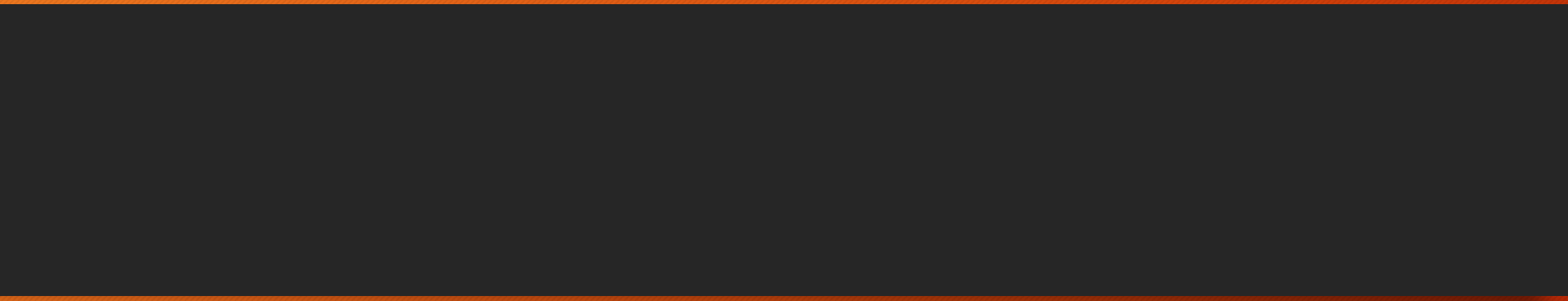


Clarinda Community Schools Strategic Plan



What is Strategic Planning

- Fundamental responsibility of the School Board to set priorities and direction for the district.
- Mechanism for carrying out this responsibility is: STRATEGIC PLANNING.
- Answers the questions: Where are we going? & How will we get there?
- Look at the big picture, assess current state of community and schools, identify priorities that align the District's efforts with community needs.

Clarinda Schools Planning Process

- Community-based process that emphasizes stakeholder involvement.
- Stakeholders:
 - ✓ Students
 - ✓ Parents
 - ✓ School staff
 - ✓ Members of the community-at-large

Steps We Have Taken

June	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Board approved superintendent to begin process.
September-October	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gather input from stakeholders.<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Internet surveys• Focus group sessions• Analyze school data and socio-economic community indicators.

Planning Steps Continued

November –
December

- Convene a broad-based Planning Team.
- Review stakeholder input and school/community data.
- Develop shared understanding of principles that underlie the schools' work, role of the school in the community, and collective vision of student success.
- Determine priority goals based on community needs.

Planning Steps Continued

January-February	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Develop and propose detailed steps to put the goals into ACTION.
March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Finalize all elements for proposed Strategic Plan.▪ Discuss implementation management and how to measure progress toward goals.▪ Public Forum – **WE ARE HERE**

Planning Steps Continued

April	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Re-convene Planning Team if necessary.▪ Review public feedback.▪ Finalize all elements for proposed Strategic Plan.
April	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ School Board takes up a vote to adopt Plan.

What Stakeholders Said: Consensus Themes

- Academic achievement alone is not a sufficient measure of success.
- Want students to be engaged in more learning opportunities.
- Improve school culture and expectations for appropriate behaviors.
- Develop a comprehensive facilities plan.
- Stakeholders want to strengthen relationships with the school through more ongoing dialogue & involvement.

Clarinda Goals

- **Goal A: Student Achievement**
- **Goal B: Facilities & Finance**
- **Goal C: School Culture**
- **Goal D: Staff Engagement**
- **Goal E: Community & State Partnerships**

Active Implementation Management

- Regular monitoring built into the plan at staff, administrative, and board levels.
- Measurement of progress, including parent and student feedback.
- Process for updating the action plan annually.
- Strategic Plan creates a framework to guide resource allocation and decision-making.

Opportunities Tonight

- Talk to members of the Planning Team.
- Handouts – full action plan and key statements (values, mission, vision).
- Comment forms.



Questions?