

2025 FAQ

What does the term Legacy Priorities mean?

When describing Legacy Priorities, we start by encouraging individuals to think about strategic planning. The Legacy Priorities are long-term, visionary outcomes that the District works towards. Additionally, specific goals are developed within both short-term and long-term timeframes. Legacy Priorities are intended to increase the likelihood of future success.

What is the objective of the work in 2025?

In 2025, the District is seeking stakeholder feedback with a few primary objectives. The first objective is to seek a common understanding or definition of each Legacy Priority. A second objective is to determine if all of the current Legacy Priorities are still applicable. A third object is to identify specific goals to work towards. The specific goals will range from the near future to 2035. We hope to obtain feedback from a wide-spanning group of stakeholders.

Will all Legacy Priorities remain the same?

This is to be determined through the work that is ahead. The feedback received could reaffirm the current six Legacy Priorities, suggest further conversations on specific Legacy Priorities, eliminate current Legacy Priorities, and/or edit Legacy Priorities. We are confident that specific goals will be determined through the process, though.

Can I fill out the survey if I do any of the in-person workshop sessions?

Yes, feel free to fill out the survey to provide an individualized response.

Do I need to fill out the entire survey to submit my response?

No. Surveys can be submitted with as much or as little of the overall survey completed. Please note that the survey was designed for respondents to provide feedback on similar topics to those discussed at the in-person workshop sessions.

What are the different ways I can participate?

We have in-person events (including a larger workshop event scheduled for March 1, 2025), virtual sessions, and an online survey.

How long do you anticipate will go by before this work is reviewed again?

The desire is to bring the Legacy Priorities back for review or redeveloping at a maximum of every 5 years. This could be done earlier than 5 years, if necessary. Once the Legacy Priorities and specific goals are determined, the task is to build measurement indicators and progress

monitoring tools. Currently, the Legacy Priorities are reported every year as part of the R-1 Monitoring Report that is presented to the Board of Education.

What is the in-person event on March 1?

The event on March 1st is a workshop format. For anyone that participated in the original Launching a New Legacy event (2016), this event will be a shorter version of that work. The vision is for participants to work as teams/groups from 9:00-Noon to provide similar feedback to what is presented on the survey. There will be a facilitator for this event.

Will staff be provided the opportunity for input?

Yes. Staff members are considered a very valuable stakeholder. They will have an input opportunity.

Why is this work opened up to the community?

Our school community is part of a greater community. Ultimately, the District serves the residents of the school district. The District hopes that community participation solicits a variety of perspectives. Additionally, the District considers the greater community as a valuable partner.

Is this work part of the Operational Referendum on April 1?

This work is not directly related to the Operational Referendum. This work will help guide planning and decisions after the results of the Operational Referendum are known, though.

Who do I contact for more information?

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