



# Strategic Plan Update

**Great Meadows Regional School District  
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# Areas of Focus 2018

as stated in the December 2017 presentation

1. Develop and implement elective programs at the Middle School
  - Added Performing Arts (Theater)
2. Review and modify the current Middle School schedule
  - Expanded time in ELA and Math in 8<sup>th</sup> grade in 2016-2017
  - Restructured SMART time in 2018-2019
3. Maximize use of district space
  - Each principal calculated facility space
  - Plans were devised to accommodate different grade levels in each facility as deemed necessary
4. Use Feasibility Study to steer Long Range Facility Plan
  - In progress

# Goal 1: Provide students with adequate support and experiences to promote growth in all areas.

- Implemented Title 1 programs in all three schools which includes Saturday school, summer programs and after-school programs
- Revised SMART time at GMMS
- Implemented Jaguar Time at Liberty School
- Honors levels in 8<sup>th</sup> grade for ELA, Math and Science
- Implemented Go Math (elementary) and Big Ideas Math (middle)
- Implemented the Journeys Program in the elementary schools
- Implemented clear system for early tiered intervention (RTI)
- Researched and developed two Pre-School classes
- Created a continuum of special education classes through out the district including BD and LLD rooms
- Developed benchmark assessments district wide

## Goal 2: Intensify the district's commitment to move toward an environment that provides students with 21st Century skills and prepares them for success on a global level by incorporating technology into all settings.

- Initiated one-to-one technology across the district
- Expanded and revised technology at GMMS to include coding
- Utilized and expanded use of online programs offered by Journeys and Go Math/Big Ideas
- Implemented blended learning class environments
- Use social media as a communication tool – i.e. Twitter and Remind
- Staff utilization of Google Classroom
- STEM/STEAM labs and activities introduced district wide.
- Implemented Realtime Student Information System

## Goal 3: Creating a social and academic environment that is safe and enhances students ability to become forward thinking risk takers, and globally conscious.

- Implementation of a district wide character education program – Choose Love
- Celebration of the week of Respect
- Weekly initiatives and rewards for positive behavior
- Introduced Student of the Month recognition beginning 2016-2017
- Development of mindfulness activities – ongoing
- Implementation of Middle School Behavioral Point System
- Successful partnership with Hackettstown Middle School and High School via joint Student Council meetings
- Outreach to the community for learning opportunities such as walking trips to the Post Office and Police Department
- Civic Awareness and community projects with local food bank, Senior Center and Liberty Cares.
- Enhanced district wide security measures – cameras, vestibules, security film, personnel, procedures, and positive ongoing relationships with law enforcement and State officials

**Goal 4: Create a top-notch school environment by opening communication paths and engaging parents in the student's academic life. Collaborating with community to access resources.**

- Parent Advisory Meetings
- Principal Forums
- Collaboration with the PTO
- Guest speakers from the community
- Community fundraising for families in need
- Website updates
- Realtime messages
- Volunteers in school
- Newsletters
- Conducted Special Board of Education Meetings

# Additional Highlights

- Year over year increase for three consecutive years in State Assessment achievement rates-i.e. PARCC
- Received second three-year Quality Single Accountability Continuum (QSAC) waiver from the County Office of Education which exemplifies a high performing district
- Completion of the video surveillance agreement between the District and local law enforcement