



## St. Tammany Parish Public Schools Strategic Plan Highlights

### Mission Statement

The mission of the St. Tammany Parish Public School System is to provide a high-quality education for all students, resulting in life-long learners who can contribute positively to the society in which they live.

### Vision Statement

Our vision is to provide an exemplary school system, widely respected for high standards and first-rate performance and for outstanding student achievement. In this System, public schools are valued and supported and a strong partnership exists between educators, students, families, and the community to help ensure that:

- students have safe, caring environments for learning;
- students are positively challenged, enriched, and inspired;
- students learn to be self-motivated and life-long learners, prepared for life's pursuits; and
- students learn to be responsible and contributing members of a global society.

### Statement of Beliefs

We believe that:

- public education is an investment in the future of our country and is the foundation for an informed democratic society;
- high standards of performance and continuous improvement are essential for high-quality education;
- knowledge of basic skills and critical thinking form the foundation for life-long learning;
- excellence in education and accountability for student success are best achieved through cooperative vision and effort of students, families, educators, and community;
- all students can learn to their potential given appropriate expectations, challenging curriculum, and high-quality instruction that addresses the individual learning styles, developmental levels, and backgrounds of students;
- school curriculum should be engaging, challenging, and responsive to the changing needs of society;
- technology skills are essential for enhancing communication, broadening sources of information, and functioning in a technology-rich society;
- a safe and caring school environment that supports the well-being and positive self-worth of students is fundamental to a high-quality education;
- teaching citizenship and modeling respect and ethical behavior are important to help students become productive, responsible members of society;
- the School District must attract and retain exemplary employees and must provide ongoing professional development that meets the needs of students, staff, and community; and
- open, ongoing communication is necessary to build trust and cooperation.



### **Key Issues Guiding Planning Process**

- Ensuring all students master or exceed grade level expectations while addressing individual educational needs of all students
- Providing and maintaining a safe and productive learning environment while effectively managing student behavior
- Maintaining effective class size
- Recruiting and retaining School System personnel who meet or exceed applicable standards of high-quality preparation and performance
- Providing and using technology efficiently and effectively as an instructional tool for learning in all schools
- Maintaining open communication with parents and with the community while keeping them informed about, and involved in, educational issues
- Providing facilities that accommodate an expanding enrollment and curriculum, effectively maintaining (update and renovate) existing facilities, and planning for future growth

### **Our Living Statements**

- We are a good school system and we will be great.
- We make our decisions based on one question: "Is it best for kids?"
- We address the needs of EVERY CHILD, EVERY DAY.