Darien Public Schools

Preparing all students today to thrive in a changing world tomorrow.
~Vision Statement~

Approved 2026-2027 Board of Education Goals

The 2026-2027 Board of Education Goals include suggested strategies that are aligned with and support the District's Strategic Plan.

Goal 1: Adopt and implement a new Five Year Strategic Plan 2026-2031
Strategies
• Provide oversight for the implementation of the 2026-2031 Strategic Plan • Ensure that administration has the necessary resources for the successful implementation of the 2026-2031 Strategic Plan

Goal 2: Complete successful and timely contract negotiations resulting in approved contracts for each bargaining unit
Strategies
• Prepare for formal negotiations • Secure tentative agreements and facilitate ratification • Adhere to contract expiry dates

Goal 3: Deliver a fiscally responsible FY28 Budget
Strategies
• Preview potential budgetary initiatives that align to the Strategic Plan in the fall for further Board discussion prior to the Superintendent's Recommended Budget • Evaluate potential efficiencies and the impact on the Budget

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Goal 4: Oversee final completion of HHR elementary building projects, complete Middlesex Middle School Facilities Study and Educational Specifications, and study long term capital project needs including a bus depot.

Strategies

- Provide oversight of communication to parents regarding project status including proposed timelines and impact on teaching & learning and daily operations
- Promote collaboration and communication with town organizations on use of facilities
- Provide oversight and guidance to administration regarding the Middlesex Middle School Facilities Study, Educational Specifications, and ongoing District studies of long term capital needs

Goal 5: Enhance engagement and communication between the community, the Board and District Administration

Strategies

- Explore opportunities for the community to engage with the Board
- Consider recommendations for the Policy Committee to develop policies and administrative regulations to support and enhance District communications
- Foster relationship building (municipal officials, community organizations, school families and the greater Darien community)

Goal 6: Establish a culture of strategic oversight that ensures that the Board remains focused on governance rather than management

Strategies

- Streamline the work of BOE and its subcommittees and organize meetings for greater effectiveness and efficiency
- Establish transparent communication structures between the Board and the Superintendent
- Work in partnership toward a unified direction and in support of a culture of collaboration
- Ensure that the work of the District is aligned with strategic initiatives and is evaluated using a balanced mix of performance-based metrics and qualitative insights to reflect the full scope of student and school achievement
- Regularly reflect on the work of the Board

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