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Dear GMRSD Community:

We are pleased to invite you to Round Three of the Strategic Planning process. Strategic Planning is a time when every stakeholder in the school community is invited to participate in creating a vision for the future of our schools. Let this serve as your formal invitation!

The process is simple. We hold three special public Board of Education meetings, which all are encouraged to attend. At these meetings, attendees will break into groups to discuss the "wants" and "needs" of our community. From the first meeting to the last, the focus will narrow until we are left with goals and action plans for the coming years.

MEETING DATES (all meetings will begin at 7:00 p.m.):

- 1) Thursday, January 14, 2021
- 1) Thursday, February 11, 2021
- 2) **Thursday, March 11, 2021**

The March 11th meeting will be held virtually via Google Meet. As with the first two Strategic Planning sessions, this meeting is publicly advertised to all stakeholders in the Great Meadows Regional School District. Participation by January and February attendees is strongly encouraged, and additional participation is welcomed! We will write and draft Goal Statements and supporting Objectives for each of the five Goal Areas. When pre-registering for the meeting, participants are asked to indicate their first, second and third choices for the goal area in which they would like to work. The five Goal Areas are:

1. Teaching & Learning

- o STEM
- o Hands-on, problem-based learning
- Professional Development for educators
- o Instructional and social continuum from Pre K grade 12
- Expand GATE

2. The Whole Child

o Authentic education of the whole child / play-based

3. Health and Wellness

Mental and physical wellness

4. Diversity & Citizenship

- Civic responsibility
- o Diversity
- Global Connections
- o Environment
- Bringing GMRSD to the community and the community to GMRSD

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5. Technology & Facilities

- o Optimize existing facilities
- Thinking towards sports
- o Technology to make it all happen

In order to attend, you must RSVP to this letter by emailing boemtg@gmrsd.com no later than noon on Monday, March 8, 2021. Please use the subject line "Strategic Plan 3" in your email and indicate your preferred Goal Area. You will then be e-mailed an electronic invite on or close to the day of the meeting. We ask that you accept this invitation upon receipt. This will allow us to create virtual breakout sessions for all participants ahead of the meeting.

We look forward to your participation in shaping the future of our school district!

Sincerely,

Michael Mai Superintendent of Schools Director of Special Services Great Meadows Regional School District