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## Des Plaines School District 62 Adopts 5-Year Plan

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Des Plaines Elementary School District 62 Board of Education adopted a five-year strategic plan at the April 15 meeting.

The strategic plan was facilitated by the Catalyst for Educational Change (CEC). Developed through a collaborative effort that involved District 62 students, District 207 students, staff, board of education members, families and community, the newly adopted strategic plan focuses on five key goals:

Goal 1: Engage all students in learning that leads to academic growth, achievement, and readiness for high school and beyond.

Goal 2: Cultivate a safe, inclusive, and engaging culture of learning that supports the academic, social, and emotional growth of each student.

Goal 3: Invest in our diverse workforce to encourage innovation, collaboration, communication, responsibility and accountability.

Goal 4: Cultivate partnerships with families and the community to support and expand learning opportunities for each student.

Goal 5: Make effective and efficient use of resources to maximize educational success for each student, every school and the district.

“Being transparent and engaging with our staff, families and stakeholders was a priority throughout this process,” said Superintendent Michael Amadei.

Stakeholder engagement was another priority throughout the process. Giving stakeholders the opportunity to provide feedback outside of the Strategic Plan Team was a critical part of the process, added Amadei. Surveys and focus groups were administered in October, November, December and January to seek feedback regarding the district Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats (SWOT), the Preferred Future Statement, the three Portraits (Learner, Educator and System) and the draft strategic plan.

The fundamentals of the newly adopted strategic plan are:

**Mission:** The mission is about focusing on what is our fundamental purpose; why do we exist?

Cultivate an inclusive, innovative learning environment that inspires students to explore robust academics, advance their potential and to be compassionate lifelong learners.

**Vision:** The vision is about what must we become in order to accomplish our fundamental purpose?

Educate resilient, lifelong learners who think critically and solve problems collaboratively as they prepare for their future.

**Motto:** The motto is the saying that defines our district and connects us to our stakeholders.

Curiosity. Compassion. Courage.

“Our strategic plan outlines a comprehensive roadmap for the future of our district,” said Amadei “It represents a commitment to provide each of our students with the best educational opportunities possible here in District 62. It is our hope that their time here with us will prepare them for success as they take their next steps to high school, college and beyond.”

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