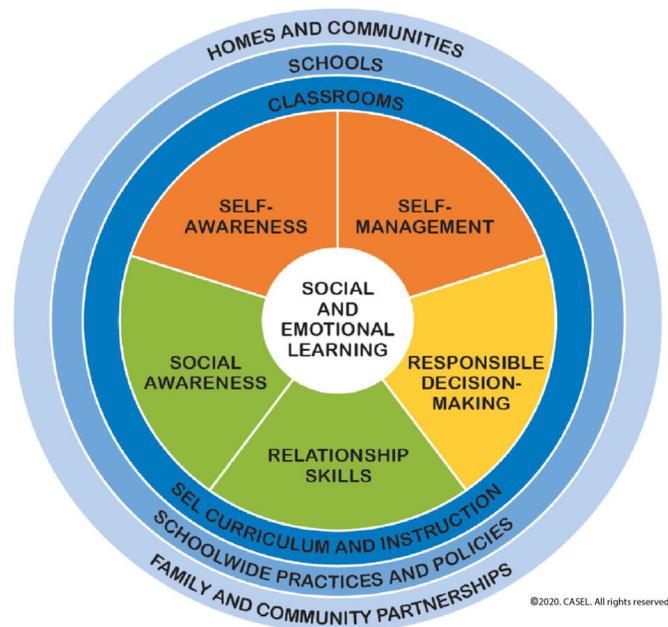
- Self-awareness
- Self-management
- Social awareness
- Relationship skills
- Responsible decision-making

In our research, we have learned that districts often mistakenly focus entirely on building the social and emotional competence of students without also considering the SEL needs of adults who are engaging with students every day. In order to create conditions for students to effectively engage in SEL, adults themselves need to feel empowered, supported, and valued.

# FOCUS AREA IMPLEMENTATION TARGETS FOR 2022-2023: SEL

## “Establish a district-wide system of social-emotional learning and support”

- Increase understanding and expertise of social-emotional learning with district-level and site leaders, members of the staff development advisory committee, and the participants of the “SEL for students” review team on the social-emotional competencies and implementation of CASEL’s Three Signature Practices, through training, modeling, and resource sharing.
- Develop districtwide SEL student standards and establish a plan for implementation through explicit instruction and embedding it into academic learning.
- Complete a six-session course and a nine-month cohort from the Minnesota Department of Education enhancing implementation of the Minnesota Multi-tiered System of Supports (MnMTSS) where SEL is integrated into a continuum of academic and behavioral supports, ensuring that all student needs are met.
- Develop and conduct building walk-through protocols focused on practices for a supportive school environment.
- Implement a district wide survey for all students grades 3-12, families and staff with questions focused on SEL using the research-backed surveys from Panorama.
- Share, discuss, and analyze survey data, in a structured process to engage stakeholders in determining next steps and to continuously improve all SEL-related systems and practices with a focus on equity.



# FOCUS AREAS OVERVIEW: EQUITY

**“Build equitable systems and support throughout the district”**

School District 197 has adopted the Minnesota Department of Education's definition of educational equity, which is "...the condition of justice, fairness and inclusion in our systems of education so that all students have access to the opportunities to learn and develop to their fullest potentials."

Using the work of the Association of Metropolitan School Districts' Reimagine Minnesota project as a jumping off point, we are envisioning our equity focus area aligned to the following work.

## **Elevating student voice and leadership**

- Students should have a meaningful voice in shaping their schools and classrooms
- Giving students voice and leadership, and guidance in using those tools, prepares them today for success tomorrow

## **Recruiting, Hiring, and Retaining Staff of Color**

- A racially diverse staff benefits all our students, especially students of color
- Diverse teams are more creative, better problem solvers, and make better decisions

## **Creating and Sustaining Equity Leadership**

- As school leaders, administrators play a key role in creating, nurturing, and sustaining equitable systems and support
- This work requires ongoing learning about equity and change

## **Culturally Relevant Teaching: Rigorous, Responsive, and Relational**

- Learning is social and cultural and therefore more effective when done in an environment of rapport and trust where students' cultural identities and practices are affirmed and validated, resulting in a sense of belonging
- Culturally responsive teaching maintains high expectations for all students, believes in the capacity of all students to meet those expectations, and provides each student with the support and opportunity to achieve those high expectations

# FOCUS AREA OVERVIEW: EQUITY (continued)

## **Developing, Sustaining, and Evaluating Cultural Competence**

- Staff understanding of different cultural ways of being, their own cultural ways of being, and the sociocultural context of race and language in schools are critical to their ability work across cultural differences

## **Building Bridges Between School and Our Communities**

- Schooling is a community endeavor and is most successful when school staff and community members work together to support student and community needs

## **Developing and Implementing Culturally Inclusive and Equitable Systems**

- Many systems within school districts were designed as culturally neutral or to reflect the culture of those who designed them
- Designing systems to be culturally inclusive takes intention and results in equity of access and opportunity



# FOCUS AREA IMPLEMENTATION TARGETS FOR 2022-2023: EQUITY

**“Build equitable systems and support  
throughout the district”**

## **Student Voice and Leadership**

- Implement a district wide survey for all students grades 3-12 with questions focused on equity using the research-backed surveys from Panorama.
- Take a group of students to Out Front Minnesota’s Youth Summit.
- Implement a student sub-committee to the Curriculum Advisory Committee that reflects our student demographics.

## **Recruiting, Hiring, and Retaining Staff of Color**

- Provide opportunities for teachers of color in their first three years of teaching to participate in a mentoring/networking program and earn graduate credits at the same time.
- In addition to regular meetings after the school day, provide at least two opportunities during a professional development day for the staff of color affinity group to meet and learn together.
- Conduct 90-day check-ins with staff color in their first year with the school district.

## **Culturally Relevant Teaching: Rigorous, Responsive, and Relational**

- Develop, with principals and other school leaders at each site, a plan for faculty professional development in the Ready for Rigor Framework for Culturally Responsive Teaching in the next 1-3 years.
- Pilot the AMAZEworks anti-bias curriculum focused on creating a sense of belonging for all students.
- Provide ongoing training and support to teachers implementing the AMAZEworks supplemental curriculum.
- Develop a plan to provide ongoing training and coaching to instructional coaches on coaching with an equity lens.

## **Developing, Sustaining, and Evaluating Cultural Competence of Staff**

- Offer Safe Space training to all staff focused on LGBTQIA+ allyship.
- Provide “Supporting LGBTQIA+ Students, Families, and Staff” training to various support staff groups.

# FOCUS AREA IMPLEMENTATION TARGETS FOR 2022-2023: EQUITY (continued)

## **Building Bridges Between School and Our Communities**

- Implement a district wide survey for all families and staff with questions focused on equity using the research-backed surveys from Panorama.
- Support non-English speaking families in making the transition to elementary, middle, and high school through a district wide Community Fun event.
- Implement National African American Parent Involvement Day activities at each of our schools.
- Implement Talking Points, a texting translation service that allows staff to communicate to families in their home language in order to build stronger family-teacher communication and relationships.

## **Creating and Sustaining Equity Leadership**

- Continue developing site leader understanding of the Ready for Rigor Framework for Culturally Responsive Teaching.
- Provide multiple opportunities for teams of site and district leaders to attend equity focused professional development (e.g. LEAD Conference at the University of Minnesota, AVID Critical Elements, etc.).
- With the Equity Advisory, develop an equity vision for the school district.

## **Developing and Implementing Culturally Inclusive and Equitable Systems**

- Remove the “re-interview” requirement for 9th grade AVID and expand access to all students who participated in AVID as 8th graders.
- With the Equity Advisory, develop a draft Equity Policy to propose to the school board.



# FOCUS AREAS OVERVIEW: CAREER & COLLEGE READINESS

## “Increase E-12 opportunities for career exploration and preparation”

This work is not new to the strategic framework but rather an expansion of the work we have been focused on for the last nine years. As part of our previous strategic framework, we were striving toward two specific strategies: Developing an electronic college and career portfolio beginning in 7th grade and expanding options for students to successfully earn postsecondary credit concurrently while earning a high school diploma, including the potential to earn up to an Associate of Arts degree or other certifications that make students “job ready” upon graduation.

Over the last decade, School District 197 has worked with the intention to expand its high school offerings and organize its courses by career fields and show the alignment to career pathways. Students at Two Rivers High School now have over 30 rigorous courses to select from which can provide them with college-credit bearing opportunities and several courses that provide industry-recognized certificates, on-the-job training, and internships.

Warrior Seminar, a required course for all incoming 9th-grade students, has been another important cornerstone of our career and college readiness approach.

Warrior Seminar provides opportunities for students to transition to high school, explore career and post-secondary options and develop themselves as individuals. Through Warrior Seminar, students have the opportunity to meet and talk with dozens of community-based businesses, organizations, and post-secondary institutions, as well as work in small group settings with adult mentors, who discuss topics such as resume building, professional conduct, and how to participate effectively in interviews.

In the new strategic framework, you will notice that the work now intentionally includes all our learners, from the youngest students in our early learning programs to our graduating seniors at Two Rivers High School.

In the spring of 2022, our district was awarded a grant to help us continue to expand our college and career opportunities. This grant provides our district with the ability to;

- erase gaps in our college and career-focused courses and experiences,
- enhance and expand opportunities in already-established subject areas, and
- provide structures and systems of support for students to be successful in all these emerging opportunities.

# FOCUS AREAS OVERVIEW: CAREER & COLLEGE READINESS (continued)

## “Increase E-12 opportunities for career exploration and preparation”

Our district has identified two main goals targeted for this grant. They are listed below:

- By the end of the 2023-2024 school year, a minimum of five academically rigorous courses that are the focus of this grant will be sustainable additions to the TRHS course catalog.
- By the end of the 2023-2024 school year, in at least five of these rigorous courses that are the focus of this grant, the students of color representation will mirror the demographic representation of Two Rivers High School.

Grounding our work is a graphic organizer developed by the Minnesota Department of Education in collaboration with Minnesota State Universities and Colleges.

The graphic (see page 14) provides a framework for organizing Minnesota Career Fields, Clusters & Pathways. It depicts the foundational knowledge and skills, career fields, career clusters, and career pathways that Minnesota will use for developing programs of study in career and technical education.

Courses at Two Rivers have been reviewed and those that provide career exploration, exposure or opportunities in a specific career field have been identified in the academic planning guide for students. Students that have an interest in a specific pathway are encouraged to take a course or sequence of courses in the specific pathway.



As we continue work in this area, our goal is to expose students in early learning through middle school to a wide variety of careers in these career fields, clusters, and pathways.



# FOCUS AREA IMPLEMENTATION TARGETS FOR 2022-2023: CCR

## “Increase E-12 opportunities for career exploration and preparation”

### High School

- Implement/pilot AP Human Geography Enrichment and AP Biology Enrichment courses in the 2022-2023 school year.
- Implement the AP Seminar course in the 2022-2023 school year.
- Implement the CAPS Computer Science and Information Technology course in the 2022-2023 school year.
- Develop a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) program for implementation no later than 2023-2024.
- Align science courses with the new MN science standards to CTE pathways.
- Explore the addition of courses in other CTE pathways.
- Support students in rigorous course grant classes (eg. AP Human Geography Enrichment, AP Biology Enrichment, AP Seminar) through grant identified activities and college and career specialist position.
- Develop and implement a plan to increase communication of courses and career pathways during the registration process.
- Develop a plan for the implementation of BARR - Building Assets, Reducing Risks for students in grade 9.
- Recruit additional staff and facilitate their attainment of the requirements to be eligible to teach concurrent (college credit-bearing) courses.
- Through the new course proposal process, continue to expand advanced course opportunities, including but not limited courses such as AP Government and AP Pre-Calculus.
- Partner with IHCC to create concurrent enrollment agreement for AVID 12 and INTS 1101 College Success Strategy course (2 credits and will fulfill Goal 2 of MnTC)
- Continue to build relationships with local business partners that result in internship opportunities that can occur outside of CAPS courses.

### Middle School

- Complete the middle school schedule review process and make a recommendation to the board.
- Based on the approved middle school schedule, align/consider elective opportunities to CTE pathways.
- Hold a career fair for middle school students.

# ANNUAL REPORT & OTHER PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Each fall, the annual report shows progress towards attaining our strategic goals. The report identifies performance measures that indicate both a desired outcome and degree to which the district is making progress towards those outcomes. The report is available on the district website. In addition, the results are reported in an annual meeting in which key messages are prioritized and highlighted. Other reports are tailored to relevant audiences as deemed appropriate.

Annual Achievement and Program Targets are set based on the previous year's performance.

The Annual Targets measure the degree to which individual schools and the district are accomplishing the five goals established through the strategic framework:

- All students are academically and socially ready for school
- All third graders can read at grade level
- All racial and economic achievement gaps are closed
- All students graduate from high school
- All students are ready for career and college

Measurements used to assess progress minimally include those listed below.

- Student performance on the Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments (MCAs)
- Student performance on FASTBridge assessments in area of literacy and math
- Student performance on the ACT
- High school graduation rates
- High school cumulative GPA
- Results from each assessment will be broken down by student group to measure the achievement/opportunity gap



# ANNUAL REPORT & OTHER PERFORMANCE MEASURES (continued)

The following, in support of the district plans, are reported annually to the Minnesota Department of Education as part of Minnesota's World's Best Workforce Initiative:

- District Strategic Implementation Plan and World's Best Workforce Initiative
- Alternative Delivery of Specialized Instructional Services (ADSIS) Plan
- Alternative Teachers Performance Pay System (ATPPS) Plan
- District American Indian Education Plan
- District Achievement and Integration Plan
- District Staff Development Plan
- Read Well by Grade 3 Literacy Plan

## PLAN FOR PROGRAM IMPROVEMENT

Schools and departments set annual continuous improvement goals aligned to the District Strategic Framework Goals. A needs assessment occurs each year by reviewing achievement trends. This assists schools and the district in identifying the strengths and weaknesses of instruction in pursuit of student and school success.

Schools complete their assessment by reviewing student achievement data that is disaggregated by subgroup, and site, in annual data retreats in July and August.

District and school goal setting follows. A Continuous Improvement Plan (CIP) is then developed. After district and site goals have been established, teachers develop goals in their Collaborative Teams (CTs).

Every teacher in the district participates in a CT. As part of the district, site, and team goal-setting and action-planning process, staff examine strategies for improving instruction, as well as considering and selecting best practices.

## SCHOOL DISTRICT 197 CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT MODEL



# 2022-2023 ANNUAL ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT TARGETS

The strategic framework establishes five goal areas. The district uses a variety of formative (along the way) and summative (at the end) measures to assess our progress towards achieving each goal. Among those measures, key progress indicators have been selected to use for our annual district targets.

## DISTRICT GOALS

### **All students are academically and socially ready for school.**

- The percentage of students in the district's four-year-old preschool program who are "kindergarten ready" in the areas of literacy and social/ emotional development will increase by 2% in each area by spring 2023.

### **All third graders can read at grade level.**

- The percentage of third grade students who will meet the low risk or lowest risk target on aReading in grade 3 will increase by 2% from 58% fall 2022 to 60% in spring 2023.

### **All racial and economic achievement gaps are closed.**

- The gap between students of color and white students in grades 1-8 will decrease 2% from 26% in fall 2022 to 24% in spring 2023 by increasing the percent of students who meet the low risk or lowest risk target on aReading of the groups as follows:
  - White students will increase 2% from 73% in fall 2022 to 75% in spring 2023
  - Students of color will increase 4% from 47% in fall 2022 to 51% in spring 2023
- The gap between students of color and white students in grades 1-8 will decrease by 2% from 33% in fall 2023 to 31% in spring 2023 by increasing the percent of students who meet the low risk or lowest risk target on aMath of the groups as follows:
  - White students will increase 2% from 77% in fall 2022 to 79% in spring 2023
  - Students of color will increase 4% from 44% in fall 2022 to 48% in spring 2023

### **All students graduate from high school.**

Our improvement efforts will be focused on providing equitable supports for students of color in order to meet the goals below:

- The four-year graduation rate at Two Rivers High School (formerly Henry Sibley High School) will increase from 88% in 2021 to 90% in 2022.
- The percentage of students in grades 9-12 who pass all of their courses will increase 2% from \_\_% for semester 1 in 2022 to \_\_% in 2023.

# 2022-2023 ANNUAL ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT TARGETS (continued)

## All students are ready for career and college.

- The percentage of Hispanic students enrolled and successfully completing a college-level course will increase from 24.7% in spring 2022 to 26.7% in spring 2023.
- The percentage of students with a cumulative GPA of 2.7 will increase from 62% in spring 2022 to 64% in spring of 2023.

Please note: All targets under other goals areas will be disaggregated by race and socio-economic status to ensure gaps in those measures are closing as well.

## SITE GOALS

Pre-K Goals: Each site will improve by at least 2% the site's performance in the following areas:

- The percentage of students in the district's four-year-old preschool program who are "kindergarten ready" in the areas of literacy and social/ emotional development in each area.
- The largest race-based achievement gap in literacy and/or math.

Elementary School Goals: Each site will improve by at least 2% the site's performance in the following areas:

- The percentage of students in grades 1-4 who will meet the low risk or lowest risk target on aReading.
- The achievement gap for students of color in reading and/or math.

Middle School Goals: Each site will improve by at least 2% the site's performance in the following areas:

- The percentage of students in grades 5-8 who will meet the low risk or lowest risk target on aReading.
- The achievement gap for students of color in reading and/or math.

High School Goals: The high school will improve by at least 2% the site's performance in the following areas:

- The percentage of students in grades 9-12 who pass all of their courses.
- The percent of student earning a 2.7 GPA.
- The achievement or opportunity gap for students of color in alignment to district goals.

# MULTI-TIERED INTERVENTION MODEL

Annually, each student's progress toward meeting state and local academic standards is assessed. The assessment measures vary by grade level. In kindergarten through grade 4, Curriculum Based Measures through the Formative Assessment System for Teachers (FASTBridge) are used in reading. In grades 2-9, computer adaptive tests through FASTBridge are used for reading and math.

When data indicate a student is not making progress toward meeting standards, a student is referred to the school's Problem-Solving Team (PST). The PST is a general education initiative that provides support for teachers in meeting the unique learning and behavioral needs of students. The goal of the PST is to assist students needing differentiated instruction or other interventions to ensure their success in the general education setting.

The PST model should not be confused or combined with Special Education Child Study. PST focuses on problem solving by intervening early and providing effective instructional, social, and behavioral interventions. Through this process, assigned staff collect data to determine whether the student has shown improvement following consistent implementation and evaluation of targeted interventions.

The array of interventions available to students needing additional support varies somewhat by grade level, but several key supports are used in the district:

- Intervention services funded by Alternative Delivery of Specialized Instructional Services (ADSIS)
- Basic Skills Instruction
- Title I Services
- Targeted Services (after school and summer school, grades K-8)
- Credit Recovery (grades 9-12)
- Alternative Learning Center (ALC) Services (high school)
- Family Support Program

# REQUIRED NOTICES

## ACCESS TO DIVERSE TEACHERS

Annually, the Human Resources Department provides data on effective teachers, which includes demographic information including race. The data is reviewed at each site prior to the spring hiring season to assess the degree to which licensed teachers in district and/or school reflect the diversity of students enrolled. The Equity Advisory Committee also makes recommendations regarding the means to improve students' equitable access to effective and more diverse teachers.

## GIFTED AND TALENTED IDENTIFICATION PROCESS

At the end of each school year, the academic performance of students in grades 3-7 is evaluated to identify children who should receive Gifted and Talented (GT) services or be placed on School District 197's Talent Development and Watch list for the following year. Performance measures include, but are not limited to, the Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT), reading and math assessments from the Formative Assessment System for Teachers (FAST).

Alternate Identification is an additional option for students who may be very high academic performers but do not qualify for GT services using the standard measures. Please contact the program coordinator for more information regarding Alternative Identification. See the district website for specific identification criteria, <https://www.isd197.org/academics/gifted-talented>.

## ACCELERATION

School District 197 recognizes MN State Statute 120B.15 and supports the need for academically gifted students to receive appropriate accelerated instruction. Whole Grade Acceleration or Single Subject Acceleration occurs when a student is not only doing the caliber of work necessary to be promoted to the next grade or enrolled in the next course in the academic sequence, but also demonstrates the ability to do the caliber of work required of students in the next grade level/subject/course. The goal of acceleration is to match the curriculum with the readiness and motivation of the learner.

The district uses the processes outlined on the district website if there is evidence to support acceleration. However, final determination to accelerate resides with the parent(s)/guardian(s). See the district website for the specific process, <https://www.isd197.org/academics/gifted-talented>.

# REQUIRED NOTICES (continued)

## EARLY ENTRANCE TO KINDERGARTEN

State of Minnesota regulations mandate that children reaching the age of five on or before September 1 of the school year are eligible for kindergarten. Children reaching the age of five after that date are not eligible for kindergarten until the following September. Exceptions will be considered when a child demonstrates, through assessments, above average social, emotional, physical, and intellectual maturity and the child will be five on or before November 1. Please see the district website for the application procedures, <https://www.isd197.org/academics/gifted-talented>.

## SCHOOL READINESS

The district's school readiness programs provide partial and full-day options that include a comprehensive curriculum aligned with state early childhood guidelines and kindergarten standards. The curriculum includes cognitive, social, emotional, physical, and academic skills that prepare students for success in kindergarten. Students participate in assessments three times a year that measure their progress and growth in academic content as well as social/emotional skills. The Early Learning Advisory Committee (ELAC) provides input on programs, curriculum, and transition practices into kindergarten. All early learning teachers participate in ongoing professional development throughout the school year including specific strategies for working with students whose native language is not English.

# ADVISORY COMMITTEES & FEEDBACK

## PARENT, COMMUNITY & STAFF ADVISORY COMMITTEES

A number of parent and staff advisory committees engage stakeholders in the process of reviewing programs and making recommendations for improvement, as well as general communication and advice. Membership is generally open to anyone who has an interest in promoting and supporting the program or initiative.

The standing advisory committees for School District 197 are listed below:

- District Curriculum Advisory Committee (CAC)
- District Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)
- District Gifted and Talented Advisory Committee (GTAC)
- District Equity Advisory Committee
- Tri-District Community Education Advisory Council
- Early Learning Advisory Council (ELAC)
- District Staff Development Committee (DSDAC)
- District Wellness Committee
- American Indian Parent Advisory Committee
- Padres Latinos en Acción
- Title I Parent Advisory
- Parent Ambassador Network (PAN)
- Career and Technical Education Committee (CTE)

## CONSTITUENT FEEDBACK

Bi-annually the district hires an external evaluator to do a random phone survey of a minimum of 400 district constituents. The survey provides a longitudinal look at how well residents feel the school district is educating our students, how well we are managing our resources, and how well the school board is performing in its role. The results are reported at a school board meeting, and the entire report is available for the public to access online.

# ANNUAL BUDGET

School District 197 reviews its budget annually to determine how existing funds will be used to support the plan and whether additional resources are needed. Requests for additional resources are considered in the context of the regular budgeting process, which begins annually in January and ends in June.

Below you will find two graphs outlining how our budget is used. The top graph shows how our budget is used when looking at the type of expenditures. The bottom graph shows how our budget is used when looking at the percent spent on different types of programs. Within these budgets, we have allocated sufficient funds to accomplish the implementation targets for the 2022-23 school year.

