

Dear Jamestown Community Members,

I am very pleased to present a new strategic plan to improve the education that our schools provide for the students of Jamestown. This plan identifies priorities for improvement and establishes a future direction and a clear focus for our work for the next five years. It sets a common purpose, a sense of direction, priorities for change and a blueprint for action.

Jamestown's *Strategic Plan for the Improvement of Our Schools* is the culmination of analysis and work by a strategic planning committee consisting of teachers, administrators, school committee members, parents and community members. The Committee studied local, state, national and international data to determine the Jamestown Schools' present strengths and weaknesses, as well as opportunities and threats anticipated by emerging trends and changing conditions. Based upon our analysis and understandings, this document defines our mission along with the long term goals and objectives/strategies that will guide our work to continue to improve our schools and the achievement of our students for the next five years. Specific action plans for each year of the plan will delineate what will be accomplished that year and the measurable results expected.

To be successful in preparing Jamestown students for the future, the school department needs the support of *all* stakeholder groups: the school committee and other governmental leaders, the superintendent, administrators, teachers, support staff, parents, students, business leaders, and the general community. Therefore, we respectfully ask for your interest and continued support as we implement our plan to make our good schools extraordinary. I will be happy to discuss our plan and the importance of achieving our goals with you or a community group of which you are a part.

Results and accountability are important parts of our plan. I will provide the community with periodic updates on our progress and the results we achieve.

Sincerely,

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Jamestown School Department

2009 – 2014 Strategic Plan

Mission of Jamestown School Department

The Jamestown School Department, in partnership with the community, provides a respectful environment that challenges each child to fulfill his/her unique potential, and to develop the knowledge and skills necessary to become active and engaged 21st century learners and citizens.

Jamestown's Strategic Plan addresses these required Rhode Island Department of Education (RIDE) Strategies

Note: Strategies that are addressed by the Jamestown Strategic Plan are shown at the end of the Objectives

1. Lead the Focus on Learning and Achievement
2. Guide the Selection and Implementation of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment
3. Recruit, Support, and Retain Highly Effective Staff
4. Engage Families and the Community
5. Provide Safe and Supportive Environments for Students and Staff
6. Ensure Equity and Adequacy of Fiscal and Human Resources
7. Use Information for Planning and Accountability

Goal 1: Provide differentiated instruction and assessment that ensures that every student reaches increasingly higher levels of achievement.

Objective 1.1

Assist teachers to employ multi-level instructional strategies to maximize differentiation throughout the district. (RIDE 1,2,3,5,6)

Objective 1.2

Develop an effective system to assess individual and group progress toward higher levels of achievement.(1,2,3,7)

Objective 1.3

Increase student performance as measured by state and national assessments

Objective 1.4

Continue to support and communicate each student's progress in areas of social, cultural, and character development, and health and wellness. (5,6)

Goal 2: Elevate teaching and learning to a consistently rigorous level in which students apply knowledge and skills to predictable and unpredictable real world situations.

Objective 2.1

Increase the use of the Rigor, Relevance and Relationship framework – Core Learning, Stretch Learning, Student Engagement, and Personal Development. (1,2,3,4 5,6)

Objective 2.2

Expand our community's understanding of the Rigor and Relevance framework and its value as our educational approach. (1,4)

Goal 3: Improve teaching, learning, and district efficiency through the use of technology.**Objective 3.1**

Re-evaluate and determine technology needs based on goals of the strategic plan and the district's commitment to meet the needs of all learners. (1,3,5,6,7)

Objective 3.2

Develop a long term capital plan for technology maintenance, improvement and standardization. (6,7)

Objective 3.3

Provide guidance to oversee the successful use and integration of technology. (1,2,3,5,6)

Objective 3.4

Use technology to support teaching and learning. (1,2,5,6,7)

Goal 4: Expand our current Grade 6-8 language program to offer rigorous, standards-based world language instruction for all students from Grade K-8.**Objective 4.1**

Establish a formal committee, including stakeholders, and facilitated by an expert consultant, to research, develop and propose a feasible program. (1,2,4,6,7)

Objective 4.2

Develop the program curriculum, student assessments and evaluation system and implement the world language program. (1,2,3,5,7)

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