

To: Dr. David Title, Superintendent  
From: Jennifer Maxon-Kennelly, Chair Policy Committee  
Re: Ad Hoc Advisory Committee on Mission and Goals Report  
Date: September 16, 2013

The Fairfield Board of Education assigned the Policy Committee the task of reviewing and revising the Mission, Long Term Goal and Educational Goals of our school district. These were last adopted in 2004. An Ad Hoc Committee was formed to do the research and drafting of new language, and their work was aided by help from Mr. Jeffrey Burt of Central Office. The Advisory Committee was composed of representatives from various town bodies, PTA's and the general community.

They completed their work over several meetings and produced an excellent report that can now be shared with a wider audience.

As the mission, long range and educational goals are adopted as Board policy, the Policy Committee will recommend a final document to the full Board of Education after it gives further consideration to the content. The Ad Hoc Advisory Committee's report has been discussed at the August and September Policy Committee meetings and will be on the agenda for at least the September 16<sup>th</sup> and October 14<sup>th</sup> Policy Committee meetings before being sent to the full BoE.

At this time, I would ask that you distribute the report, as presented by the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee on Mission and Goals, together with this memo, to the Central Office Leadership Team, the District Leadership Team, Presidents of each school's PTA and Chair of the PTA Council. It should also be posted on the BoE's web site.

Comments on the above report are welcome from all and can be sent to Karen Parks for presentation to the Policy Committee or directly to my attention at any time. In addition, individuals are welcome to attend the Policy Committee's meetings and provide comments during the public comment period.

I would ask that all comments be sent by Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, so they may be considered at the Monday, October 14<sup>th</sup> Policy Committee meeting.

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

**0100**

***Proposed Revision June 2013:***

The mission of the Fairfield Public Schools, in partnership with families and community, is to ensure that every student acquires the knowledge and skills needed to be a lifelong learner, responsible citizen and successful participant in an ever-changing global society through a comprehensive and rigorous educational program.

## **LONG-TERM GOAL**

**0110**

***Proposed Revision June 2013:***

Fairfield Public Schools will ensure that every student is engaged in a rigorous learning experience that recognizes and challenges students to balance academic progress with expressive, personal, physical, civic and social development. The students will be respectful, ethical and responsible global citizens. In measuring progress toward these goals the district shall see continuous advancement and corresponding local objectives as defined by the Board of Education, in order to rank among the best in the state and the nation.

## **EDUCATIONAL GOALS**

**0200**

***Proposed Revision June 2013:***

**Goal One:**

### **Global Citizenship**

Fairfield Public School Students will:

- develop into responsible citizens who demonstrate ethical behavior;
- acknowledge, explore and celebrate all types of diversity;
- develop a healthy personal identity;
- demonstrate strong motivational persistence to learn in order to achieve personal aspirations;
- exhibit an inquisitive attitude, open-mindedness, and curiosity;
- acquire an understanding and appreciation of the values and the intellectual achievement of their culture and other cultures; and
- understand international issues and demonstrate the skills needed to participate in a global society.

**Goal Two:**

Mastery of Skills

Fairfield Public School Students will:

- engage in critical thinking through
  - ❖ collaboration
  - ❖ problem solving
  - ❖ analyzing data and complex systems
  - ❖ constructing their own knowledge by evaluating and applying information
  - ❖ transforming existing ideas, knowledge, and solutions into new ideas, products, and processes
  - ❖ innovative, creative and artistic expression
- communicate effectively by
  - ❖ asking questions, listening, and thinking flexibly while making connections and creating innovative solutions
  - ❖ conducting research and demonstrating skills necessary to locate and use information effectively
  - ❖ expressing ideas clearly using multiple formats, including speech and writing
  - ❖ appropriately and effectively using technology tools to express ideas
- understand themselves and others by
  - ❖ demonstrating appropriate study skills and understanding and articulating their own learning style
  - ❖ demonstrating self-advocacy
  - ❖ taking full advantage of opportunities to explore, develop and express their own uniqueness and creativity
  - ❖ recognizing the importance of healthy social, emotional, physical growth
  - ❖ respecting humanity and demonstrating ethical conduct
  - ❖ demonstrating empathy for others

**Goal Three:**

Knowledge

Fairfield Public School Students will:

- master literacy and numeracy;
- acquire the knowledge of science, technology, mathematics, language arts, social studies/civics, visual and performing arts, world language, unified arts and health and understand connections among these disciplines;
- acquire the knowledge necessary to use all technology for learning, problem solving and communicating;
- demonstrate an understanding of local, state, and national governments and responsible citizenship; and
- demonstrate civic-mindedness and understand what it means to be an active member of their local, state, national, and global communities.