



**STILLWATER
CENTRAL
SCHOOL
DISTRICT**

Planning for the Future

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Mission Statement

The Mission Statement describes why we exist. The mission statement for the Stillwater Central School District is as follows:

IT IS THE MISSION OF THE STILLWATER CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT TO GUIDE AND PREPARE EACH STUDENT ACADEMICALLY, SOCIALLY, EMOTIONALLY, AND PHYSICALLY TO REACH HIS OR HER FULL POTENTIAL. THIS WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED THROUGH THE COMMITTED EFFORTS AND SUPPORT OF STUDENTS, STAFF, PARENTS AND COMMUNITY IN A POSITIVE, SAFE, AND CHALLENGING LEARNING ENVIRONMENT.

Core Values and Beliefs *

Sound planning begins with statements that reflect the beliefs of an organization and are based on ideals held in common by the school and community. The Core Values and Beliefs, as identified by stakeholders, have been consolidated into general categories:

We believe in:

- ◆ A small school district environment that provides a sense of pride, family and community that supports student activities, community service, opportunities for success.
- ◆ Focusing on improving student achievement and educational opportunities.
- ◆ The entire community's involvement as being essential for student and school district success.
- ◆ Preparing for the impact of community growth on the district's size, programs and facilities.

- ◆ Retaining and attracting excellent, dedicated, professional staff for optimum student success.

*Strategic Goals **

The recommendations of the school community stakeholders for strategic goals have been summarized into six strategic goals that can be utilized by the Board of Education and Administration for planning for the future of education in the Stillwater Central School District. They are broad statements that will be translated on an annual basis into specific objectives.

- ◆ *Program Development* – The Stillwater Central School District will provide a comprehensive and enriched curriculum for all students including expanded opportunities for extra- and co-curricular activities.
- ◆ *Students* - The Stillwater Central School District will develop well-rounded students who will have 21st Century academic and life skills with habits of good citizenship necessary to compete in our global society.
- ◆ *Communications* – The Stillwater Central School District will create a stronger partnership among board, staff, parents and community based on open communication and mutual trust.
- ◆ *Staffing* – The Stillwater Central School District will recruit, employ and retain high quality staff to support student learning.
- ◆ *Future Growth* - The Stillwater Central School District will plan for potential student and community growth by analyzing available space, land and changing demographics.
- ◆ *Finance* - The Stillwater Central School District will strive to balance the educational needs of its students and its fiscal responsibilities to the district and community through the continued prudent use of resources in support of the district goals.