

SUCCESS FOR ALL.



2020-2021 **Priority Initiatives**

PRESENTED: JUNE 2020

STATUS UPDATE KEY:

- OPERATIONAL
- COMPLETED
- SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS
- STEADY PROGRESS
- SOME PROGRESS



Student Achievement and Development

- Create virtual learning plans through district, school and family collaboration, for all learners including those with disabilities, those eligible for English Language Learner (ELL) services, those at-risk, and those in Gifted and Talented programming.
- Continue enhancement of educational delivery models to ensure that high-quality blended learning can be delivered despite any potential future disruptions.
- Study at-risk factors and develop programming for students in grades 7-8.
- Enhance Gifted and Talented programming utilizing recommendations from the Gifted and Talented program study.
- Leverage school-level areas of excellence in equity initiatives to create bestpractice exchanges that foster information sharing, additional learning and mutual
- Increase the number of students taking the ACT, with a focus on underrepresented groups, and gather baseline data on students taking the Accuplacer
- Provide professional learning to enhance lesson planning to move from a focus on assessing the standards to a focus on teaching and learning standards.

Community Engagement

- Develop and communicate Return-to-Learn practices and expectations with families and staff, based on best-practice recommendations from federal, state and local officials.
- Train district interpreters and translators to serve as cultural brokers who help strengthen relationships with various district stakeholder groups.
- Launch ParentSquare, a new parent/school engagement tool, district-wide.
- Analyze data related to students open enrolling to another district and develop an 11 action plan based on the analysis.



Effective Resource Management

- Procure and deploy new tablet/laptop devices at the elementary school level to both enhance access to technology and prepare for required continuous learning should it be necessary.
- Procure additional technology support and work with partners to determine and eliminate barriers to equitable internet connectivity for students and staff.
- Utilize Secure an Advanced Vision for Education (SAVE) funds to begin phase two of the Dubuque Senior High School renovation project.
- Plan strategic cost-saving measures due to budget pressure brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Explore strategies to enhance operational efficiency across district facilities.



Employee Excellence

- Provide professional development focused on approaches to teaching infused with technology, influenced by both the pandemic and the social, political, cultural and psychological development of learners.
- Enhance efforts to diversify staffing that mirror the Dubuque community through review of future job descriptions, interview questions and recruitment efforts.
- Research best practices and develop a plan to maximize the impact of the paraprofessional employee group on student learning.