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2009-2010 DISTRICT GOALS PRESENTED AT BOARD MEETING

Summer Work Helpful in Preparing Teachers, Administrators to Meet Goals

MAMARONECK, NY, September 23, 2009 – Mamaroneck School District's 2009-2010 Goals were unveiled last evening at the first regular Board of Education meeting of the year. The goals, now posted on the District's website (www.mamkschools.org), focus on four main areas -- Student Learning, Communications & Community Involvement, Business Practices, and Personnel Services -- and build on the previous year's objectives and momentum.

Developed collaboratively between the School Board and Central Administration, the Goals serve as the roadmap upon which all six schools (the four elementary, middle and high school) operate. Each principal works closely with his/her faculty and staff to develop '09-'10 building goals that may vary slightly, but are consistent with the District's goals.

"The Goal setting process has become a very important part of our work in the District," Superintendent of Schools Dr. Fried says. "We've formed meaty, measurable goals that help foster accountability and ensure that everyone is on the same page with respect to our priorities. The work we do with our goals is closely aligned with the Annual Professional Performance Review (APPR) process – an equally powerful goal setting system for teachers that we initiated last year."

Student Learning goals for the current school year center around consistent curriculum, instruction, and assessment structures to maximize student performance. They include components such as refining our research-based K-8 balanced literacy program, implementing district-wide elementary reading assessments, and supporting collaborative co-teaching partnerships from kindergarten through the secondary level.

"A tremendous amount of curriculum work has taken place at all levels across the District. At the secondary level, department chairs used the new extended meeting time each month to advance departmental goals," said Annie Ward, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction. "Additionally, teachers and administrators at all levels devoted significant time this summer to curriculum development, professional development and instructional leadership. This summer work was done in preparation for accomplishing our ambitious '09-'10 goals."

For example, among many other initiatives this summer, about 30 elementary teachers and administrators participated in a dynamic workshop on co-teaching structures and differentiated planning strategies conducted by consultants Jennifer Purdy and Krsiten Goldmansour. Click below for a complete listing of summer work done to support staff in meeting the 2009-2010 Goals.

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