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MISSION STATEMENT

The New Jersey School Boards Association, a federation of boards of education, provides training, advocacy and support to advance public education and promote the achievement of all students through effective governance.



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Developing the Strategic Plan

To develop NJSBA's 2018 – 2020 Strategic Plan, we assessed the attitudes of the general membership, staff and superintendents through surveys and/or input sessions.

On September 9th, fifty board members from all 21 counties, along with 17 staff members, participated in the first planning forum at NJSBA Headquarters. During the meeting, we identified the Association's strengths in the core areas of its mission (student achievement, advocacy, training/professional development, and direct/support services) and the challenges it faces. We also discussed a vision for the Association in the year 2020.

Based on this input, the following vision statement was developed to guide the Association in the implementation of the new Strategic Plan:

Vision 2020

Student growth and learning are at the heart of all activities of the New Jersey School Boards Association. By advancing effective school district governance, our Association empowers local boards of education to ensure the well-being and success of every child.

2018-2020 Strategic Plan Goals

Approved by the NJSBA Board of Directors on November 3, 2017

On October 6th, thirty-five members from all counties, along with 16 staff members, met for a second forum at NJSBA Headquarters. The group developed goals and objectives for the 2018-2020 Strategic Plan in five areas.

GOAL AREA 1

Student Growth, Learning, Well-Being and Success

GOAL STATEMENT: Every New Jersey student will have the tools to be successful in pursuit of their chosen life goals in a safe, healthy, caring climate.

OBJECTIVES:

- 1. Provide access to quality Pre-Kindergarten.
- Develop resources and collaboration with community partners to support students and families.
- Broaden the definition of "achievement" to include academic progress, social-emotional learning and global citizenship as measures of success.

GOAL AREA 2

Direct and Support Services for Local Boards of Education

GOAL STATEMENT: NJSBA will be the primary resource for New Jersey's local boards of education.

OBJECTIVES:

- 1. Increase awareness of all NJSBA products and services.
- 2. Strengthen existing partnerships and develop new relationships.
- 3. Provide timely, relevant and localized services to local school boards on demand.
- Provide products and services that meet and respond to the changing needs of school boards.

GOAL AREA 3

Advocating for Public Education

GOAL STATEMENT: NJSBA will maintain and enhance its status as the statewide voice for committed school board members through direct engagement and public awareness, advocating for the wellbeing and success of every child.

OBJECTIVES:

- Increase local school board and board member involvement in advocating for all aspects of student growth and learning.
- Provide focused training for board members to enhance their effectiveness as advocates for public education.
- Continue NJSBA involvement as amicus in cases that have the greatest impact on our members and students.
- Promote awareness of the issues facing public education and the role of local school boards in advancing the well-being and success of all students.
- Enhance and expand collaboration with other public and private entities to advance the goals of NJSBA and its members.

GOAL AREA 4

Developing New Jersey's School Board Members

GOAL STATEMENT: NJSBA will continue to encourage professional development and will expand the number of well-trained members, who are informed on the school board's role in advancing student growth and learning.

OBJECTIVES:

- Reach a larger audience through expanded programming for new and prospective board members.
- 2. Encourage greater board member participation in online and in-person training.

- Increase the number of board of education members certified through the NJSBA Board Member Academy.
- Educate board members on the principle that a better board of education equals better student achievement.
- 5. Promote board member mentoring, both inter-district and intra-district.

GOAL AREA 5

Building a "Future Ready" Association

GOAL STATEMENT: Leading by example, NJSBA will provide local boards of education with strategies and resources to advance digital learning and become "Future Ready."

OBJECTIVES:

- 1. Implement Future Ready Schools certification guidelines.
- Develop training programs and provide resources to help school districts become Future Ready Schools-New Jersey certified.
- Advocate for the elimination or reform of statutory and regulatory obstacles and other roadblocks that prevent school districts from becoming Future Ready.
- Work with educational leaders to identify new initiatives to advance digital learning and the effective use of technology.

