

Access and Opportunity Committee Update for the Board of Education

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Relationship to Board Goal

Goal #1 - Student Wellness

Action:

Promote a district culture that is equitable, restorative, and inclusive for all students.

Access and Opportunity Committee Work in 2024-2025

- There was a Virtual Access and Opportunity Community meeting in October 2024. There will be an in person meeting this spring.
- All eighteen buildings have Access and Opportunity Committee members that meet monthly. I am conducting listening sessions at all buildings to better understand concerns and how best to provide resources.
- Building Access and Opportunity Committee work was presented at the March 28th In-Service

Access and Opportunity Committee Work in 2024-2025

- No Place for Hate designations being sought after by Cooper and East.
- Restorative Practices training for Barton, Kilmer, Beck, Rosa, Carusi, and East.
- The Access and Opportunity Lesson Planning Committee are creating lessons to be implemented for professional growth to help respond to the actions of Goal #1. Lessons will be complete for the 2025-2026 school year.

Access and Opportunity Work in 2024-2025

- Integration of the 11 Principles of Character alongside work of Social Emotional Learning (SEL). This can be seen in Second Step programming K-8.
- Character.org “Promising Practices” applications from Kilmer and Beck.

Future Access and Opportunity Work

- District of Character Designation - Renewal
- Integration of Access and Opportunity professional development lessons alongside the work of NJTSS/MTSS.
- Restorative practices training for the remaining elementary schools who have not received training.
- Using more qualitative and quantitative student outcome measures for Goal #1. Using those same measure for our upcoming Strategic Plan and Portrait of a Graduate.



QUESTIONS ?