



July 9, 2009

MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Board of Education
From: Daniel A. Nerad, Superintendent
Subject: **Proposed Strategic Plan Next Steps**

The second meeting to discuss the District's Proposed Strategic Plan is scheduled on July 21, 2009, at 5:00 p.m. I am suggesting the following next steps be taken relative to the Proposed Plan:

1. Prior to the Special Planning and Development Committee Meeting on July 21, 2009, the Administration is working on answers/responses to Board member questions/comments that were submitted by July 1, 2009. The first round of responses will be provided to the Board by July 17, 2009.
2. Prior to the Special Planning and Development Committee Meeting on July 21, 2009, Arlene or I will make contact with all Board members to determine if certain areas of the Proposed Plan are most important for us to focus on as we work collectively to finalize the Plan. The need for these discussions is based on the overall magnitude of input/questions received from Board members.
3. At the beginning of the meeting on July 21, 2009 opportunity should be given for members of the public to make comments on the Proposed Strategic Plan.
4. I am suggesting the goal of the Special Planning and Development Committee Meeting on July 21, 2009 should be to identify approximately five-eight main themes to focus on prior to the third meeting of the Board to consider the Proposed Plan.
5. If the identification of priority theme areas is an acceptable process, I am then suggesting for the third meeting that the Administration make specific recommendations to address the five-eight main theme areas. In so doing, this may allow the Board as early as the third meeting to take action on the entire Proposed Plan.

6. For the Special Planning and Development Committee Meeting on July 21, 2009, I also suggest the Board take action on the following elements of the Proposed Strategic Plan: Mission Statement, Beliefs, and Parameters.

The above considerations are offered as potential next steps in moving toward approval of the District's Proposed Strategic Plan. Please let me know if you have any questions about what is proposed here.

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