



3D Strategic Planning

“Determination, Dream and Destiny by Design”

**SOMERSET COUNTY VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

November 20, 2024 - Meeting #2 - Outcomes

Mission Statement

The mission of the Somerset County Vocational-Technical School District is to provide the community with the finest educational services through respect for diversity and commitment to collaboration, continuous improvement, and achievement of excellence.

What Are Our Visions for the Somerset County Vocational-Technical School District?

On November 20, 2024, Somerset County Vocational-Technical School District administrators, Board of Education members, staff, parents, community members, and students came together for the second strategic planning meeting. The topic for the second meeting was focused on developing a vision and initiatives toward achieving that vision, for the Somerset County Vocational High School. NJSBA Facilitator Patti Rees started the meeting by providing an overview of the strategic planning process and the focus for the evening’s activity.

The topic for the evening focused on creating a shared vision for the Somerset County Vocational-Technical School District. We were then asked to imagine — what if, in five years’ time, at the maturation of the strategic plan we are creating, Somerset County Vocational-Technical School District had become a nationally recognized school district for providing an outstanding education for its students? What if the national media was writing about Somerset County Vocational-Technical School District so public-school districts nationwide could emulate what happens *here*?

Participants gathered in randomly assigned groups, two groups in total, to develop a shared vision and initiatives. After group discussion, each group identified their consensus points and presented those to larger group.



The information that follows is a summary of the work of the small groups. As discussed with the meeting participants, all consensus points are recorded and posted on the district website to share the group work during the strategic planning process.

GROUP 1
Title: <u>Crafting Careers, Building Futures</u>
Vision Statement: Our vision is to create an environment where students master the art of learning and technical expertise while seamlessly advancing toward higher education and thriving careers. Together with our academic partners, we nurture leaders for tomorrow’s world.
Initiatives
75% of students receive college credits in their programs and at the same time obtain industry credentials through partnerships with businesses with competitive remuneration.
Adequate mental health certify professionals on site
All of our students go to higher education, to work in their trade or additional trade school keeping track of them.
Increase remedial, honors and AP courses in a state-of-the-art learning technology.
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Supply ESL program enhancing extra-curricular activities after school increasing diversity, equity and inclusion.
Create a center for higher education acceptance and career development
Partnership with institutions of higher education and companies to develop, join, research and development.
Full enrollment and full certify staffing
GROUP 2
Title: <u>Initiatives to Achieve the Vision</u>
Vision Statement: Group projects unlike other schools could possibly do. Cross curricular potentially with shops E.g. Mask project - “the mask that we wear” English project with Photography, pictures of masks with superimposed text of poem.
Initiatives
Use experience of current shop teachers to teach elective classes Computer Science - Intro to Cyber Security Dance Art Music Drama/Theater Photography Advanced Carpentry Electrical Plumbing
Work as a Contractor hiring subcontractors
Consider modifications to shop schedules, maybe starting with newly expanding programs Slightly different begin/end shop times to deal with block scheduling from sending districts.



Windmill - building
Community projects
Pie came from pi and the leader circumference
Students running their IEP meetings. Creating goals, etc. create PowerPoint/Slides for meeting. LDT/C coaches process, learning goals, etc.

Following each group reporting out on their consensus points, the large group identified the following common themes:

Four goal areas emerged from the common themes identified by the group at large.

1. Program and Curriculum
 - a. Continuing Education
 - b. Partnerships
2. Staffing
3. Facilities
4. Scheduling

Our next meeting is set for

Wednesday December 4, 2024, at Somerset County Vocational-Technical Schools

Meetings are scheduled for 1.5 hours. Meetings start and end promptly.

During the December 4th meeting participants will review the outcomes from Meetings 1 & 2 (strengths & challenges, vision & initiatives) and develop the strategic planning goals and objectives for the Somerset County Vocational-Technical School District.

Attendees will have the opportunity to work with any/all the goal areas in which they would like to participate!

Please join us. Bring a friend! Everyone is welcome!

We look forward to seeing you!

Thank you for your commitment to Somerset County Vocational-Technical Schools!

*Thank
You*

