

Dear Community Partner:

I have some exciting information to share about the new Strategic Plan, which provides the direction for the District and our schools for the next five years. It is a road map to help us raise the achievement and performance of all students and make Austin a premier urban school district. The success of the plan is dependent on all of us – principals, teachers, students, and community leaders – embracing the idea that we must work together. We recognize this as the Power of Us.

In the next year, you can expect to see an intense focus on areas such as;

- Boosting student attendance
- Retaining and developing quality teachers
- Helping students recover class credits
- Better serving the needs of students who are English Language Learners

Through this work, our goals are to:

- Close the achievement gap between student groups
- Bring all students to performing at or above grade level
- Assure that all students graduate ready for college, career and community
- Ensure that all schools meet or exceed state and federal accountability standards

Although parents are the all-important connection between home and school, your support is also very important to our success. You will be hearing from us throughout the school year on how you can support our regular campus events, as well as special initiatives, such as a campaign to boost student attendance. We welcome the opportunity to use the Strategic Plan to expand our partnerships on behalf of students.

In the months ahead, I will share information and updates with you on these and other important areas of focus. Throughout the school year, there will also be opportunities for you to learn more about the Strategic Plan and how you can support us. You can also stay informed about the new Strategic Plan by visiting the AISD website at www.austinisd.org.

In the meantime, I encourage you to get involved with us and make time to volunteer at our school.

Your participation and support for the new Strategic Plan is essential. We need everyone in the community to believe in the Power of Us.

Thank you.