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South Amboy Board of Education
Board Goals
June Update

Curriculum and Instruction Goal

To ensure all students have equal access to a high-quality education in the South Amboy Public Schools, the district will ensure that all scholars have equal access and opportunities regardless of race, sex, sexual orientation, level of academic performance or any other identifier that may be or have been used as an impediment within past experiences with the South Amboy Public Schools.

1. Review and revise Board of Education policies related to curriculum, instruction, assessments, resources, gifted and talented, and other areas related to C&I.
2. Conduct a curriculum audit to identify the district and individual school's strengths and needs in the areas of Curriculum and Instruction, Assessment and Accountability, Instructional Leadership, and Collaboration and Articulation.
3. Develop and implement professional development to extend staff knowledge of data analysis, increasing rigor in the classroom, engaging Multi-Language Learners (ML), and educational equity.
4. Ensure teachers are implementing curriculum guides with fidelity through monitoring lesson plan submissions, observation data, classroom walkthroughs, and analyzing state and local assessments.
5. Explore opportunities to expand programming offered at the Elementary School and Middle/High School including but not limited to Preschool, Advanced Placement Offerings, Dual Enrollment and Concurrent Associate Degree programming, and Gifted and Talented programs.

Curriculum and Instruction Action Step Update

	Status	Evidence	
Action Step 1 (BOE Policies)	Completed	- Policy 5112 - Policy and Reg. 5410 - Policy and Regulation 5420 - Policy 2415.04	- Policy 2415.5 - Regulation 2464 - Policy and Reg. 5116
Action Step 2 (Curriculum Audit)	Completed	- Adoption of new Observation Tool - Curriculum Writing ELA K-12 - Curriculum Writing Math K-12	24-25 Curriculum Writing ESL, Guidance, Spanish, Gifted and Talented
Action Step 3 (Staff PD)	In progress	- Restorative Practices 4/24 - Restorative Practices Staff Presentations - Focus of Summer Building Level Meetings	
Action Step 4 (Curriculum Fidelity)	In progress	- Review of SGOs - Review of Diagnostic Data - Review of Summative Evaluations - Focus of Summer Administrative Retreat	
Action Step 5 (Expanded Programming)	In progress	- AP Precalculus (24-25) - AP Calculus (24-25) - South Amboy SOARS (24-25)	



Community Engagement Goal

The South Amboy School District believes in positively working with the community and ensuring transparency is demonstrated in every facet of the district. The district will consistently provide opportunities for community engagement to review policies, procedures, decisions, instructional practices and curricula.

1. Redesign the Early Childhood Advisory Council, Special Education Parent Advisory Council, District DEI Team, and ESEA Parent Groups to reflect the community and to be involved in the decision making process related to the group's stated goals.
2. Continue hosting Coffee and a Conversation events for members of the school community to attend to discuss items presented by the host of the event.
3. Create and distribute surveys to students, parents, and faculty to gather their ideas and input as needed during the school year.
4. Host events at SAES and SAMHS to address issues related to social and emotional learning, conflict resolution, college and career planning, anti-bullying, mental health, and other issues as they emerge during the 2023-2024 school year.
5. Create partnerships with New Jersey Colleges and Universities to host events for SAMHS students, receive Student Teachers, and attend recruiting events to fill vacancies.
6. Provide greater oversight to the district's Alumni Portal to ensure consistent communication is in place between the district and its alumni community, in addition to hosting alumni events during the school year.
7. Celebrate student and staff accomplishments monthly at Board of Education Meetings to highlight academic, athletic, and other accomplishments throughout the school year.

Community Engagement Action Step Update

	Status	Evidence
Action Step 1 (District Parent Groups)	In progress	• Strategic Plan Meetings • SEPAG Meetings • ECAC Initial Meetings • ESEA Parent Night 5/30
Action Step 2 (Coffee and Conversation)	In progress	• Focus shifted to Strategic Plan
Action Step 3 (Community Surveys)	In progress	• 23-24 Culture and Climate Survey • FY 25 ESEA Survey
Action Step 4 (Parent Workshops)	In progress	• Focus of Summer Counselor Meetings • ESS (24-25)
Action Step 5 (College Partnerships)	In progress	• Middlesex College Success Bound
Action Step 6 (Alumni Portal)	Not started	
Action Step 7 (BOE Celebrations)	In progress	• Monthly BOE Meeting Agendas



Communication and Transparency Goal

The South Amboy School District believes in transparency within the district's communications with the community. The district will consistently communicate effectively via a myriad of opportunities and sources to ensure that the community and families are aware of current and new practices, protocols and procedures.

1. Redesign the District website to increase usability and eliminate redundancies.
2. Create and advertise school/district Instagram, Facebook, Twitter, and other Social Media pages to communicate messages specific to each platform.
3. Continue to share the District Newsletter to the community on a regular basis to highlight accomplishments of students and staff.
4. Create a What's Happening newsletter to be shared weekly and monthly with parents.
5. Research and adopt practices to ensure that all community members are receiving communications in their Home Language including and not limited to letters and Parent-Teacher Conferences.

Communication and Transparency Action Step Update

	Status	Evidence
Action Step 1 (District Website)	Under Review	New Website (Tent. July 1 Roll Out)
Action Step 2 (Social Media)	Completed	District Instagram SAES Instagram SAMHS Instagram
Action Step 3 (District Newsletter)	Completed	June Newsletter: June 20
Action Step 4 (Parent Correspondence)	In progress	Go Guvs News SAES Principal's Page
Action Step 5 (Home Language Communication)	Completed	FinalSite (24-25) Voice

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