



COMMUNITY

From Superintendent Mike Molnar

Update

Dear Amherst Community,

I am excited to share with you a “sneak peak” of our school district's new strategic plan. Guided by our vision, **A Community of Excellence**, we are committed to providing the highest quality educational experience for every student. Our new, exciting mission is to **"educate, equip, and empower all students to choose their path and make a positive impact in our community and beyond"**.

At the heart of our strategic plan are **FOUR CORE VALUES** that will guide our actions and decisions:

- **Students First** We prioritize the needs, well-being, and success of every student, ensuring they receive the support and resources necessary to thrive academically, socially, and emotionally.
- **Community - Focused** We recognize the importance of collaboration and partnership with our community members, working together to create a supportive and inclusive environment where all individuals feel valued and respected.
- **Comet Pride** We take pride in our school district and the achievements of our students, educators, and staff by fostering a culture of excellence, positivity, and celebration of success.
- **Opportunity - Driven** We are committed to providing diverse opportunities for learning, growth, and exploration, empowering students to discover their passions, pursue their goals, and make a positive impact in the world.



With these core values as our guiding principles, we will strive to create an educational environment that inspires excellence, cultivates leadership, and prepares students to thrive in an ever-changing world.

Over the next few months, our District Leadership Team and Administrative Team will work together to develop strategies and action steps under **FIVE OVERARCHING GOALS**:

- **Community Connections** The Amherst Schools will maintain consistent communication to strengthen relationships with businesses and citizens and to create an engaged community.
- **Financial Stability** The Amherst Schools will ensure financial stability through prudent spending and strategic budgeting to maximize students' educational experience in order for students to reach their full potential.
- **Retention & Recruitment** The Amherst Schools will attract, retain and support the highest quality staff to address the diverse needs of our school district.
- **Quality Facilities** The Amherst Schools will enhance, maintain, and develop facilities and spaces that meet the academic and extracurricular needs of all stakeholders through a master plan.
- **Student Services and Programs** The Amherst Schools will promote and implement high quality programs and services to improve the physical, social-emotional and academic well-being of all students by providing progressive educational opportunities.



Our strategic plan will be fully developed for the 2024-2025 school year. We invite you to join us on this journey as we work together to build a stronger, more vibrant school community for generations to come. Your support and partnership are invaluable. Thank you for your continued commitment to the success of our students and our community! **Stay tuned for another special Facilities Update on Monday.**

ECOLEAGUE EARTH DAY MERCH



The Steele EcoLeague will be selling Earth Day merchandise again, including t-shirts, long sleeved t-shirts, hoodies, and totes! Scan the QR code to order yours today. All orders are due to Mrs. DeLeon by March 22nd and will be fulfilled before Earth Day, April 22nd.

Contact Mrs. DeLeon with any questions regarding the Earth Day Merch at angie_deleon@amherstk12.org



COME TO OUR FAMILY FIRST NIGHT FESTIVAL

The Amherst Exempted Village Schools and the Amherst Teachers Association (ATA) are teaming up to host the district's first ever Family First Night Festival on Wednesday, March 20th, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at Marion L. Steele HS for all Amherst School Families. There is no cost to attend, so save the date and enjoy a night of family fun on us! Also joining us that evening will be Amherst's very own, Men of Steele, who are providing some music entertainment in the Steele Main Lobby. The concession stand will be open for you to purchase snacks with cash only (small bills preferred), and there will be a 50/50 raffle to raise money for the ATA Senior Scholarship Fund. **Scan the QR code to see the event flyer for more information.**



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