

February 27, 2026

Dear Cheltenham School District Community,

The strength of the Cheltenham School District has always been grounded in the collective voice, shared commitment, and deep partnership of the community we serve. Because of this, I am writing to personally invite you to participate in an important and defining process—the development of our **2026–2031 Strategic Plan**.

Over the past several years, we have built strong foundations together that clarified who we are and what we stand for as a district. As we look ahead to the next five years, we now have the opportunity—and responsibility—to ensure our future direction reflects not only our aspirations, but also the lived experiences, insights, and priorities of those who make Cheltenham the exceptional community it is. This strategic planning process is not about creating a document. It is about shaping a shared future.

In the coming months, we will be convening a series of structured engagement sessions with students, families, staff, board members, and community partners. These sessions will provide meaningful opportunities to reflect on our progress, identify priorities, and help shape the next chapter of our district. Your voice will help us answer essential questions:

- How do we ensure every student experiences a deep sense of belonging?
- How do we prepare every graduate for success beyond Cheltenham?
- How do we best support our staff, strengthen our systems, and serve our community with excellence?
- How do we ensure our mission of **Belonging, Becoming, and Excelling** is consistently realized for all?

The most successful strategic plans are those built not for the community, but with the community, so your participation is vital. Districtwide strategic planning meetings will be held at the times and locations listed below. Please reach out to Dr. Scriven's Executive Assistant [Gwendolyn Hatcher](#) if you're interested in helping shape our shared future.

- March 19, 4:30 - 6 p.m., in-person (Cedarbrook Middle Learning Commons)
- April 9, 4:30 - 6 p.m., virtual
- May 7, 4:30 - 6 p.m., virtual
- May 27, 4:30 - 6 p.m., in-person (Cedarbrook Middle Learning Commons)

Thank you for your continued partnership, your voice, and your commitment to the students of Cheltenham. Together, we will ensure our district continues to grow, evolve, and thrive.

With gratitude and purpose,

Dr. Brian W. Scriven
Superintendent of Schools
Cheltenham School District